



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, April 15 – August 15

Lakeview Elementary Wins Volunteer Campus of the Year Award

For the second consecutive year, Lakeview Elementary School has been named the Partners in Education Campus of the Year. This year, the campus logged approximately 8,890 volunteer hours from July 1, 2014 to April 3, 2015. Volunteers were presented the Circle of Teamwork trophy for their hard work and dedication on April 14 during an assembly. Currently, NISD has more than 6,900 approved volunteers. If you would like to volunteer in NISD, please visit www.nisdtx.org/vips.

PHOTO CAPTION [Award]: Lakeview Elementary volunteers were presented with the Circle of Teamwork trophy for logging the most volunteer hours and being named the PIE Campus of the Year. Pictured left to right: Partners in Education Specialist Phil Beckman, Lakeview Elementary School Principal Mary Seltzer, Lakeview Elementary School PTA President Stacy Bourne and Lakeview Elementary School Volunteer Coordinator Golda Hoffman.

NISD Names New Executive Director of Secondary Education

At the April 13 school board meeting, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the hiring of Logan Faris, Ed.D. as the district's new Executive Director of Secondary Education. Currently, Dr. Faris is the principal at McKinney High School in McKinney ISD where he has led the campus since 2012. He brings more than 20 years of experience in education, including five years in the classroom and 17 in administration. Faris will immediately begin his transition to NISD, while fulfilling obligations and graduation commitments to McKinney High School students until the end of the school year.

PHOTO CAPTION [Logan Faris_edited]: Logan Faris, Ed.D. has been named Northwest ISD's new Executive Director of Secondary Education.

Three NISD Teams Advance to Global Destination Imagination Finals

The Blastoff Besties from Beck Elementary, the Spectacular 7 from Lakeview Elementary and the Nerdy Birdies from Roanoke Elementary will advance to the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Knoxville. The Beck team received third place in the scientific challenge, the Lakeview team received fourth place in the fine arts challenge and the Roanoke team received second place in the fine arts challenge and first place in the instant challenge.

Additionally, Fear the Awesome Jefferies from Seven Hills Elementary received tenth place in the technical challenge. Pun Intended from Northwest High School received 15th place in the scientific challenge and 'Merica from Northwest High School received 11th place in the improve challenge. Senior Abigail Rosenthal won the \$1,000 scholarship.

Destination Imagination is dedicated to enriching the global community by providing opportunities for learners of all ages to explore and discover unlimited creative potential through teamwork, cooperation and mutual respect. The teams from Beck, Lakeview and Roanoke elementary schools will advance to the Global Finals this May.

PHOTOS INCLUDED

Nance Elementary Student Wins NASCAR Die-Cast Design

Nance Elementary student, Tristan Beal, will see his paint scheme design for a NASCAR Sprint Cup race car come to life thanks to Texas Motor Speedway and Lionel Racing. Over 3,500 students from kindergarten to fifth grade participated in the 'Design a Die-Cast' contest in which students designed original paint schemes they would like to see on full size race cars. Tristan's design was selected as the top winner in the K-2nd Division, and he will be presented an actual 1:24 scale die-cast model sporting his winning paint scheme. Winners also received tickets to the Duck Commander 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race on April 11 at the Texas Motor Speedway. Tristan's classmates will also benefit from his winning submission. Each will receive a 1:64 scale model of a Lionel Racing die-cast race car.

PHOTO CAPTION [Diecast]: Texas Motor Speedway selected Tristan Beal's, Nance Elementary School first grader, design to be featured on a NASCAR Sprint Cup race car. Beal is pictured with Lionel Racing Representatives Michelle Fannin and Thomas Deboyce, as well as Nance Elementary School Principal Anita Chaney.

BNHS Students Advance to National Leadership Conference

Byron Nelson High School will advance three students to the National Future Business Leaders of America Conference in Chicago this summer. Senior Collin Williams and junior Scott Hoppes competed in Management Decision Making and won first place at the state level. Senior Conor Duffy placed third in the Economics category at the state competition.

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 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.

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 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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