



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, June 26 – July 19

Media Note: NISD Communications Department/Administration Building Summer Hours

The Northwest ISD Administration Building will operate summer hours on Monday, June 10 through Thursday, August 9. 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.

The NISD Administration Building will be closed Monday, July 1 through Friday, July 5.

Principal Named for Lakeview Elementary School

Stephanie Espinosa, Ed.D., current principal at NISD's Seven Hills Elementary School, has been named the principal of Lakeview Elementary School. Espinosa has served students and families in NISD since 2007. For the past five years, she has led the campus as principal of Seven Hills Elementary School. She began her career in Northwest ISD at Lakeview Elementary as a classroom instructional teacher in 2007. Her experience spans from the classroom to an assessment specialist to an assistant principal in Fort Worth ISD and Crowley ISD. Espinosa will begin her new role as principal at Lakeview Elementary School in the 2013-2014 school year.

PHOTO CAPTION [Stephanie.jpg]: NISD's Stephanie Espinosa, Ed.D. has been named the principal of Lakeview Elementary School.

NISD Renames Agricultural Sciences Learning Center

At the June 25 school board meeting, the Board unanimously approved the renaming of the Agricultural Sciences Learning Center to Kelly W. Box Agricultural Science Center. Box was a former educator at Northwest High School where he served as President of the Northwest High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) Alumni program for 25 years. Box was an active leader in his community and fully supported district initiatives and growth. He was a founding director of the NISD Education Foundation, organized the Northwest FFA Booster Club and led an attendance boundary committee that redrew the boundaries of all elementary schools in 2001. The center opened in 2003 and is located at the district's central site at 1960 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247.

PHOTO CAPTION [Kelly Box.jpg]: The NISD School Board unanimously approved the renaming of the Agricultural Sciences Learning Center to Kelly W. Box Agricultural Science Center.

NEF Names New Executive Director of Education Foundation

NISD is pleased to introduce the new Northwest ISD Education Foundation Executive Director David Hester. Hester has served as a Grants and Resources Specialist at Tarrant County College since June 2012. Prior to relocating to Texas, Hester was the Executive Director of the Wyoming Lodging and Restaurant Association Education Foundation where he focused on the education of secondary students. Under his leadership, general funding increased from \$25,000 per year to more than \$420,000. Hester began his new position on June 24.

PHOTO CAPTION [David Hester.jpg]: David Hester has been announced as the new Northwest ISD Education Foundation Executive Director. Hester began his new role on June 24.

Local Media Honored at NISD Board Meeting

At the June 25 school board meeting, NISD recognized Erika Pedroza and Brian Knox of the *Wise County Messenger* for being named to the 2013 Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). Criteria for the district selection included the media representative's efforts to get to know the superintendent, board president and the district's mission and goals; report school news in a fair, accurate, and balanced manner; give a high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school officials. Pedroza and Knox were among more than 380 media representatives across the state honored by their local school districts.

NISD Summer Camps Underway

Northwest ISD offers a wide variety of summer school and sports camps and enrichment classes during the summer. Last week, 29 elementary students learned the aspects of music theatre and stage production during the Broadway Bound fine arts camp at Schluter Elementary School. At the close of the camp, the aspiring actors and actresses performed "Pirate Academy" for their families and friends.

PHOTO CAPTION [broadway.jpg]: Grace Monroe and Madison Luckey (left to right) practice for the performance of "Pirate Academy" during NISD's Broadway Bound, a summer camp providing elementary students with theatrical and production experience.

The following photo opportunities are available for the week of July 8-12:

- ***TechnoCamp***

TechnoCamp offers students the opportunity to challenge their creativity using the Lego Education robotics program. Students will learn to design, program and control fully-functional Lego models and use software to test and modify sequences of instruction for robotic behaviors.

July 8-12, 9 a.m. – noon (grades 1-5)

Sendra Ranch Elementary School (1216 Diamond Back Lane, Haslet, 76052)

PHOTO CAPTION [Ezon Atif_techno.jpg]: Ezon Atif shows off his Lego robotic during NISD's summer TechnoCamp.

Enrollment Online Available for New Students, Returning Student Registration August 1

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.

NISD Offers Enrollment Online Summer Help Center

Beginning June 24-July 25, a district representative will be available to assist with Enrollment Online questions at 817-698-1099 on Mondays through Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (closed for lunch from 12-12:30). Computers will be available at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247) or at community libraries for families to use to complete the online registration process. For a listing of community libraries, go to www.nsidtx.org.

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.

Volunteers Encouraged to Complete NISD Background Check Online

Parents and other volunteers who plan to work with children in NISD schools must have passed a criminal background check prior to volunteering. As a convenience, the volunteer background check form is available online and can be completed before the rush of the new school year.

Go to www.nisdtx.org/volunteercheck to complete your background check and be approved to volunteer.

Volunteers are a highly valued group of individuals within Northwest ISD, and the district appreciates the contribution of time and effort of the dedicated volunteers.

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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