



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, October 22 – December 2

NISD Releases a Free Mobile App

Northwest ISD is pleased to announce, "We have an app for that!" In the first week approximately 2,600 people have downloaded the NISD mobile app. The mobile application is available for iPhone or Android devices. Phase One of the NISD mobile app, released October 16, includes 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/mobileapp.

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.

NHS Counselor Selected as Semi-Finalist for Counselor of the Year

Northwest High School lead counselor Jamie Farber has been named a semi-finalist in the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) School Counselor of the Year. Farber will be listed as a semi-finalist in the School Counselor of the Year Gala program and is invited to attend a Gala in January in Washington, D.C.

KLTY Honors Teacher of the Month at Hughes Elementary

J. Lyndal Hughes Elementary School teacher Jennifer Simms has been named the KLTY and CareNow Teacher of the Month. Simms was recognized at a school wide assembly on October 17. She was nominated by a fellow teacher in Fort Worth ISD. Simms has been teaching since 2002.

PHOTO CAPTION [Jennifer]: Jennifer Simms, teacher at J. Lyndal Hughes Elementary School, is the recipient of the KLTY and CareNow Teacher of the Month.

BNHS Student Named Outstanding Participant in National Merit Scholarship Program

Byron Nelson High School senior Rahaun Perkins has been named one of the 3,100 Outstanding Participants in the National Achievement Scholarship Program. Perkins scored in the top 3% of more than 160,000 African Americans who requested consideration in the 2014 National Achievement Program.

NHS Robotics Team Compete at Cowtown Best

The Northwest High School Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Academy robotics team competed at the Cowtown BEST (Boosting Engineering Science and Technology) robotics contest. The team received 14th place out of 20 teams in the rounds of competition. During the contest, the students constructed a robot, gave a marketing presentation, developed a team documentation notebook and created a spirit booth within a six-week period.

NHS Theatre Presents Fall Play

The Northwest High School Theatre department presents “The Trojan Woman” by Eurpides on October 24-26 at 7 p.m. and October 27 at 2 p.m. at the Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

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).

NISD PIE Seeks Volunteers for Texas Scholars Program

NISD Partners in Education invites community members to come speak to students about the importance of higher education and present information on the Texas Scholars program one day during the week of November 4-8 at one of the Northwest ISD middle schools. A PowerPoint will be provided for speakers. The Texas Scholars program is a course of study that encourages students to take more-demanding classes in high school. It provides an education that prepares students to enter a technical school, a community college, a university, or the work force. The Texas Scholars program focuses on education and career planning during middle school and high school and prepares students for the transition to life after high school regardless of the path they choose. Please email your availability and time preference to PIE Specialist Phil Beckman at PBeckman@nisdtx.org.

NISD to Host College and Career Fair

In an effort to prepare students for their futures, NISD will host a College and Career Fair on Monday, November 4 from 6-8 p.m. at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Students and their families can experience a night of breakout sessions ranging from topics such as financial aid, college admissions and applications, scholarship information and more. Be sure to join in the discussion on Twitter at #NISDFutureReady.

Northwest ISD to Host Official Dedication for Wayne A. Cox Elementary School

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees, school administrators and the Wayne A. Cox Elementary School staff invite the community to celebrate the official dedication of the district’s 17th elementary school on Thursday, November 7 at 7 p.m. (1100 Litsey Road, Roanoke 76262).

November School Board Meeting

The November Northwest ISD school board meeting is Monday, November 11. School board meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the NISD Administration Building Board Room (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

NISD Students to Perform Original Play About Wise County

Northwest ISD students and community members will perform *Far and Wide*, an original play produced by NISD, which tells the story of a young family who makes Wise County their home. Through research for their children’s school project, the family discovers many interesting and exciting facts about the new home. Performances will be held on November 15-16 at 7 p.m. at Chisholm Trail Middle School (583 FM 3433, Rhome, 76078). Salt Creek, a Southern bluegrass band, will perform prior to the play at 6:15 p.m. The performance is free, but tickets are required as seating is limited. For more information, call 817-215-0159.

Northwest ISD to Host Official Renaming Ceremony for Kelly W. Box Agricultural Science Center

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees, administrators and the NISD agricultural science department invite the community to celebrate the official renaming ceremony of the district’s agricultural science center on Sunday, November 17 at 2 p.m. (1960 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

NISD Closed for Thanksgiving

Northwest ISD offices and campuses will be closed the week of November 25-29 for Thanksgiving break. Classes will resume Monday, December 2.

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