



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, May 7 – May 29

#### **NISD Elementary Principal Named Texas National Distinguished Principal**

In a surprise announcement on May 5, Kay Granger Elementary School Principal Kimmie Etheredge was named the Texas 2014 National Distinguished Principal (NDP) by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA). Etheredge has been the principal at Granger Elementary School since its opening in 2007. Under her leadership, Etheredge has nurtured an impressive culture of academic excellence, positive character and active parent involvement. The school has been named a state and national 'school of character.' She will be recognized at the summer TEPSA conference in June and will represent Texas at the National Distinguished Principals program held in Washington, D.C. in October.

PHOTO CAPTION: Kimmie Etheredge, principal of Kay Granger Elementary School, is named the 2014 Texas National Distinguished Principal.

#### **NHSTV Named 'Best Video Newscast' in the State**

Northwest High School's student-run television station, NHSTV, a division of The Academy of Media Arts and Technology, has been named 'best video newscast' in Texas at the state Technology Student Association (TSA) Competition. The award winning show swept first, second and third place in the Video Newscast category, which included two of their daily live shows, as well as NHSTV's Weekly Update segment.

In addition to the newscast awards, NHSTV won first place in the Music Video competition, featuring Internet/YouTube celebrity and former NHS student, Laina Morris. This video has received over 600,000 views on YouTube and features the students' ability to work with a celebrity in a multi-camera music video shoot. NHSTV also took second place in the state in the Marketing Video competition, which featured a video promoting the Orange Out initiative at Northwest High School.

The newscast is produced and airs live to the students and staff of Northwest High School every school day and is available to view on-demand at [www.youtube.com/nhstvonline](http://www.youtube.com/nhstvonline).

PHOTO CAPTION: NISD's Academy of Media Arts and Technology has been named the best video newscast in Texas.

#### **Former CTMS Students Awarded Scholarships**

On April 29, three Northwest High School students were awarded \$750 in scholarships from the Chisholm Trail Middle School PTA. Northwest High School seniors Mason Gonzalez, Jennifer Becan and Aliana Waters were presented scholarships from the Melissa Barsanti Scholarship for Breast Cancer Awareness and the Deana Rawlings Scholarship for Breast Cancer Awareness. Gonzalez, Becan and Waters each attended Chisholm Trail Middle School. They will receive their scholarships at the Northwest High School Legacy Awards Ceremony on May 27.

#### **May School Board Meetings**

A Northwest ISD budget workshop is scheduled at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, May 12 followed by a school board meeting at 7 p.m. The next school board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27 at 7 p.m. All board meetings are held at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

#### **STEM Students Recognized by State**

Students in the Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) entered more than 30 library designs to the Claycomb Architecture contest. Architects from Claycomb selected two of the student architecture teams from NISD's STEM program as winners. Representatives from Claycomb and Texas Association of School Boards will present the teams with an award on Wednesday, May 14 at 8:45 a.m. in the Texan gym at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

**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.

**District to Host Presentation on College for Spanish Speakers and First Generation Students**

Northwest ISD and North Central Texas College will host a presentation about college for Spanish speakers and first generation college bound students on May 19 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Northwest High School Lecture Hall. All middle school and high school parents are encouraged to attend. NCTC's Bilingual Parent College Seminar will provide parents and interested students with information on admissions, financial aid and more. For more information, call Norma Garcia at 817-698-1324.

**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.

**Enrollment Online Available Now for New Students**

Enrollment Online is available for students new to Northwest ISD. This includes incoming kindergarten students. 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 is 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.

**District Campuses and Offices Closed**

NISD district offices and campuses will be closed on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, May 27.

**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](http://www.cisnt.org).

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