



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, February 24 – May 2

Communications Department Wins State Awards

The Northwest ISD communications department received 10 awards at the Texas School Public Relations Association conference in February. The awards and recipients are as follows:

Crystal Certificate of Merit for Bond Election 2012 – Jerhea Nail, Emily Conklin, Rachel Bobbitt, Karen Wiechman

Gold Star and Best in Category for PIE Annual Report 2013 – Phil Beckman and Rachel Bobbitt

Gold Star for Got Growth Bond Video – Emily Conklin

Gold Star for Northwest Vision – Emily Conklin and Rachel Bobbitt

Gold Star for The Source Staff Newsletter – Emily Conklin

Silver Star for Classroom Photos – Rachel Bobbitt

Silver Star for NISD Annual Report 2013 – Rachel Bobbitt

Silver Star for Northwest News – Emily Conklin

Silver Star for Why NISD Video – Emily Conklin

Bronze Star for Graduation Photos – Rachel Bobbitt

The NISD communications department is recognized across the state and nation for their unique communication methods, strategic planning and creative initiatives.

NHS Speech Team Travels to Harvard for Contest

The Northwest High School speech team competed at Harvard University against more than 360 schools across the nation. Three students advanced to the out rounds in Dramatic Interpretation:

Diamond Jackson – Double Octo-finalist

Ashleigh Allison – Octo-finals

Alexa Dilone – Quarter-finals; placed 20th in the nation out of 411

PHOTO CAPTION [speechteam]: The Northwest High School speech team competed at Harvard University and took home national awards.

BNHS Art Student Advances to Nationals

Byron Nelson High School senior Marisa Angeli received a Scholastic Art and Writing award advancing her to the national competition. Angeli is recognized for her art piece “Through a Grasp” and will be notified of her national standing on March 17. Byron Nelson High School art teacher Mylene Davis was also recognized as Angeli’s mentor.

PHOTO CAPTION [Angeli artwork]: BNHS senior Marisa Angeli will advance to the National Scholastic Art and Writing contest for her Gold award at the Southwest Region at Large contest. Angeli’s art work is titled “Through A Grasp.”

Lakeview Elementary Wins Battle of the Books Contest

On February 17, Lakeview Elementary won first place at NISD's fifth annual elementary Battle of the Books competition. The winning team includes fifth graders Patrick Chippendale and Graham Mayfield and fourth graders Levi Hoffman, Amanda Silva and Arden Scearce, and third graders Gwen Baxter and Braelyn Hutcheson. The Battle of the Books is a team competition designed to encourage a love and excitement for reading. Students in third through fifth grades are eligible to participate.

PHOTO CAPTION [winning team photo]: Lakeview Elementary's Battle of the Book team took first place in the annual NISD reading competition.

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 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.

NISD School Board Meeting

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).

NISD Announces District Fitness Fun Fest

Byron Nelson and Northwest high school student councils present the first NISD Fitness Fun Fest on Saturday, March 22 from 4-9 p.m. at Texas Motor Speedway. Families can expect an evening of live music, food and drinks, carnival fun, a 1.5 mile walk around the speedway, as well as free health screenings. Admission is \$10 per person or \$30 per family. Tickets include the walk, music and carnival. All proceeds will go to MD Anderson Cancer Center, American Heart Association and Project Orange Out. For more information, go to <http://www.nisdtx.org/Domain/5477>.

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>.

District Sets Dates for Kindergarten Round-Up

Children who will attend kindergarten this August are asked to register online beginning April 21. To register, kindergarten students must be five by September 1, 2014. Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for April 28-May 2. Parents and students are encouraged to attend this event to meet staff, tour the facility and provide the necessary documents needed to complete the registration process. Please bring the following items in order to complete your child's enrollment:

- Birth certificate

- Immunization records (immunizations must be up-to-date to attend school)

- Proof of residency (housing contract, rental agreement, utility bill etc.)

- Student's social security card

- License or other suitable photo ID of the parent/guardian.

If parents do not have access to a computer at home, computers will be available at the campus during this time.

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