



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, June 3 – August 9

#### **BNHS Debate Team Won the State Title**

The Byron Nelson High School debate team has been named the 4A State Title Champion. This is the team's second state title in three years. The following students received individual state medals:

Junior Nicholas James - STATE CHAMPION - LD Debate  
Junior Nicholas James - STATE CHAMPION - Informative Speaking  
Junior Steven Clark - 3rd in State - LD Debate  
Junior Steven Clark - 4th in State - Informative Speaking  
Junior John Giuffrida - 4th in State - Persuasive Speaking

Byron Nelson High School claimed three of the six total state champions for 4A.

PHOTO CAPTION[photo]: The Byron Nelson High School debate team received the 4A state championship title. This marks the team's second state champion title.

#### **NISD Names Teachers of the Year, Recognizes Employees at Annual Inspire Celebration**

Tracey Kiplinger from Samuel Beck Elementary School was named *Elementary Teacher of the Year* and Frank "Skip" Carter from Medlin Middle School was named *Secondary Teacher of the Year* at the fourth annual Inspire celebration on May 30. NISD brought together retirees, 25-year and 30-year service award recipients, Exemplar Educators from each campus, and its Employees of the Year. The Inspire recognition program was designed to recognize and celebrate dedicated educators and support staff for the important contributions they make to the students and community of NISD. To see a complete list of honorees, go to [www.nisdtx.org/newsroom](http://www.nisdtx.org/newsroom).

PHOTO CAPTION [TraceyKTOY]: Pictured left to right at the NISD Inspire Celebration: NISD School Board President Josh Wright, Northwest ISD Education Foundation President Carol Jones, 2014 Elementary Teacher of the Year Tracey Kiplinger, Superintendent of Schools Karen G. Rue, Ed.D., and 2013 Elementary Teacher of the Year Jairia Diggs.

PHOTO CAPTION [SkipCTOY]: Pictured left to right at the NISD Inspire Celebration: NISD School Board President Josh Wright, NISD Education Foundation President Carol Jones, 2014 Secondary Teacher of the Year Frank "Skip" Carter, Superintendent of Schools Karen G. Rue, Ed.D., and 2013 Secondary Teacher of the Year Charles Cooper.

#### **Peterson Elementary Receives National Character Award**

O.A. Peterson Elementary School has been announced as a recipient of a Promising Practices Award from the Character Education Partnership (CEP). Peterson is one of three schools in Texas and one of 203 public schools in the nation to receive this award. The campus received an award for an effective strategy used to develop good character in young people. Representatives from Peterson will be recognized in Washington D.C. this fall.

#### **Harlem Globetrotter Sweet J Visits NISD**

Harlem Globetrotter Sweet J Ekworomadu visited five elementary schools as part of the Harlem Globetrotter's community outreach program, The ABCs of Bullying Prevention. The program focuses on action, bravery and compassion. Additionally, students were able to join in on a few of the famous Globetrotter basketball tricks.

PHOTO CAPTION [Globetrotter2014\_cox]: Harlem Globetrotter Sweet J Ekworomadu showed off some of the famous Globetrotter basketball tricks with Cox Elementary Principal Deborah McCune, Ed.D. while promoting the Globetrotter's program, The ABCs of Bullying Prevention at five campuses in NISD on May 29 and 30.

### **Local Media Honored**

Brian Scott of KXAS TV NBC 5 has been named to the 2014 Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) by Northwest ISD. The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. Scott is one of more than 380 media representatives from Texas newspapers, radio stations, television stations and online publications to achieve this honor. Criteria for the district's selection included Scott's efforts to get to know the superintendent; the district's mission and goals; report school news in a fair, accurate and balanced manner; give high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school officials.

PHOTO CAPTION [mediahonorroll]: At the May 27 school board meeting, NISD recognized KXAS TV NBC 5 reporter Brian Scott for being named to the 2014 Media Honor Roll sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards.

### **LEAD Graduation**

NISD offers professional development for staff interested in developing strong educational leadership skills through LEAD (Leaders Experiencing Advanced Development). The Board of Trustees recognized 26 LEAD graduates at the May 27 School Board Meeting. The LEAD candidates are selected for participation in the fall.

PHOTO CAPTION [lead]: Approximately 26 Northwest ISD employees were recognized at the school board meeting for their participation in LEAD (Leaders Experiencing Advanced Development).

### **NISD Staff Recognized for Completing Technology Leadership Course**

At the May 27 school board meeting, 14 educators were recognized for completion in I3, a year-long series designed for NISD staff who desire to be technology leaders. The cohort met monthly and covered topics like planning for technology integration, best practices and technology application standards.

PHOTO CAPTION [technology]: NISD administrators and school board members recognized 14 I3 participants for completing the district's first technology leadership course.

### **Enrollment Online Help Desk Available**

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. An Enrollment Online help desk is set up at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247) from the hours of 8-5.

### **BNHS Football Booster Club Hosts Golf Tournament**

The Byron Nelson High School football booster club is hosting a golf tournament on Thursday, June 12 at 2 p.m. at Trophy Club Country Club. For more information, contact Barry Huizenga at [blhuizenga@duininck.com](mailto:blhuizenga@duininck.com) or at 817-223-9102.

### **Seats Available for NISD's Summer TechnoCamp**

Seats are filling up quickly for the July and August hands-on Lego Robotics TechnoCamp program offered by Northwest ISD. Camps are offered at Byron Nelson High School and Gene Mike Middle School. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.nisdtx.org/Page/27464>.

### **June School Board Meetings**

NISD school board meetings are scheduled for Monday, June 9 and Monday, June 23. All board meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. and held at the NISD Administration building in the board room.

**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 support 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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