



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, July 30 – August 27

Media Note: NISD Communications Department/Administration Building Summer Hours

The Northwest ISD Administration Building will operate summer hours through Thursday, August 9. 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 12.

NISD Staff Get Connected at 2013 TechnoPalooza

More than 820 educators attended Northwest ISD's second annual TechnoPalooza on July 24-25 at Byron Nelson High School. This Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) conference offered sessions for administrators and teachers on mobile applications, digital student discussions, QR codes, Pinterest and other social media tools in the classroom.

PHOTO CAPTION[technopaloozateachers.jpg]: NISD Curriculum Coordinator Brittne Bragg attends a hands-on iPad session during NISD's second annual TechnoPalooza Bring Your Own Device conference.

NISD Partners with Community to Stuff the Bus

Northwest ISD Partners in Education appreciates the support from the community during the NISD Partners in Education Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive. Local businesses and community members stuffed a yellow school bus on July 24 and 25 with school supplies to distribute to NISD students. This year's drive is expected to provide school supplies to more than 800 students.

PHOTO CAPTION [RoanokeSeniorCenter2.jpg]: Northwest ISD Partners in Education (PIE) stopped by the Roanoke Senior Center to pick up school supply items during the NISD PIE Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive.

Special School Board Meeting

Northwest ISD will hold a special school board meeting on Thursday, August 1 for the hiring of personnel. The meeting will be held at 7 a.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

Enrollment Online Available for New Students, Returning Student Registration Begins August 1

Enrollment Online is now available for students new to Northwest ISD. Parents of returning students can begin the registration process on August 1. This will replace the back-to-school packets issued on the first day of school. 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. For more information, go to www.nisdtx.org/enrollment.

Volunteers Encouraged to Complete NISD Background Check Online

Parents and other volunteers who plan to work with children in NISD schools must have passed a criminal background check prior to volunteering. As a convenience, the volunteer background check form is available online and can be completed before the rush of the new school year.

Go to www.nisdtx.org/volunteercheck to complete your background check and be approved to volunteer. Volunteers are a highly valued group of individuals within Northwest ISD, and the district appreciates the contribution of time and effort of the dedicated volunteers.

Back to School Health Fair Scheduled for August 3

Northwest ISD Partners in Education, in partnership with Heavenly Supply Depot, will host a Back to School Health Fair at Northwest High School on Saturday, August 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair will help prepare children in need to go back to school through services provided by community agencies specializing in assisting children and families. This one-stop destination will provide **free** assistance to children in the following ways:

- backpacks and school supplies (PreK-12)
- health screenings and health insurance information
- dental information, toothbrushes and toothpaste
- vision screenings
- haircuts
- sports physical
- family-friendly games and activities
- financial aid workshops and college/university/trade school information
- community resource booths
- information on NISD services

Families must preregister for this event to ensure students receive a backpack full of supplies. For more information, go to www.hsdtx.org.

NISD to Host Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Shears of Steele

Northwest ISD invites the community to celebrate the opening of Shears of Steele Cosmetology Salon during a ribbon cutting ceremony at James M. Steele Accelerated High School (606 N. Walnut Street, Roanoke, 76262) on Tuesday, August 6 at 6 p.m. The Cosmetology Academy provides first-hand experiences in hair, nails and skincare as well as business and entrepreneurship trainings.

NISD Board of Trustee Meetings

Northwest ISD school board meetings are scheduled for Monday, August 12 and Monday, August 26. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

First Day of School

The first day of school in Northwest ISD is Tuesday, August 27. NISD will open its 17th elementary school campus, Wayne A. Cox Elementary School, in Roanoke. For back-to-school information, go to www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool.

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