



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, April 22 – August 15

BNHS Business Academy Students Named National Champions as First Year Team

In its first year as a firm, the Byron Nelson High School Virtual Enterprise International (VEI) Business Program has been named national champions at the Global Business Challenge and International Trade Show. The BNHS team, along with the top 23 teams in the nation out of more than 500 firms, competed and pitched their companies at the Microsoft Headquarters to 19 judges. Additionally, the team received a first place in the International Website Competition and a second place in the International Catalog Competition. Senior Ashlyn Murphy won third place in the Global Business Challenge. Several students in the business program have also been offered full-ride scholarships to schools across the nation.

The nationally recognized presentation team includes (all seniors): Scott Travis, Ashlyn Murphy, Samantha Mullins, Vianca Santana, Izabella Carvalho, Hannah Ricketts, Jett Monroe and Sed Hossain. This is the first year the firm has worked together and the first year for the Virtual Enterprise International (VEI) program at Byron Nelson High School.

The Northwest High School VEI business team won a gold in the sales pitch competition, and senior Damon Lanum and his International Team placed in the Top Six in the Global Business Challenge. Team members included (all seniors): Paighton Kelly, Damon Lanum, Alexander Lopez, Zackri McCain and Rachel Stephens.

PHOTO CAPTION [VEI_BNHS]: As a first year program, the Byron Nelson High School VEI business program has been named National Champions at the Global Business Challenge and International Trade Show.

BNHS French Student Named National Champion

The Byron Nelson High School French team participated in the National French Contest with more than 90,900 students across the country. BNHS student Corie Lecane received the platinum medal, North Texas Rank 1, National Rank 1 and was named a national champion. Lecane did not miss any questions. The following 12 students received the following awards:

HONORABLE MENTION CERTIFICATE:

Julia Jeffrey – Level 1
Nghie Le – Level 1
Hafsah Diakhate – Level 2
Emily Hardin - Level 2
Patrick “Oliver” Brown – Level 3
Matthew Bukasa – Level 3
José Camacho – Level 3
Merryl Kibibi – Level 4
Shamika Kurian – Level 4

Bronze Medalists:

Frida Mora de Luna - Level 4

Silver Medalists :

Haniyah Burney - Level 1
Merveille Tshisekedi – Level 2

Additionally, BNHS French teacher Kyle Blonde will be recognized as a National Laureate Teacher.

PHOTO CAPTION [Corie Lecane]: Byron Nelson High School sophomore Corie Lecane has been named the national champion in the National French Contest. Lecane competed with more than 90,900 students across the country.

Enrollment Online Available Now for 2015-2016 New Students

Enrollment Online is now 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. 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. An Enrollment Online help desk (817-698-1099) is available 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).

Pre-kindergarten Registration Available Online

Northwest ISD proudly offers a pre-kindergarten program at eight of the district's elementary schools. There are two parts to pre-kindergarten registration: qualification and registration. Both parts must be completed in order to fully enroll your child in school. Families can begin making registration appointments by going to www.nisdtx.org/prek. The website provides more information about the program, how to qualify, where pre-k is located and how to connect with the school to make an appointment.

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. 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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