



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, August 23 – September 20

#### **Northwest ISD Launches Bond Referendum Website**

Following the recommendation of the Long-Range Planning Committee, the Northwest ISD Board of Trustees called for a \$255 million capital bond referendum. As the second fastest growing school district in the state, the bond was called to address the district's continuing student population growth, which is expected to increase by 35 percent in the next five years. For a look at what the bond referendum would provide, and additional information about tax rates and voter registration, go to [www.nisdtx.org/bond2012](http://www.nisdtx.org/bond2012).

Northwest ISD currently operates 27 separate campuses, spanning three counties (Denton, Tarrant and Wise) and 14 municipalities across 234 square miles. Election day for the Northwest ISD bond election is November 6, with early voting October 22 to November 2. To register to vote in the upcoming November election, go to [www.votexas.org/register\\_to\\_vote.html](http://www.votexas.org/register_to_vote.html). Voter registration must be processed at least 30 days prior to the election.

#### **NISD Issues Approximately 8,700 Netbooks to Secondary Students**

During student registration, NISD has issued approximately 8,700 Dell Latitude 21X0 series netbook computers to secondary students. Netbooks are provided for all Northwest ISD students in grades 6 through 12. The mini laptops are equipped with wireless networking and software, including the district's filtering system which restricts questionable websites regardless of the student's location. The student netbook initiative is a key ingredient in the district's vision where every student will graduate future-ready: ready for college, ready for the global workplace and ready for personal success. This is the fourth consecutive year netbooks have been distributed in Northwest ISD.

PHOTO CAPTION [clare\_kellough]: Medlin Middle School incoming seventh-grader Clare Kellough is pictured with her mother Trish after receiving a Dell Latitude 21X0 netbook computer during registration. In Northwest ISD, all secondary students are issued a netbook as part of the district's vision to provide every student with the tools and resources needed to graduate future ready.

#### **New to NISD?**

All students new to Northwest ISD are asked to register at the school they will be attending and will need to bring the following demographic information:

- An accurate home address and telephone number
- The work telephone number for both parents (if applicable)
- Student's social security number and place of birth
- Name and phone number of a person, other than a parent, to notify in case of an emergency
- Birth certificate
- A copy of child's records from the school most recently attended
- Last report card (if available)
- Immunization records
- Proof of residency
- Parent/guardian's driver license

For information regarding specific registration dates and back to school events, visit [www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool](http://www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool).

#### **NISD Board of Trustee Meeting**

The next Northwest ISD school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 27. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

**First Day of School**

The first day of school in Northwest ISD is Tuesday, August 28. NISD will open its fifth middle school campus, Truett Wilson Middle School, in the Sendera Ranch neighborhood this year.

**NISD Premieres Fifth Career Academy**

This year, the district will open its fifth career academy, The Cosmetology Academy, at James M. Steele Accelerated High School. The academy will open with 25 freshmen and sophomores, providing an opportunity for students to graduate as a certified cosmetologist. Other career academies in Northwest ISD include: The Academy of Media Arts and Technology; The Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math; as well as, The Academy of Medical Professions; and The Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality.

**Immunization Clinics in NISD**

State law requires students attending public schools to have up-to-date immunizations. As a convenience to families, Northwest ISD is hosting Movax Immunization Clinics during the month of August. The cost per child is \$14 for one vaccine and \$25 for two or more. Children need to bring current shot records, and a parent/guardian must be present. For a list of dates, times and locations, go to [www.nisdx.org](http://www.nisdx.org).

**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.nisdx.org/volunteercheck](http://www.nisdx.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.

**Texas Motor Speedway Partners with Three NISD Elementary Campuses for Reading Challenge**

Three Northwest ISD elementary campuses, Clara Love, W.R. Hatfield and Justin elementary schools, will team up for an incentive-based reading challenge this year with Texas Motor Speedway. Clara Love Elementary School participated in the “Speeding to Read” contest last year, and 96 percent of the students met or exceeded their reading goals. This year, Justin and W.R. Hatfield elementary schools will join in the competition to see which classroom can read the most books. To kick off the event, parents and relatives are encouraged to attend a pep rally among the three schools and Texas Motor Speedway on Friday, August 31 at 9:30 a.m. at the NISD Stadium (1937 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Speedway Children’s Charities will provide every student with a “Speeding to Read” shirt and book knapsack at the event. The two winning classrooms will be announced in the spring and will receive four tickets to the April Texas 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race.

**NISD Closed in Observance of Labor Day**

Northwest ISD will be closed Monday, September 3 for Labor Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 4.

**Unite for Futures Rally in NISD**

The Northwest ISD Partners in Education program is offering an opportunity for organizations to learn how to become more involved in the school district. The Unite for Futures Rally will be held on Thursday, September 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). The Partners in Education program will share ways to partner with the school district to ensure students have the resources they need to be successful in a global society. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to 817-215-0175. Space is limited.

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