



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, April 1 – August 15

#### **NISD Receives Top Digital District Award**

Northwest ISD ranks fifth in the Center for Digital Education's and National School Board Association's 2014-2015 Digital School Districts Survey. The district is recognized for its use of innovative technologies such as 1:1 laptop initiatives, STEM curriculum and flipped classroom instruction. The survey recognizes exemplary school boards' and districts' use of technology to govern their district, communicate with students, parents and community and improve the learning environment and district operations. This is the third consecutive year Northwest ISD has placed in the top ten for this ranking.

#### **NISD Ranks in 'Top 100' Best Food School Districts in America**

Northwest ISD ranks in the top 100 school districts in America for offering a variety of healthy, quality food options, accommodating various dietary preferences and overall favorability of food. Best Food ranks 3,868 school districts based on district spending statistics, and more than 580,000 opinions on food from 215,000 students and parents. Northwest ISD ranks 96 in the nation and eighth in the state of Texas. For more information, go to <https://k12.niche.com/rankings/public-school-districts/best-food/>.

#### **NHS Named UIL Academic Champions**

Last weekend, Northwest High School hosted the 5-6A UIL Academics Spring Meet. Northwest High School brought home 23 awards and emerged as the Overall Meet Champion. This is the first time Northwest High School has won UIL Academics 5-6A. The regional competition will be held in Arlington on April 24-25.

PHOTO CAPTION [UILAcademics]: Northwest High School was named the 5-6A UIL Academics Overall Meet Champion.

#### **NHS Senior Receives Character Counts Scholarship**

Northwest High School senior Domingo Ponce has been selected as the winner of the Stephens, Bastian, and Cartwright Insurance Character Counts Scholarship. This scholarship was created to recognize students who have exhibited outstanding character traits throughout their high school years. One student is selected to win this scholarship from each high school in the county. Ponce will be recognized at an awards dinner on April 23 at the Weatherford College Wise County Campus and will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

PHOTO CAPTION [Domingo Ponce]: Domingo Ponce, senior at Northwest High School, is the recipient of the Stephens, Bastian, and Cartwright Insurance Character Counts Scholarship.

#### **NISD Hosts 120+ at Annual Connection Luncheon**

On March 31, Northwest ISD hosted approximately 120 attendees representing realtor agencies, builders, developers and businesses at the annual Connection Luncheon sponsored by the Northwest ISD Education Foundation. The luncheon is held to provide realtors and businesses with information about Northwest ISD and growth projections. For more information, go to [www.nisdtx.org/realtors](http://www.nisdtx.org/realtors).

PHOTO CAPTION [ConnectionLuncheon2015]: V.R. Eaton High School Principal Carri Eddy, Ed.D. addresses a group of 120+ realtors and businesses at the annual Northwest ISD Connection Luncheon on March 31.

#### **District Announces Summer School Opportunities**

NISD offers a variety of programs for pre-kindergarten through high school students to enhance their educational experience in the summer. Registration is now available for summer opportunities for students. To view a listing of courses and for information on how to register, go to <http://www.nisdtx.org/Page/1262>.

**District Announces Bad Weather Make-Up Day**

Due to cancelling school for inclement weather, Northwest ISD students will make up one of the days of missed instruction on Friday, April 3. The district will be seeking a waiver from the Texas Education Agency. More information regarding the remaining two make-up days will be available soon. Please continue to check the district's website and calendar at [www.nisdtx.org/calendars](http://www.nisdtx.org/calendars).

**NISD School Board Meeting**

An NISD School Board meeting will be held Monday, April 13 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76247).

**NHS to Host Big Event**

Northwest High School will host the fourth annual Big Event on Saturday, April 18. Each year, Northwest High School students participate in one of the largest community service projects in the area. More than 900 students will assist six surrounding communities with projects for residents and community organizations. More information is available at <http://bigevent.nisdtx.org>.

**Enrollment Online Begins April 20 for 2015-2016 New Students**

Beginning April 20, Enrollment Online will be available for students new to Northwest ISD. This includes incoming kindergarten students. Kindergarten Round-Up is May 4-8. In order to access the online registration feature, parents of students currently enrolled in the district must have a Home Access Center (HAC) account. Access to the HAC requires an internet connection and a confidential username and password issued to the parent by the school. If you are unsure of your HAC login, you may contact your child's campus. Parents of returning students can begin the registration process on July 13.

Enrollment Online is available for use on a laptop or desktop computer using Internet Explorer. It will work on all browsers. Compatibility mode is not required. Pop-up blockers must be disabled. The device works best on a desktop or laptop computer. Campuses will have computers available for use for households without Internet, or parents/guardians may use their local library. Beginning April 20, an Enrollment Online help desk (817-698-1099) will be set up at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247) from the hours of 8-5. Please feel free to call your campus as well if you need assistance.

Please note, a child should be enrolled by a parent, guardian or a person with control under a court order. If someone other than a parent, guardian or person with control under a court order is listed on enrollment forms, a Power of Attorney form must be notarized, signed and returned. A Power of Attorney is a written document in which the student's parent/guardian authorizes a third party to make decisions for the student on behalf of the parent/guardian.

**NISD School Board Meeting**

An NISD School Board meeting will be held Monday, April 27 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76247).

**District Sets Dates for Kindergarten Round-Up**

Children who will attend kindergarten this August are asked to register online beginning April 20. To register, kindergarten students must be five by September 1, 2015. Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for May 4-8. Parents and students are encouraged to attend this event to meet staff, tour the facility and provide the necessary documents needed to complete the registration process. Please bring the following items in order to complete your child's enrollment:

- Birth certificate
- Immunization records (immunizations must be up-to-date to attend school)
- Proof of residency (housing contract, rental agreement, utility bill etc. – not a telephone bill)
- Student's social security card
- License or other suitable photo ID of the parent/guardian.

If parents do not have access to a computer at home, computers will be available at the campus during this time.

**Keeping Your Kids Safe Online**

Due to the inclement weather in March, Northwest ISD has rescheduled the Keeping Your Kids Safe Online meeting to Wednesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). The meeting will feature guest speaker and Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas Aisha Saleem.

**NISD Presents the Night of No Limits**

NISD proudly presents the third annual Night of No Limits on May 28 from 6-8 p.m. at Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262). Kindergarten through high school students will present their best inquiry projects and problem-based learning experiences. Families can experience the Perot Museum's Portable Universe and Meteorologist Jeff Jamison will also showcase the Mobile 11 Storm Chasing vehicle once again. All of NISD's Academies will be present to highlight their programs as well. Please join us for a night showcasing the extraordinary learning that happens throughout NISD.

**NISD to Host Third Annual Back to School Fair**

Northwest ISD is partnering with United Way of Denton County to host the third annual Northwest Back to School Fair on Saturday, August 15 from 9 a.m. to noon, at Pike Middle School (2200 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). School supplies will be distributed to families who need extra assistance, based on their financial need (verified by their registration for free or reduced lunch), at the Northwest Back to School Fair where they can also receive free services, community health information and get to know local service providers. By partnering with individuals, businesses, and community organizations, we hope to provide these students in Northwest ISD with a set of age appropriate school supplies and a new backpack.

We Need Your Help! Please consider partnering with us and conducting a school supply drive for loose supplies or participate in our Stuff the Bag Campaign and help us 'stuff the bus' on August 6.

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