



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, April 8 – August 15

#### **Culinary Arts Students Cook Up a State Win**

The Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality took first place in the Texas ProStart Invitational State Championship culinary competition. The NISD team will represent Texas in the National ProStart Invitational at Disneyland in April. The team was required to demonstrate their creative abilities by preparing a three-course meal in 60-minutes. This is the team's third consecutive year to win first place in the state championship. The Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality is located at Northwest ISD's Byron Nelson High School.

PHOTO CAPTION [Culinary]: The NISD Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality's culinary team will travel to Disneyland to compete in the National ProStart Invitational in April after winning the title of state champions.

#### **Steele Accelerated High School Student Named Skills USA State Champion**

Steele Accelerated High School senior Keaton Jones has been named the state champion in the Skills USA contest. Jones participated in the employment and application process and will advance to the Skills USA National Competition in Kentucky this June. Jones is a member of the Cosmetology Academy, has her cosmetology license and is currently working at Hidden Door Medspa. Jessica Wyles, senior at Steele Accelerated High School, placed third in the job interview category.

PHOTO CAPTION [Keaton]: Keaton Jones, senior at Steele Accelerated High School, will advance to the Skills USA National Competition in Kentucky this June after being named the state champion.

#### **NISD Sets Second Bad Weather Make-Up Day**

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is requiring school districts that used days for inclement weather to make up two days in order to apply for a waiver for the third missed day. Northwest ISD used Friday, April 3 as the first make-up day. The second make-up day will be Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. The district will apply for a waiver for the third day. For more information about the district calendar, go to [www.nisdtx.org/calendars](http://www.nisdtx.org/calendars).

#### **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>.

#### **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). There will be a budget workshop prior to the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

#### **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. To register or to make a tax-deductible donation / in-kind contribution go to <http://www.unitedwaydenton.org/nisdbacktoschool>.

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