



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, August 28 – September 24

NISD Welcomes 19,000+ Students on August 27

Northwest ISD greeted approximately 19,050 students on the first day of school, August 27. The district opened its 17th elementary school, Wayne A. Cox Elementary School, in Roanoke. This year, the district will operate 17 elementary schools, five middle schools, two comprehensive high schools and an accelerated high school. The NISD student population is expected to increase by 35 percent in the next five years. That increase is driven by the development of new homes and employment within the area.

PHOTO CAPTION [James_Jack_JacobMaisano_withDrMcCune]: Wayne A. Cox Elementary School Principal Deborah McCune, Ed.D. is pictured with James, Jack and Jacob Maisano on the first day of school, August 27.

PHOTO CAPTION [Johnathan Booles and Devin Cheatham]: Chisholm Trail Middle School sixth grade students Jonathan Booles and Devin Cheatham are pictured with Principal Todd Rogers before the start of school, August 27.

NISD Principal Receives State Honor

John M. Tidwell Middle School Principal Kim Barker has been selected to represent the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) as a Region XI Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year. Last year, Barker was the associate principal at Northwest High School. TASSP recognizes outstanding principals and assistant principals from the 20 region Education Services Centers in the state. Barker was nominated and selected by her peers within the region. Nominations are based upon exemplary performance and outstanding leadership. As a Region XI winner, Barker is eligible to compete for the state title of Texas Assistant Principal of the Year.

PHOTO CAPTION [kim barker]: Kim Barker, John M. Tidwell Middle School principal, has been selected to represent the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals as Region XI Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year.

NISD to Issue Computing Devices to Secondary Students

For the past four years, NISD has issued more than 8,000 computing devices annually to secondary students as part of the district's vision to prepare every student for their future. This year, middle school students received Netbooks and high school students were issued Dell Latitude tablets.

Students that were unable to pick up their device prior to the start of school will receive their devices during the first two weeks of school. NISD students also have the opportunity to use personal electronic devices for educational purposes (bring your own device). Students must follow district policy and guidelines if they choose to use their own device. For more information about the devices, insurance, and policies to bring your own device, go to www.nisdtx.org/computingdevices.

PHOTO CAPTION [Mackenzie Wojno – Freshman] Byron Nelson High School freshman Mackenzie Wojno is issued her Dell Latitude tablet for the upcoming school year.

NISD Welcomes 1900+ Staff Members at Convocation

NISD staff kicked off a new school year at the district wide convocation assembly on August 22. Performances included the NISD Convo Staff Band and Staff Choir, NISD elementary music students, Wilson Middle School steel drum band, Byron Nelson High School cheerleaders and Northwest High School cheerleaders. Keynote speaker Jamie Vollmer encouraged staff to be a powerful voice for public education in the community. Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. reminded teachers and staff to mentor, coach and guide students and to take risks.

PHOTO CAPTION [Dr. Rue with Students]: Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. is pictured with NISD elementary music students at the district's Convocation assembly on August 22.

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.nisdx.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.

NISD Closed in Observance of Labor Day

Northwest ISD will be closed Monday, September 2 for Labor Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 3.

NISD School Board Meetings

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, September 9 and Monday, September 23 at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

NISD Middle Schools Present Roald Dahl's "Willy Wonka, Jr."

Northwest ISD is proud to present its sixth annual middle school musical Roald Dahl's "Willy Wonka, Jr." Performances will be held September 13-14 at 7 p.m. at Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. To make reservations, call 817-215-0268.

Faith-Based Rally in NISD

Northwest ISD Partners in Education is offering an opportunity for faith-based organizations to learn how to become more involved in the school district. The Faith-Based Rally will be held on Thursday, September 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). NISD Partners in Education will share ways to partner with the school district to ensure students have the resources they need to be successful in a global society. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to 817-215-0175. Space is limited.

NISD Offers Gold Card Program

To show appreciation for years of support, Northwest ISD provides senior citizens living in the district the opportunity to be part of the district's Gold Card program. In addition to a free annual luncheon, Gold Card members receive free entry into district-sponsored events, performances, and athletic competitions. If you are 65 years of age or older, become a member of the NISD Gold Card program today. To join and reserve your seat at the luncheon on September 24, please call 817-215-0175.