



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, November 8 – November 26

Northwest ISD Community Approves \$255 Million Bond Referendum

On November 6, the Northwest ISD community approved the \$255 million bond referendum, with 57 percent voting “for” the proposition. From the approximately 42,000 registered voters in Northwest ISD, 25,341 people voted and 16,835 of those voters participated in early voting. The number voting “for” the referendum totaled 14,454 and the number “against” totaled 10,887. Northwest ISD has successfully passed bond referendums since 1990.

The bond will provide for an additional 4,000 student seats and includes construction of a third comprehensive high school and the district’s sixth middle school. The high school will open in August 2015, and the middle school is scheduled to open in August 2016. Both campuses will be located in the north Fort Worth/Haslet area. The bond referendum will also provide updates to technology, safety and security, program enhancements and classroom space for math, science and environmental studies, facility enhancements, major building component replacements like HVAC systems, flooring and roofing, as well as building additions.

AMAT Students Appear on National Television Show

On October 29, Northwest High School Academy of Media Arts and Technology (AMAT) and NHSTV students had the opportunity to attend a taping of the Glenn Beck program at the Studios of Las Colinas. AMAT provides students with a desire for a career in media arts and broadcast journalism a hands-on approach to learning, providing experiences such as field trips to local production facilities. The students were featured on the show, assisting with the tote election board. AMAT students were invited back on Election Day to assist in production and coverage during the evening show.

PHOTO CAPTION [glennbeck.jpg]: The Academy of Media Arts and Technology (AMAT and NHSTV students are pictured with Glenn Beck while assisting during a taping of the nationally-televised show. Pictured left to right are AMAT students, Sarah Parvaresh, Andrew Hall, Kerry Gleason, Glenn Beck, AMAT Facilitator Jeremy Rawe, Emily Erwin, Devin Fortenberry, and Ross Ocampo.

U.S. Congresswoman Kay Granger Visits NISD’s Kay Granger Elementary

On October 22, approximately 400 third through fifth-grade students from Kay Granger Elementary School had the opportunity to hear a presentation from U.S. Congresswoman Kay Granger, the school’s namesake, and ask questions about the election process. Northwest ISD social studies classes have been studying the importance of voting and the role of citizens in a democracy. Congresswoman Granger shared the election process with students and took questions from the fifth-grade students.

PHOTO CAPTION [granger.jpg]: U.S. Congresswoman Kay Granger is pictured with Kay Granger Elementary School Principal Kimmie Etheredge. Congresswoman Granger shared the election process with third through fifth-grade students and answered their questions in an assembly on October 22.

Beck Elementary School Fifth Grade Students Host Election Rally

More than 700 Samuel Beck Elementary School students participated in a mock election, where four students portrayed President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney and Vice Presidential Candidate Paul Ryan. Each candidate delivered a speech prior to the election. Polls opened at 10:30 on November 6 with six precinct locations spread throughout the building. Fifth grade students managed the voting booths, served as voting technicians, members of the press and security service. The mock election results were announced at 2:30 p.m., with Romney winning with 495 votes and Obama with 167 votes. Also on the ballot was a proposition to have a school energy efficient Green Team. Beck Elementary School students voted “for” a school Green Team. Plans to implement the campus Green Team will begin this year.

PHOTO CAPTION [Romney.jpg]: Samuel Beck Elementary School fifth-grade student Jasmine Cruz is escorted out of campaign headquarters by secret service members. Cruz portrayed Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney in the school's mock election on November 6.

PHOTO CAPTION [Biden.jpg]: Prior to the Samuel Beck Elementary School mock election, fifth-grader Vanessa Washburn portrays Joe Biden and delivers a campaign speech to the student body.

