



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, February 19 – March 17

NEF Awards \$103,400+ in Innovative Teaching Grants

The Northwest ISD Education Foundation Grant Brigade traveled to schools across Northwest ISD via school bus on February 14 to present 34 innovative teaching grants to 16 campuses totaling \$103,408.20. To date, more than \$1.3 million have been distributed to teachers in NISD. These grants are written by NISD teachers and staff to benefit the students of Northwest ISD.

PHOTO CAPTION: [1500]: Chisholm Trail Middle School was awarded a grant for \$2,394 from the NISD Education Foundation to purchase a program that will allow students to receive immediate feedback on their performance by showing correct pitches and rhythms.

NISD Wrestlers Advance to State

Northwest High School's Jessie Ausman is the girls' Region II-5A Wrestling Champion and Byron Nelson High School's Blake Bounce is the boys' Region II-4A Wrestling Champion. Ausman and Bounce are among seven NISD athletes that advanced to the state wrestling tournament.

BNHS Sends Swimmers to State

At the Region II-4A swim meet, the Byron Nelson High School girls' swim and dive team and boys' swim and dive team were named Region II-4A Team Champions. Thirteen athletes qualified for the state tournament:

Girls

Cecelia Weaver – 1 Meter Dive
Molly Henson – 100 Yard Butterfly, 200 Yard Free Relay, 400 Yard Free Relay
Madeline Wilson – 200 Yard Free Relay, 400 Yard Free Relay
Hannah Reckmeyer – 200 Yard Free Relay, 400 Yard Free Relay
Eva Koster – 200 Yard Free Relay, 400 Yard Free Relay

Boys

Stephen Gilliland – 1 Meter Dive
Adam Koster – 50 Yard Freestyle, 100 Yard Freestyle, 200 Yard Freestyle Relay, 400 Yard Freestyle Relay
Justin Frederick – 100 Yard Freestyle, 200 Yard Medley Relay, 200 Yard Freestyle Relay, 400 Yard Freestyle Relay
Daniel Sampognaro – 200 Medley Relay, 200 Yard Freestyle Relay
Adrian Maher – 200 Yard Medley Relay, 400 Yard Freestyle Relay
Trent Schmidt – 200 Yard Medley Relay
Trey Stenger – 200 Yard Freestyle Relay
Seth Winstead – 400 Yard Freestyle Relay

PHOTO CAPTION: The BNHS girls' swim and dive team was named the Region II-4A Team Champions.

PHOTO CAPTION: The BNHS boys' swim and dive team was named the Region II-4A Team Champions.

****Photos Courtesy of Mike Fisher.**

NISD Wins State Crime Stopper Award

The Northwest ISD campus Crime Stoppers program received three state awards at the 2014 Texas Campus Crime Stopper Conference:

Productivity Award for General Dollar Amount Recovered/Most Cases Cleared
Newsprint Competition/General News Print
Best Website – www.campustipster.com

More than 550 students and advisors attended the state conference. Winners were recognized for programs that show exceptional qualities and performance in a wide range of topics.

PHOTO CAPTION [NISD-CCS-2014]: The NISD campus Crime Stoppers program received three state awards at the 2014 conference. Pictured left to right are Officer Robert Mastropiero, Kristi McKamie, Cinthia Ramirez, Silvana Asuncion, Vianca Santana, Alyssa Martinez and Mike Conklin

Stay Informed – House Bill 5 Foundation High School Program Changes Graduation Requirements

As part of the House Bill 5 passed in the 83rd Legislature, new graduation requirements are mandated under the new Foundation High School Program for students entering ninth grade in the 2014-15 school year and thereafter. The core coursework in English language arts, math, science and social studies is still required but now requires students to align their focus of study in a specific field by obtaining at least one endorsement. The new requirements are optional for current students graduating in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Guidance counselors will provide current and incoming high school students with information of the many options under the new graduation requirements. For more information, go to www.nisdtx.org and click on the Quick Link HB 5 Foundation High School Program.

NISD School Board Meeting

An NISD School Board meeting will be held February 24 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76247).

NISD Students Showcase Technology Trends at Expo

Northwest ISD parents and community members are invited to attend the third annual NISD Techno Expo at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247) on Thursday, February 27 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Selected students will present and demonstrate their use of technology in the classroom during a series of more than 300 breakout sessions. Dinner will be served by students in the district's Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality beginning at 5 p.m. From animation and digital video to multimedia and website design, student presentations are scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

NISD to Host Annual Connection Luncheon

Northwest ISD is encouraging real estate and business professionals to join NISD officials on March 6 for the annual Connection Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177). Information on current demographic projections, plans for new schools and the award-winning programs in NISD will be shared. Space is limited. Call 817-215-0175 to reserve a seat.

NISD Closed for Spring Break

All Northwest ISD campuses and offices will be closed for spring break March 10-14. Classes will resume on Monday, March 17.

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An NISD School Board meeting will be held March 17 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76247).

NHS to Host Big Event

Northwest High School will host the third annual Big Event on Saturday, April 5. Each year, Northwest High School students participate in one of the largest community service projects in the area. Students assist six surrounding communities with projects for residents and community organizations. Requests for service can be made through March 7 at thebigeventnorthwest@nisdtx.org or at 817-215-0206. For more information go to, <http://bigevent.nisdtx.org>.