



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, June 5 – June 25

Media Note: NISD Communications Department/Administration Building Summer Hours

The Northwest ISD Administration Building will begin summer hours on Monday, June 10. The building will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The regular five-day work schedule will resume on Monday, August 12.

NISD Shows Commitment to Keeping Schools Safe

As the recipient of state and national recognition for its safety and security programs, Northwest ISD has maintained a commitment to providing a safe environment in which students can learn. In an effort to seek continuous improvement, Northwest ISD retained ERCM Consultants to conduct a security audit of an NISD elementary, middle and high school, as well as review the district's safety and security policy and procedures. The results show a significant amount of work and capital has already been invested in the schools' physical security. The full news release is posted at www.nisdtx.org/newsroom.

NISD Elementary Schools Receive HealthierUS School Challenge Award

NISD is proud to announce all 16 elementary school campuses received national recognition through the HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSCC) Award. HUSCC is a voluntary certification initiative established to recognize schools participating in the National School Lunch Program with a focus on fostering healthier school environments through promotion of nutrition and physical activity. Northwest ISD received the HealthierUS School Challenge bronze and silver award at all 16 elementary schools. The campuses will receive a plaque, banner and monetary incentive awards.

NEF Recognizes Shining Stars

The Northwest ISD Education Foundation (NEF) recognized 63 Seniors from Northwest ISD on Thursday, May 30 in the 14th Annual Shining Stars Recognition. The event celebrated the diverse accomplishments of the Distinguished Scholars and the Distinguished Achievers from Northwest ISD. Each student selected a Northwest ISD educator who has been the most influential in their lifetime. The Shining Stars Recognition is made possible through the generous support of community sponsors that believe that academic excellence is a good investment.

LEAP and LEAD Graduation

NISD offers professional development for staff interested in developing strong educational leadership skills through two programs: LEAP (Leadership Experiences for Aspiring Principals) and LEAD (Leaders Experiencing Advanced Development). The Board of Trustees recognized 24 LEAD graduates and 30 LEAP graduates at the May 28 School Board Meeting. The LEAP and LEAD candidates are selected for participation in the fall.

PHOTO CAPTION [LEAP_paper]: Approximately 30 Northwest ISD employees were recognized at the school board meeting for their participation in LEAP (Leadership Experiences for Aspiring Principals). LEAP graduates will participate in the Leaders Experiencing Advanced Development (LEAD) program in the 2013-2014 school year.

PHOTO CAPTION [LEAD_paper]: The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees and administration recognized 24 LEAD (Leaders Experiencing Advanced Development) graduates at the May 28 school board meeting.

NISD Special Education Department Recognizes 30+ Educators

The NISD Special Education Paraeducators' Academy was developed to introduce special education best practices, terminology and strategies. The NISD Board of Trustees and administration recognized 30 individuals for their completion of the academy at the May 28 school board meeting. This year, approximately 80 participated in the Paraeducators' Academy.

PHOTO CAPTION [paraeducators]: The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees and administration recognized 30 employees for their participation in the NISD Special Education Paraeducators' Academy. The Academy was created to introduce special education best practices, terminology and strategies.

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.

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 School Board Meeting

A Northwest ISD School Board Meeting will be held on Monday, June 10 at 7 p.m. in the Northwest ISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

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.

NISD School Board Meeting

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Partners in Education Stuff The Bus School Supply Drive Underway

Northwest ISD Partners in Education (PIE) invites the community to donate to the NISD Partners in Education 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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