Seven NISD Athletes to Sign Letter of Intent on Signing Day

Byron Nelson High School will host a signing ceremony for seven athletes on Thursday, November 15 at 11:30 a.m. The ceremony will be held in the team room of Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262). The following BNHS athletes will sign an NCAA letter of intent:

Maty Monzingo - Texas State University, golf
Zoey DaneshFar - Texas A&M Commerce, golf
Ashley Dumoulin - University of Rhode Island, softball
Dani West - Texas Wesleyan University, softball
Kenedi Jackson - North Central Texas College, softball
John Caskey - Wooford College, baseball
Jeff Walburn - Paris Junior College, baseball

W.R. Hatfield Elementary School Takes the Lead in TMS Speeding to Read Challenge

At the Speeding to Read Turn 2 pep rally at Texas Motor Speedway, NASCAR Driver Danica Patrick presented W.R. Hatfield Elementary School with the Turn 2 trophy for reading more than 25,000 books in the Texas Motor Speedway Speeding to Read challenge pep rally on November 1. Clemency Green's second grade class from Clara Love Elementary School was announced the Overall K-2 Division Leader, with approximately 5,680 books read. Kathy Porter's fifth grade class from Clara Love Elementary School is the Overall 3-5 Division Leader. Porter's class has read approximately 514 books.

W.R. Hatfield Elementary School, Justin Elementary School and Clara Love Elementary School are participating in a year-long reading incentive challenge, Speeding to Read, with Texas Motor Speedway. Students from each campus have been split into two divisions, kindergarten through second grade and third grade through fifth grade. Each division is competing to see who can read the most books during the school year. The two winning classrooms will be announced in the spring and each student will receive four tickets to the April 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Race.

PHOTO CAPTION [speeding to read 9]: NASCAR Driver Danica Patrick presents the Speeding to Read Turn 2 trophy to Hatfield Elementary School for reading more than 25,000 books in the Texas Motor Speedway Speeding to Read Challenge.

Haslet Elementary School Raises \$500+ for Breast Cancer Awareness

As part of a service learning project, fifth grade students at Haslet Elementary School sponsored a Pink Out Day in support of breast cancer awareness. Students were encouraged to wear pink and make a donation to support the cause. Haslet Elementary fifth-graders presented members from the Susan G. Komen organization their donation of \$569.84 on November 6.

BNHS Students Host 15 Students from Germany

The Byron Nelson High School German classes are hosting 15 tenth-grade students and one teacher from Amberg, Bavaria, Germany through November 18. The German students have attended a Dallas Cowboys football game, experienced a Bobcat pep rally and football game, toured Texas Motor Speedway and will speak to middle school students at Medlin Middle School on Monday, November 12 and Tidwell Middle School on November 15.

Bobcat Dazzlers to Host Holiday Kick-Off Bazaar

The Byron Nelson High School Bobcat Dazzlers will host the annual Holiday Kick-Off Bazaar on Saturday, November 10 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information or to be a vendor, go to www.bobcatdazzlers.com.

Just for J 5K

Peterson Elementary School third-grader Jacqueline Dyer was diagnosed with Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) Disease Type 1D, an incurable muscle degenerative disease, at four years old. A 5K race and 1-mile fun run will be held to raise funds

for Dyer's family and continued research for CMT. The race will be held Saturday, November 10, at 8:30 a.m. at Cravens Park (400 Cravens Park, Arlington, 76018). For more information or to register, go to <http://justforj5k.webs.com/>.

November School Board Meeting

The November Northwest ISD school board meeting is Monday, November 12. School board meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the NISD Administration Building Board Room (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

NISD to Host College Symposium

Northwest ISD will host a college symposium on Tuesday, November 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Presentations include information on selecting a college, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

NISD Closed for Thanksgiving

Northwest ISD offices and campuses will be closed the week of November 19-23 for Thanksgiving break. Classes will resume Monday, November 26.

Northwest ISD Angel Tree Program Underway

This year's Northwest ISD Virtual Angel Tree has more than 600 children that need assistance this holiday season. You can help make the season brighter by adopting one or more angels and spreading the word to friends and family about the NISD Angel Tree. Wanting the best for the students we serve, NISD uses the Angel Tree as a way for district teachers and staff, student organizations, local churches and businesses to offer support anonymously to any student (from birth to 18 years old) or family who need assistance with clothing and holiday wishes.

To adopt an angel, log on to <http://angeltree.nisdstaff.com/>, make your selections and click the Submit Adoption button. On the next page, click the Get Angel Details button and print. The printout will automatically separate the child's clothing and special requests for each adopted angel. The Angel Tree items, including a printed copy of the details, will need to be delivered to the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76247) by Monday, November 26.

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