



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, March 19 – May 29

NISD Ranked ‘Top Ten’ Digital District

For the third consecutive year, NISD has been named a national ‘Top Ten Digital School District.’ Northwest ISD ranks seventh in the national 2013-14 Digital School Districts Survey. NISD is one of three Texas school districts to receive this award and the only district in the DFW metroplex. School districts are recognized for their commitment to the digital learning environment and high quality teaching and learning in classrooms every day. NISD will be recognized at the Digital School Districts Survey Awards Reception in April.

Principal Named National Finalist for Distinguished Principal Award

Kay Granger Elementary School Principal Kimmie Etheredge has been selected as a finalist for the 2014 National Distinguished Principal (NDP) Award. The NDP program honors outstanding elementary and middle-level administrators who set high standards for instruction, student achievement, character and climate for their school community. Etheredge will be recognized at the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association conference in June.

PHOTO CAPTION [Kimmie Etheredge]: Kimmie Etheredge, Granger Elementary School principal, has been named a finalist for the 2014 National Distinguished Principal Award.

NISD Hosts Realtors and Businesses at Annual Connection Luncheon

On March 6, Northwest ISD hosted approximately 80 attendees representing realtor agencies, builders and developers and businesses at the annual Connection Luncheon sponsored by the Northwest ISD Education Foundation. The luncheon is held to provide realtors and businesses with information about Northwest ISD and growth projections. For more information, go to www.nisdx.org/realtors.

PHOTO CAPTION [luncheon]: Local area realtors and businesses met with NISD officials to learn more about the school district at the annual Connection Luncheon on March 6.

District Announces Summer School Opportunities

NISD offers a variety of programs for pre-kindergarten through high school students to enhance their educational experience in the summer. Registration is now available for summer opportunities for students. To view a listing of courses and for information on how to register, go to <http://www.nisdx.org/Page/1262>.

NHS Receives State Reading Award

Northwest High School is the recipient of the Young Adult Reading Incentive (YARI) Award. The purpose of the YARI award is to honor a librarian who has shown exceptional ability in motivating young adults to read by developing and implementing a reading incentive program for students in sixth through 12 grades. The award will be presented to the Northwest High School librarian Naomi Bates at the Texas Library Association (TLA) conference in San Antonio this April.

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 Orange Out Foundation. For more information, go to <http://www.nisdx.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.

NISD Presents the Night of No Limits

NISD proudly presents the second annual Night of No Limits on May 29 from 6-8 p.m. at Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262). Kindergarten through high school students will present their inquiry projects and problem-based learning experiences. Families can engage in hands-on, interactive exhibits from the Perot Museum. Meteorologist Jeff Jamison will also showcase the Mobile 11 Storm Chasing vehicle.

NISD to Host Second Annual Back to School Fair

Northwest ISD is partnering with Communities in Schools to host the second annual Back to School Fair on Saturday,, August 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). This year's fair will provide school supplies and assistance to families who need extra assistance based on their financial need (verified by their registration for free or reduced lunch). To register, go to <http://tinyurl.com/back2schoolfair>. To make a tax-deductible donation, an in-kind contribution or to sponsor a family, go to www.cisnt.org.

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