



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, November 13 – January 7

NISD Announces First All-State Orchestra Member

Byron Nelson High School freshman Gini Choi has been selected to the Texas All-State Symphony Orchestra. Of the thousands of violinists that begin this process statewide, only 347 are chosen to make a CD to be judged at the state level. From the 347 students, there are only 116 violinists chosen for a spot in one of the three all-state orchestra ensembles. In the first round of the competition, Gini ranked first overall. After the second and third round, she ended up with seventh place overall. Gini is the first NISD student selected to the All-State Symphony Orchestra. The concert will take place in San Antonio in February.

NISD Reveals Sixth Career Academy – The Collegiate Academy

Northwest ISD is proud to announce the launch of The Collegiate Academy. The district's sixth academy will be housed at James M. Steele Accelerated High School and will provide students with opportunities to enhance and accelerate their education by establishing a partnership with North Central Texas College (NCTC) and other partner universities so students can graduate high school with up to an associate's degree.

On Monday, November 11, the district revealed its sixth academy during a signing ceremony with NCTC, Texas Tech University, Midwestern University, University of North Texas, Texas Woman's University and NISD administration. Students had an opportunity to visit with representatives from the six colleges after the ceremony. The academy will offer the first course for freshmen beginning in January 2014.

PHOTO CAPTION [signing.jpg]: President of North Central Texas College Eddie Hadlock, Ed.D. and NISD Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. sign the memorandum of understanding, making the partnership between NISD's Collegiate Academy and NCTC official. The academy will offer its first course for freshmen in January 2014.

NISD Celebrates 17th Elementary School with Official Building Dedication

NISD hosted the official dedication for Wayne A. Cox Elementary School on November 7 with student performances, a message from the family, a gift presentation and dedication of the school. Cox Elementary opened its doors this August in Roanoke in the Fairways Ranch housing development. In August, the school welcomed approximately 300 kindergarten through fifth grade students. Cox Elementary is projected to be one of the fastest growing schools in Northwest ISD over the next several years.

PHOTO CAPTION [painting.jpg]: The Cox family presented the school with a portrait of Wayne A. Cox to hang in the campus. From left to right: grandson Dwayne Hicks, Cox Elementary School Principal Deborah McCune, Ed.D., granddaughter Lynda Tidwell and grandson Price Knox.

Eight NISD Seniors to Participate in Signing Ceremony

The NISD athletic department will hold an NCAA signing day ceremony for eight NISD seniors at Northwest and Byron Nelson high schools. The ceremonies are as follows:

Northwest High School**Thursday, November 14, 8 a.m.**

Elijah Christenson – Baseball at Tarleton State University
Aaron Guanlao – Golf at University of Texas, Arlington
Brianna Barnhill – Softball at Abilene Christian University
Haley Rhine – Softball at LeTourneau University
Kayla Knaust – Volleyball at Cameron University

Byron Nelson High School**Thursday, November 14, 11:30 a.m.**

Ryan Johnson – Golf at McClennan Community College
Haley Gray – Softball at North Greenville University
Kayla Mahan – Softball at Bossier Parish Community College

CTMS Student Wins Scholarship

Chisholm Trail Middle School sixth-grader Ty Schneider is the recipient of the United States Achievement Academy scholarship award. Schneider was nominated by his teacher Linda Braddock for his academic potential, personal motivation and enthusiasm for education and leadership qualities. Schneider will receive a check for \$100.

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).

Lakeview Elementary School to Host Community Open House

Lakeview Elementary School will host a community open house on Tuesday, November 19 from 5-7 p.m. Lakeview Elementary received a building addition this past spring and opened its doors in August with a completely new look. During the open house, the choir will perform and community members can receive student-led tours of the new additions. Refreshments will be provided.

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.

Northwest ISD Angel Tree Program Underway

This year's Northwest ISD Partners in Education Virtual Angel Tree has more than 600 children who need assistance this holiday season. To adopt an angel, please contact Phil Beckman at PBeckman@nisdtx.org or 817-215-0172 or go to <http://angeltree.nisdtx.org/> to make an online selection. The Angel Tree items will need to be delivered to the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177) by Monday, December 6.

Board of Trustee Meeting

The December School Board meeting will be held Monday, December 9 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

NISD Closed for Winter Break

Northwest ISD offices and campuses will be closed December 20 – January 3 for Winter Break. Monday, January 6 is a student holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday, January 7.

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