



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, May 29 – June 11

NISD Names New School Leaders

Haslet Elementary School

Cynthia Webber, current assistant principal at Northwest ISD's Byron Nelson High School, has been named the new principal of Haslet Elementary School. Webber will replace Michael Griffin, Ed.D. in the 2013-2014 school year. Griffin was recently named NISD's new executive director of elementary education. Cynthia Webber has served students and families in Northwest ISD since 2004 at Prairie View, Roanoke and J.C. Thompson elementary schools. Her teaching experience spans pre-kindergarten to fourth grade and she has worked as a STAR (Strategic Techniques for Academic Results) teacher and an ELL (English Language Learners) Instructional Support Teacher.

PHOTO CAPTION [webbercynthia.jpg]: NISD's Cynthia Webber has been named the principal of Haslet Elementary School. Webber will begin her new role in the 2013-2014 school year.

O.A. Peterson Elementary School

Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. recommended Ringnolda Jofee' Tremain as the principal of Northwest ISD's O.A. Peterson Elementary School at the May 28 school board meeting. Tremain opened David Brewer Elementary School in Leavenworth Unified School District 453 in Kansas and is the Coordinator of Alternative Programs. She has worked as an assistant principal at one of the largest elementary schools in Kansas and taught eighth grade social studies in Lansing Unified School District 469. Tremain will begin her new role as principal at Peterson Elementary School in the 2013-2014 school year. She replaces Ron Myers, Ed.D. who was recently named the Associate Principal at Byron Nelson High School.

PHOTO CAPTION [Tremain.jpg]: Ringnolda Jofee' Tremain has been announced as the principal of O.A. Peterson Elementary School. Tremain will begin her new role as principal at Peterson Elementary School in the 2013-2014 school year.

NISD Announces New Director of Communications

Northwest ISD is pleased to announce the hiring of Emily Conklin as the new director of communications. Emily Conklin has served in Northwest ISD since 2009 as a communications and multimedia specialist. She has brought new communication tools to the district such as Northwest Educational Television, video-on-demand programming featured on the district's website, as well as social media tools like Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Prior to a career in Northwest ISD, Conklin worked in Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD and KXII-TV in Sherman.

PHOTO CAPTION [EmilyConklin.jpg]: NISD's Emily Conklin has been named the new director of communications. Conklin has served as the district's communications and multimedia specialist since 2009.

NISD High School Student Wins Chevy Camaro, 24 Others Win Dell Latitude 3330 Laptops

More than 4,600 Northwest ISD high school students watched from the stands at Texas Motor Speedway (TMS) as Byron Nelson High School sophomore Megan Stonely won a 2013 Chevrolet Camaro at the Northwest ISD Strive N Drive Car Giveaway on Friday, May 24. Stonely's ticket was one of 25 drawn from the hopper which contained tickets high school students earned throughout the year for academic success and good attendance. The other 24 students received a new Dell Latitude 3330 laptop, and all 25 students received a pair of tickets to Hawaiian Falls.

The 2013 NISD Strive N Drive Car Giveaway was made possible through a cooperative relationship between Moritz Chevrolet, Dell, Hawaiian Falls and NISD Partners in Education. Each six weeks, students have had the opportunity to earn tickets for academic success, perfect attendance and no tardies. This is the fifth year for the student incentive program.

PHOTO CAPTION [In Driver Seat.jpg]: Byron Nelson High School sophomore Megan Stonely smiles proudly from the driver seat after being announced the winner of the Chevrolet Camaro at the 2013 Strive N Drive Car Giveaway. The Camaro was donated by Moritz Chevrolet and presented by Moritz's General Sales Manager Dick Titterington.

PHOTO CAPTION [Dell.jpg]: Twenty-four Northwest ISD high school students received a new Dell Latitude 3330 laptop at the 2013 Strive N Drive Car Giveaway May 24 at Texas Motor Speedway.

