



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, September 20 – October 20

Northwest ISD Bond Referendum 2012

Early voting and Election Day polling locations are now available on the Northwest ISD Bond 2012 website. Visit www.nisdtx.org/bond2012 for an overview of projects, a review of past bond elections, a gallery of photos and videos and specific details on the impact for your child's school and feeder zone can be found on the Bond Election website.

Election Day is November 6. Early voting is October 22 through November 2. In order to vote, you should register 30 days prior to the election. To confirm your voter registration or learn more about upcoming elections, go to votetexas.gov. Voter registration cards are available at NISD schools.

Northwest ISD Superintendent of Schools Receives Hero Award

Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. accepted the Bayard H. Friedman Hero Award as the most outstanding superintendent in north Texas at the Score a Goal in the Classroom's "The Best is Yet to Come" awards dinner on September 18. The Bayard H. Friedman Hero Award was established in memory of Bayard Friedman, a renowned civic leader with a passion for public education, to honor outstanding school employees. Rue was presented a \$1,000 honorarium which she donated to the Northwest ISD Education Foundation (NEF).

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees also were recognized for their service and leadership, as well as three Northwest ISD students. Clara Love Elementary student Jayden Teschke was awarded for reading the most books during the 2011-2012 Texas Motor Speedway Speeding to Read challenge. Tidwell Middle School student Gini Choi was awarded the Fine Arts Champion award for being named the highest ranked violinist in the area. Northwest High School student Matt Boyd received recognition for his attendance during the 2011-2012 school year. Boyd was the winner of the 2012 Chevy Camaro at the Northwest ISD Strive N Drive in May. Each student was presented a Dell laptop computer.

PHOTO CAPTION[HeroAward]: Northwest ISD Superintendent of Schools Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. (center) received the Score a Goal in the Classroom Hero Award for her outstanding leadership in Northwest ISD. Pictured with Rue are members of the Northwest ISD Board of Trustees and Nada Ruddock from NBC 5, who presented the Hero Award to Superintendent Rue. (From left to right: Director of Community Affairs at NBC 5 Nada Ruddock, Member Judy Copp, President Mel Fuller, Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D., Vice President Mark Schluter, Secretary Josh Wright, Member Devonna Holland and member Daryl Laney, D.C.)

Two NISD Principals Awarded 'Principal of the Year'

The United Educators Association has awarded Byron Nelson High School Principal Linda Parker the Secondary Principal of the Year and J. Lyndal Hughes Elementary School Principal Jessica McDonald the Elementary Principal of the Year. Each principal was nominated by members of their school staff. Parker has been with Northwest ISD since 2001, and McDonald began her career in Northwest ISD in 2006.

Three NISD Seniors Named National Merit Semifinalists

Northwest High School seniors Damon King, Cassidy Knight and Matthew Walker are among the approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 58th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. King, Knight and Walker will have an opportunity to advance in the competition for some 8,300 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million. About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to achieve finalist standing, and more than half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the title of Merit Scholar. Approximately 15,000 semifinalists are expected to advance to the finalist level, where all National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected. Winners will be announced this spring.

NHS Football Player Named Scholar Athlete of the Week

Northwest High School football player Parker Kneis has been named the Scholar Athlete of the Week by Inside High School Sports. Kneis is a junior at Northwest High School.

Boot Camp Begins at Schluter Elementary School

Thanks to a \$4,000 grant from Fuel Up to Play 60, third-through-fifth grade students at Carl E. Schluter Elementary School have started a Boot Camp on Tuesdays after school. This week, the camp was led by the local Crossfit817 organization. During the camp, students will learn tips for healthy eating and staying active from local gym organizations, while participating in physical fitness games and activities using the Wii gaming system.

PHOTO CAPTION [plank]: Carl E. Schluter Elementary School students Avery Gilbreath and Rhys Waylett practice the plank position during the school's Boot Camp program for third through fifth graders.

Unite for Futures Rally in NISD

The Northwest ISD Partners in Education (PIE) program hosted the Unite for Futures Rally September 20. This rally targets local faith-based organizations, providing an opportunity to learn how to become more involved in Northwest ISD. More than 40 people attended this year's rally. Speakers included Holly Stewart from Northwest High School Communities in Schools Program Manager and Director of Student Ministries at The Hills Church of Christ David Frazee, Ph.D.

PHOTO CAPTION [nelsonpic2]: Byron Nelson High School Assistant Principal Paige Cantrell shares ways to get connected and volunteer with Kevin Moerbe from St. Peter Lutheran Church in Roanoke at the Northwest ISD Partners in Education Unite for Futures Rally September 20.

September NISD Board of Trustee Meeting

A Northwest ISD school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 24 at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

NISD Community Encouraged to Stay Safe in Cyber Space

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month. Northwest ISD students and parents are encouraged to go to www.staysafeonline.org for tips on how to make their online experience safe and secure.

Bobcat Dazzlers to Host Fall Dance Clinic

The Byron Nelson High School Bobcat Dazzlers are hosting their fall dance clinic, Pretty in Pink, on Friday, September 28 from 5-10 p.m. for kindergarten through eighth-grade students. Participants will perform at the October 5 football game during pre-game. To register online, go to www.bobcatdazzlers.com.

NISD Sets Early Release Times for October 5

Northwest ISD will dismiss early on Friday, October 5 at the following times:

Elementary Schools: 12:15 p.m.

Steele Accelerated High School: 1:05 p.m.

Northwest and Byron Nelson High Schools: 1:15 p.m.

Middle Schools: 2 p.m.

Monday, October 8 is a student holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday, October 9.

NHS Cheerleaders Host Fifth Annual Golf Tournament

Northwest High School cheerleaders are hosting their fifth annual golf tournament Saturday, October 6 at the Marriott Hotel and Golf Course at Champions Circle. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. and the scramble starts at 8 a.m. For more information, contact Amanda Lee at 817-304-8182 or amanda.lee@caremark.com.

Parent Education Night in NISD

Northwest ISD is offering a parent education opportunity to address child abuse awareness. A meeting and presentation will be Tuesday, October 9 from 7-8 p.m. in the Northwest ISD Administration Building Board Room (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

NISD Offers Gold Card Program

Northwest ISD provides senior citizens living in the district the opportunity to be part of the district's Gold Card program. If you are 65 years of age or older, become a member of the NISD Gold Card program today. The annual Gold Card lunch will be held Tuesday, October 16 at 11 a.m. at the Northwest ISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177). In addition to a free annual luncheon, Gold Card members receive free entry into district-sponsored events,

performances, and athletic competitions. To join and reserve your seat at the luncheon on October 16, please call 817-215-0175 by October 8. Seating is limited

NEF Hosts Annual Golf Tournament

The Northwest ISD Education Foundation (NEF) is hosting the 17th Annual Golf Classic on Thursday, October 18 at the Marriot Hotel and Golf Club at Champions Circle in Fort Worth. All proceeds will support the NEF Encouraging Excellence Scholarship for Northwest ISD seniors. To register, go to www.nisdtx.org/nef.

NHS to Host Fall Craft Show

The Northwest High School Baseball Booster Club is holding a Fall Craft Show inside the Northwest High School cafeteria (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247) Saturday, October 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission requires one canned food item which will help benefit Communities in Schools.

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