



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, March 26 – May 29

NISD Recognized as a Best Music Education Community

Northwest ISD has been recognized as a “2014 Best Communities for Music Education.” Approximately 16,500 NISD students receive fine arts instruction each week. This is the sixth consecutive year for Northwest ISD to receive this national honor.

NISD Receives National Technology Award

The Consortium for School Networking (CoSN) Awards presented Northwest ISD with an honorable mention for the CoSN Team Award. This award recognizes an exceptional district team for its impact on education technology and its work to improve student learning, opportunities and access.

Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Advances to Nationals

The Northwest ISD Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality culinary team will advance to the National ProStart Invitational in May. The culinary team took first place in the culinary competition and second place in the management competition at the Texas ProStart Invitational in Waco earlier this month. The culinary teams were required to prepare a three-course meal in 60 minutes and were judged on knife skills, chicken fabrication, safety and sanitation. More than \$1 million in scholarships to culinary institutes were awarded to schools in the top three culinary and management groups.

PHOTO CAPTION [BNHS]: NISD’s Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality culinary team received first place in the Texas ProStart Invitational and will advance to nationals in May. Pictured left to right: Lora Bardal, Ruben Nunez, Nathan Young, Cassandra Bayot, Emily Baker.

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.nisdtx.org/Page/1262>.

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 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.

Enrollment Online Begins April 21 for New Students

Beginning April 21, Enrollment Online will be available for students new to Northwest ISD. This includes incoming kindergarten students. Kindergarten Round-Up is April 28-May 2. In order to access the online registration feature, parents of students currently enrolled in the district must have a Home Access Center (HAC) account. Access to the HAC requires an internet connection and a confidential username and password issued to the parent by the school. If you are unsure of your HAC login, you may contact your child's campus. Parents of returning students can begin the registration process on July 14.

Enrollment Online is available for use on a laptop or desktop computer using Internet Explorer. Please make sure compatibility mode is enabled. Campuses will have computers available for use for households without Internet. Beginning April 28, an Enrollment Online help desk will be set up at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247) from the hours of 8-5.

Please note, a child should be enrolled by a parent, guardian or a person with control under a court order. If someone other than a parent, guardian or person with control under a court order is listed on enrollment forms, a Power of Attorney form must be notarized, signed and returned. A Power of Attorney is a written document in which the student's parent/guardian authorizes a third party to make decisions for the student on behalf of the parent/guardian.

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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