



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, April 16 – May 29

Northwest ISD Announces Stephanie Espinosa, Ed.D. as Executive Director of Curriculum and Staff Development

The NISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved Stephanie Espinosa, Ed.D. as the Executive Director of Curriculum and Staff Development. Espinosa has served the students and families of NISD since 2007 and is currently the principal at Lakeview Elementary School. She will finish the current school year as principal at Lakeview. A new principal will be named before the end of the school year.

PHOTO CAPTION: NISD's Stephanie Espinosa, Ed.D. has been promoted to Executive Director for Curriculum and Staff Development.

Northwest ISD's Jennifer Alexander, Ed.D. Named Executive Director of Student Services

Northwest ISD's Jennifer Alexander, Ed.D. has been named the Executive Director of Student Services. Alexander has served as the district's assistant director of special education since 2010. For the past 14 years, she has worked in NISD as a special education supervisor, educational diagnostician and a special education support teacher. She replaces Cindy Brown, Ed.D. who is retiring in August.

PHOTO CAPTION: NISD's Jennifer Alexander, Ed.D. has been named the Executive Director for Student Services.

Bill Poe to Lead the Texans as Head Football Coach

At the April 14 school board meeting, Bill Poe was approved as the head football coach at Northwest High School. Poe is currently the assistant head football coach at Marble Falls High School. Previously, he has coached in Longview, McKinney, Irving and Southlake. Coach Poe will begin his position at Northwest High School next week.

PHOTO CAPTION: Bill Poe will take the lead as head football coach for the Northwest High School Texans.

TEA Approves Waiver for Missed Instructional Days

Due to inclement weather, Northwest ISD closed school on December 6, December 9, December 10 and March 3. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has approved a missed instructional days waiver requested from Northwest ISD for December 10 and March 3. Two bad weather make-up days have been built into the school calendar. Students have already made up one day (February 17). The next bad weather make-up day will be Friday, April 18. The last day of school will be Friday, June 6.

NISD Announces New Summer Camp Opportunity

Northwest ISD is proud to present a new summer camp, Camp ECO, at the Outdoor Learning Center. Camp ECO (Experiencing the Challenges of Outdoors) is targeted for current NISD students entering first through fifth grades. From archery and rock climbing to geocaching and fishing, students will explore hands-on activities that will enhance their leadership and survival skills. Camp ECO is June 11-13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at NISD's Outdoor Learning Center. The cost of the camp is \$155, and sibling discounts are available. Early drop-off is available, and shuttles will be available from Northwest and Byron Nelson high schools. To register, go to <https://nisdtx.revtrak.net>. Registration closes April 30.

Camp ECO is looking to employ student workers for this year's camp. Applicants must be 15 years old at the time of employment and must not have graduated. Applications can be found at https://ats1.searchsoft.net/ats/app_login?COMPANY_ID=00005672. For more information, contact cbraswell@nisdtx.org.

NISD to Host Suicide Awareness and Prevention Meeting

Northwest ISD is hosting a suicide awareness and prevention meeting on Monday, April 28 from 6-6:45 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Parents of students PreK through 12th grade are encouraged to attend. Phyllis Finley from the Denton County MHMR Center will present parents with a working knowledge of how to identify signs and symptoms of a youth in crisis or at risk for suicide. Interventions as well as community resources will be shared at the meeting.

Gen TX Day in NISD

GenTX Day is a statewide promotion that encourages everyone to wear a college T-shirt to celebrate the students of Generation TX. On Friday, May 2, NISD is encouraging students at all campuses to wear a college T-shirt to promote higher education.

NISD Announces STEM Showcase

The Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) invites community members to the annual STEM Showcase on Thursday, May 15. From engineering to mathematics projects, watch as students showcase their best work from the 2013-14 school year. The event will be held at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247, east entrance) from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

NISD to Host TechnoPalooza – A Summer Conference for Educators

NISD's TechnoPalooza promises to teach educators how to integrate learning with technology. On July 30-31, educators across the state have an opportunity to attend the TechnoPalooza conference at Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262). The conference will feature:

- presentations for the first-time educator to the veteran teacher,
- keynote speaker Dr. Sheryl Absire, Chief Technology Officer, Calcasieu Parish Schools,
- giveaways,
- t-shirts,
- food trucks
- and the opportunity to pre-register for the 2015 TechnoPalooza Conference featuring keynote speaker Dave Burgess.

For more information and to register, go to <http://palooza.nisdtx.org/>. More details about the conference will be featured on the conference mobile app and will include session descriptions, a map and more.

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 of North Texas 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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