



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, June 25 – August 9

Media Note: NISD Communications Department/Administration Building Summer Hours

The Northwest ISD Administration Building is operating under summer hours. The building will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The regular five-day work schedule will resume on Monday, August 11.

The NISD Administration Building will be closed Monday, June 30 through Friday, July 4.

NISD Names New District Leaders

Director of Counseling

Northwest ISD's Jamie Farber has been named the district's new director of counseling. As a new position to the school district, the director of counseling will supervise all aspects of the district-wide counseling program and related services. Farber has worked in Northwest ISD since 2007, serving as the lead counselor at Northwest High School. Most recently she was awarded the 2014 American School Counselor of the Year Semi-Finalist. She will begin her new role as NISD's director of counseling in July.

PHOTO CAPTION [jamie] NISD's Jamie Farber will take the lead as Northwest ISD's director of counseling.

Director of Career and College Readiness

NISD is pleased to announce the hiring of Kyle Seipp as the new director of college and career readiness. As a new position, Seipp will oversee the development, implementation, assessment and continuous improvement of programs aimed at increasing student access to post-secondary education and employment opportunities. He has served at the University of Texas in Austin at the Institute of Public School Initiatives and has worked as a teacher and coach at Northwest High School in 2005-2008. He will begin his new role in July.

PHOTO CAPTION [kyle seipp] Kyle Seipp has been named NISD's new director of college and career readiness.

NISD Summer Camps Underway

Northwest ISD offers a wide variety of summer school and sports camps and enrichment classes during the summer.

Modern Art Madness

At NISD's Modern Art Madness, students in first through fifth grades have been studying and creating artwork based on the great modern artists such as Vincent van Gogh, Georgia O'Keefe and Pablo Picasso. Students have been painting, drawing, sculpting and weaving.

PHOTO CAPTION [Cash Olson]: First grader Cash Olson is working on his modern art project in NISD's Modern Art Madness summer camp at Clara Love Elementary.

PHOTO CAPTION [Kaitlyn and Kailee]: Kaitlyn Watt and Kailee Riley (left to right) show off their art projects during NISD's Modern Art Madness Summer Camp.

The following photo opportunities are available for the week of July 7-10:

- ***TechnoCamp***

TechnoCamp offers students the opportunity to challenge their creativity using the Lego Education robotics program. Students will learn to design, program and control fully-functional Lego models and use software to test and modify sequences of instruction for robotic behaviors.

July 7-10, 9 a.m. – noon

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Gene Pike Middle School (2200 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247)

- **Northwest High School Girls' Basketball Camp**
July 7-10, 9 a.m. – noon (grades 3-9)
Texan Gym

Enrollment Online Help Desk Available, Returning Student Registration Begins July 14

Returning student registration is available for current NISD students beginning Monday, July 14. 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.

An Enrollment Online help desk is available at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 817- 698-1099. 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. Please note, campuses will be closed beginning the week of June 23 and will open on Monday, July 21.

Steele Accelerated High School Opens Enrollment to Students Across the Metroplex

Northwest ISD is opening the enrollment for James M. Steele Accelerated High School to students across the metroplex. Steele Accelerated High School provides an avenue for students to accelerate their studies. Steele Accelerated High School opened its doors in 2010, appealing to 9-12th grade students who have a desire to accelerate their studies and path to a higher education. Thanks to a partnership with North Texas Community College, students can take expanded dual credit classes receiving college credit while taking their high school courses.

Steele is home to two NISD career academies: The Cosmetology Academy and The Collegiate Academy. The NISD Collegiate Academy opened in January to provide students with opportunities to enhance and accelerate their education and graduate high school with an associate's degree. Students are screened and recommended by middle and high school counselors with final approval being given by the North Central Texas College Vice President of Instruction.

To submit an application, go to www.nisdtx.org/sahs. Applications are due by July 24. For more information, contact 817-698-5800.

New Volunteer System Coming This Summer

Parents and other volunteers who plan to work with children in NISD schools must have passed a criminal background check prior to volunteering. Beginning July 14, the Northwest Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) system will be a one-stop-shop for district stakeholders by including background checks and capturing complete volunteer interest profiles up front. Volunteers will also be able to begin submitting their volunteer background check forms for the 2014-2015 school year. This web-based, interactive contact center will enable volunteers to update contact details, preferences and match volunteer opportunities to parents and the community.

Beginning July 14, the new VIPS system can be accessed by going to www.nisdtx.org and clicking the VIPS link under Quick Links. For more information, contact NISD Partners in Education Specialist Phil Beckman at 817-215-0172.

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 make a tax-deductible donation, an in-kind contribution or to sponsor a family, go to www.cisnt.org.

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