BNHS French Students Nationally Recognized

Byron Nelson High School seniors Kelly Martin and Camille Love have received a 2013 American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) Outstanding Senior in French Award. Martin and Love have been selected based on their excellence in the study of French as well as an exceptional commitment to the French language and the many cultures where it is spoken. Recipients must have completed at least three years of French study at the time of graduation and be non-native speakers. The Byron Nelson High School French program has been recognized across the nation with four students ranking in the National Top Ten: John-Stephanie Kouam, Level 4, Rank 7, Musela Lecane, Level 3, Rank 8, Teresa Assama, Level 2, Rank 6 and Merryl Kibibi, Level 2, Rank 9.

The BNHS French students are under the direction of Kyle Blonde. Blonde recently won a competitive scholarship sponsored by the Minister of International Relations of Quebec and the American Association of Teachers of French to study French Canadian history, language and culture for three weeks this summer at the University of Montreal.

NISD Seeks Feedback to Rename Center

The NISD Board of Trustees and administration invites the community to submit nominations to rename the Agricultural Sciences Learning Center. An electronic nomination form is available on the district's website at www.nisdtx.org/schoolnames, or a hard copy may be requested by calling 817-215-0171. Nominations received through June 14 will be reviewed by a naming selection committee and recommended to the Board at the June 25 meeting.

Enrollment Online Available for New Students

Enrollment Online is now available for students new to Northwest ISD. In order to access the online registration feature, parents of students currently enrolled in the district must have a Home Access Center (HAC) account. Access to the HAC requires an internet connection and a confidential username and password issued to the parent by the school. If you are unsure of your HAC login, you may contact your child's campus. For more information, go to www.nisdtx.org/enrollment. Parents of returning students can begin the registration process on August 1. This will replace the back-to-school packets issued on the first day of school.

Steele Accelerated High School Opens Enrollment to Students Across the Metroplex

Northwest ISD is opening the enrollment for James M. Steele Accelerated High School to students across the metroplex. Steele Accelerated High School provides an avenue for students to accelerate their studies. Thanks to a partnership with North Texas Community College, students can take expanded dual credit classes. Steele is home to the district's fifth career academy, The Cosmetology Academy. Shears of Steele will debut in August, providing a year of state-mandated training for cosmetology students prior to opening for business in 2014. Since opening its doors in 2010, every Steele Accelerated High School graduate is either employed, serving in the military or enrolled in college. To submit an application, go to www.nisdtx.org/sahs. Applications are due by July 24. For more information, contact 817-698-5800.

BNHS Football Booster Club Hosts Golf Tournament

The Byron Nelson High School football booster club is hosting a golf tournament on Thursday, May 30 at 2 p.m. at Trophy Club Country Club. For more information, contact Cyndi Huizenga at chuizenga@att.net.

NISD Early Release Days

Northwest ISD campuses will dismiss early on Thursday, June 6 and Friday, June 7 at the following times:

- Elementary Schools: 12:15 p.m.
- Steele AHS and Special Programs Center: 1:05 p.m.
- BNHS and NHS: 1:15 p.m.
- Middle Schools: 2 p.m.

Last Day of School

Friday, June 7 is the last day of school for Northwest ISD students. A list of summer school opportunities are posted at www.nisdtx.org/summerschool. For more information, call NISD Student Services at 817-215-0083.

NISD Graduations

Graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2013 are as follows:

- James M. Steele Accelerated High School's graduation ceremony will be held Thursday, June 6 at 7 p.m. at the Northwest High School Performing Arts Center (PAC).
- Byron Nelson High School's commencement is Tuesday, June 11 at 3 p.m. at the University of North Texas Coliseum in Denton.
- Northwest High School's commencement is Tuesday, June 11 at 7 p.m. University of North Texas Coliseum in Denton.

Partners in Education Stuff The Bus School Supply Drive Underway

Northwest ISD Partners in Education (PIE) invites the community to donate to the Stuff The Bus school supply drive for children and teens to ensure all NISD students have the tools they need for school success. PIE is asking community members to host school supply drives at their businesses and places of worship, or donate school supplies at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). A Northwest ISD school bus will travel to local businesses and churches to collect donations on Friday, July 19. To make a donation, learn how to hold a drive or volunteer to help, visit nisdtx.org/pie or call 817-215-0172.

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