



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, February 18 – March 16

BNHS VEI Business Team Advances to Nationals

The Byron Nelson High School Virtual Enterprises International (VEI) business team brought home six regional awards and will advance to nationals in New York City. The Byron Nelson High School students took first place in impact marketing, second place in commercial and website, third place in salesmanship and trade show advertising and fourth place in a business plan.

PHOTO CAPTION [VEI_team]: The Byron Nelson High School VEI business team will advance to nationals in New York City after winning six regional awards.

NISD Principal Selected to Participate in State Leadership Summit

Sendra Ranch Elementary School Principal Suzie McNeese, Ed.D. has been invited to participate in the 2015 Texas State Organization Leadership Seminar. The Texas State Organization promotes excellence in education through scholarship, fellowship and leadership. Dr. McNeese is one of 24 women from across Texas invited to this conference. The seminar will take place February 20-22 in Richardson.

PHOTO CAPTION [SuzieMcNeese]: Suzie McNeese, Ed.D., principal of NISD's Sendra Ranch Elementary School, has been selected to participate in the 2015 Texas State Organization Leadership Seminar.

NISD Teacher Receives Digital Rock Star Award from Region XI

Byron Nelson High School science teacher Michael Elder is the first recipient of the Region XI Digital Rock Star award presented by the Education Service Center Region XI. This award recognizes educators who demonstrate an open mindset that enables them to incorporate technology effectively into their daily or weekly classroom activities in a way that makes the technology a seamless vehicle for student engagement and cognitive achievement. Elder was presented his award on February 17.

PHOTO CAPTION [Rock Star]: Michael Elder, Byron Nelson High School science teacher, has been named a Region XI Digital Rock Star.

Steele Accelerated High School Reveals Flipped Classroom

On February 17, NISD's Steele Accelerated High School unveiled a new 'flipped classroom.' Representatives from BKM delivered and installed \$40,000 of classroom furniture that fits the model of 21st Century learning. The funds were provided from a grant from BKM Total Office of Texas received by Steele Accelerated High School teacher Rachelle Cooper and her students. Learn more about why the students wanted to flip their class here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XYr0BUU4BBg>. The video was produced by Ms. Cooper's yearbook students.

PHOTO CAPTION [Flipped Classroom]: Steele Accelerated High School reveals new flipped classroom thanks to a \$40,000 grant from BKM Total Office of Texas.

NISD Announces New Durham Bus Tracker App

Northwest ISD is excited to be the only school district in Texas to partner with Durham School Services to offer a new communication tool. In an effort to improve communication with families who use district-provided bus service, Durham School Services has developed a phone application that will securely allow parents and guardians to view the location of their child's bus in relation to their assigned bus stop. This application will also enable parents and guardians to view multiple stops on an assigned route, including a scheduled arrival time for each stop.

The NEW Durham Bus Tracker:

- is a free download
- is user-friendly
- can view all routes, bus locations, and scheduled stops
- is available for all NISD bus routes
- provides safe and secure access with password protection
- is available beginning March 2, 2015

Stay tuned for more information on how to download the mobile app.

NISD's Sendera Ranch Elementary School Wins Battle of the Books Competition

On February 10, Northwest ISD hosted the Battle of the Books competition at Northwest High School. The Sendera Ranch Elementary School team took first place out of all the elementary schools in the district. This is the campus' third year to be named the Battle of the Books Champions. Battle of the Books is a reading competition designed to improve reading and comprehension while building enthusiasm for reading. Students (in third through fifth grades) will compete individually and in teams to show their knowledge of ten preselected books.

PHOTO CAPTION [Battle of the Books]: Pictured is Emma Benson, Hailey Waller, Julia Stair, Ellen Matt, Emily Lewis and Aly Stanosheck.

NISD School Board Meeting

An NISD School Board meeting will be held Monday, February 23 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262).

NISD Students Showcase Technology Trends at Expo

Northwest ISD parents and community members are invited to attend the fourth annual NISD Techno Expo at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247) on Thursday, February 26 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Selected students will present and demonstrate their use of technology in the classroom during a series of breakout sessions.

NISD Presents Keeping Your Kids Safe Online

Northwest ISD will host a parent meeting to discuss keeping kids safe online on Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m. The presentation will feature Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas Aisha Saleem and will be held at the Northwest ISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

NISD to Host Annual Connection Luncheon

Northwest ISD is encouraging real estate and business professionals to join NISD on March 5 for the annual Connection Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Information on current demographic projections, plans for new schools and the award-winning programs in NISD will be shared. Plus, join NISD in discussing – will school accountability affect the housing market? Space is limited. Call 817-215-0175 to reserve a seat.

NISD Closed for Spring Break

All Northwest ISD campuses and offices will be closed for spring break March 9-13. Classes will resume on Monday, March 16.

NISD School Board Meeting

An NISD School Board meeting will be held March 16 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76247).

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