



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, April 23 – May 29

BNHS Boys' Soccer Wins State Championship

The Byron Nelson High School boys' soccer team has won the 4A state championship game. This year, both the girls' and boys' soccer teams at Byron Nelson High School advanced to the state championship round of playoffs. The girls' team lost in the first round of playoffs. Congratulations to both teams for their playoff victories!

PHOTO CAPTION [468.jpg]: The Byron Nelson High School boys' soccer team won the 4A state championship. Photo courtesy of Mike Fisher.

NISD Golf Students Advance to State Championship

The Byron Nelson High School girls' and boys' golf team is state bound. In addition, Northwest High School senior and golfer Aaron Guaniao is advancing to state. The state tournament is April 28 and 29.

BNHS Tennis Students Advances to State

Byron Nelson High School will send a mixed doubles tennis team to the state tournament. Junior Ashton Wunsch and junior Kyle Green will compete in the state meet April 28 and 29.

BNHS TSA Wins 69 State Medals

The Byron Nelson High School Technology Student Association competed in the state TSA Leadership contest in Waco and finished second overall in Division III. The team received 69 state awards: 21 first place, 15 second place, 13 third place, 13 fourth place and 7 fifth place. Sophomore Chris Freed took first place in CAD 2D Architecture and has qualified for the national convention in Washington D.C. this summer. This is the first time BNHS TSA has qualified for nationals.

PHOTO CAPTION [TSA]: The BNHS Technology Student Association won 69 medals in the state contest.

Lakeview Elementary Receives Volunteer Campus of the Year Award

Northwest ISD celebrated Lakeview Elementary School volunteers during their volunteer appreciation breakfast for being named the NISD Partners in Education Campus of the Year. The campus has logged approximately 8,605 volunteer hours. Results are determined based on total hours logged per student. NISD provides numerous opportunities to engage parents and the community in the education of children. Currently, the district has more than 7,000 approved volunteers. If you would like to volunteer in Northwest ISD, please visit www.nisdtx.org/vips.

PHOTO CAPTION [lakeview volunteer campus.jpg]: Volunteers from Lakeview Elementary School received the "Circle of Teamwork" trophy for their dedication and efforts this school year. Pictured from left to right: Partners in Education Specialist Phil Beckman, Lakeview Elementary Principal Stephanie Espinosa, Ed.D., Lakeview Elementary School PTA President Kimberly Blake and NISD Superintendent of Schools Karen G. Rue, Ed.D.:

Hospitality Students Win National Awards in First Contest

In April, students in the Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Services won second place in the hospitality project contest and third place for hotel operations in the 2014 International Hospitality and Tourism Management Professional Competition in Orlando. In the hospitality project category, students were divided into teams and given a scenario that included budget parameters, proposal design, banquet event order menu and floor plan. In the hotel operations category, students participated in a three-part challenge: room inspection, night audit and guest services, sales and marketing. This was the first time students enrolled in the academy competed in the hospitality competition.

PHOTO CAPTION [HTMP competition]: BNHS students won second and third place in the 2014 International Hospitality and Tourism Management Professional Contest in Orlando. Pictured left to right: Robert Steele, President & COO, American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute; Shane Howeth, junior; Ashleigh Vrael, senior; Kelsey Stanley, senior; Kathryn Haberman, senior; Joori Jeon, President & COO, American Hotel & Lodging Educational Foundation

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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