



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, October 8 – October 28

NISD to Launch Mobile App in October

Northwest ISD is pleased to announce, "We have an app for that!" On October 16, NISD will launch a mobile application for your iPhone or Android device. Phase One of the NISD Mobile App will include news, a directory which includes names, email addresses and phone numbers, calendar and social media tools.

Phase Two will be released in January 2014 and will provide parents with access to check their child's grades, attendance and lunch account balance. Stay plugged in for updates on the district's newest communication tool at www.nisdtx.org.

NISD Seeks Feedback on School Calendar Options

Northwest ISD requests community feedback on the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school calendar options. Each calendar year has two options. Go to <http://www.nisdtx.org/calendaroptions> to view the calendars, a list of frequently asked questions and to complete the survey. The online survey will be available through October 31. The NISD Board of Trustees will vote on the final school academic calendars in December.

Sendera Ranch Elementary Takes the Lead in Speeding to Read Challenge

In the 2013-2014, Texas Motor Speedway Speeding to Read Challenge, Sendera Ranch Elementary School takes the lead as the top overall school. Each of the 11 schools (nine Northwest ISD schools and two schools outside of the district) have been split into divisions. NISD's Samuel Beck Elementary leads the Front Stretch division, NISD's Clara Love Elementary School leads the Back Stretch division and NISD's Sendera Ranch Elementary School leads the Pit Road division.

The Speeding to Read program began three years ago as an incentive to encourage elementary school students to read more frequently throughout the school year. This year's contest will have three divisions, each based off of enrollment size and student body demographics, to determine a champion for kindergarten through second grade and third through fifth grade.

NISD Hosts Community Night

Northwest ISD board members, staff, community members and local government officials gathered in the community room at the NISD Stadium to cheer on the Texan football team at the annual community night on October 4. Prior to the game on Community Night, secondary feeder school principals participated in a field goal contest. Wilson Middle School Principal Mike Blankenship won the contest along with \$100 for his campus.

PHOTO CAPTION [Mikepunt]: Wilson Middle School Principal Mike Blankenship is captured with his winning field goal kick at the Northwest High School Community Night football game. Blankenship won \$100 for his campus. Photo courtesy of Mike Fisher.

NISD Sets Early Release Times for October 11

Northwest ISD will dismiss early on Friday, October 11 at the following times:

Elementary Schools: 12:15 p.m.

Steele Accelerated High School: 1:05 p.m.

Northwest and Byron Nelson High Schools: 1:15 p.m.

Middle Schools: 2 p.m.

Monday, October 14 is a student holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday, October 15.

NISD School Board Meeting

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, October 14 at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

BNHS Student Council Hosts Walk to Raise Money for Cancer

The Byron Nelson High School student council is hosting the second annual Together We Walk event to raise money for the MD Anderson Cancer Center. With hopes to raise awareness of breast cancer, this event will be held on October 16 from 6-9 p.m. at the Byron Nelson High School track.

NEF Hosts Annual Golf Classic

The Northwest ISD Education Foundation (NEF) will host the 17th Annual Golf Classic on Thursday, October 17th at the Marriott Champions Circle. Proceeds from the Golf Classic will support the programs and scholarships provided to NISD teachers and students. For golf registration and event information, go to <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e7xatkqy5f3cdbf7>.

NISD School Board Meeting

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, October 28 at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

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