



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, May 12 – August 15

Beck Elementary Second Grader Receives Scholastic Grand Prize

Beck Elementary second grader Jordan Evans has been awarded the Scholastic writing contest grand prize for her fictional story *TurfMutt and the Outdoor Powers*. As part of Scholastic's writing contest, students were required to write a story to teach the reader about making their backyard green space healthy and safe for plants and animals, as well as use the character pictures provided by Scholastic. Evans was judged on creativity and originality, clarity of the story, character importance and spelling and grammar. Thanks to Evans' award-winning book, Beck Elementary will receive \$5,000 to use toward providing a green space for their school. Prior to the end of the school year, Scholastic will Skype with Beck Elementary to present a virtual check to the school and celebrate Jordan. Her story is featured at www.scholastic.com/turfmutt.

BNHS Librarian Awarded National Prize

Byron Nelson High School librarian Maggie Norris is the recipient of the Freshman Fifteens and Young Adult authors Adopt-a-Library Program \$1,000 grand prize from the School Library Journal. Funds will be used to purchase books for students enrolled at Denton Creek. Norris completed an application providing information about the library, teen program and special circumstances authors should know when making their decision. The program grants two libraries working with teens a full Freshman Fifteens library, one copy of each debut, along with Freshman Fifteens memorabilia. The Freshman Fifteens was initiated by coordinator Jenny Martin who is also the librarian at Northwest ISD's Beck Elementary School.

Board of Trustees Recognize Innovative Technology Leaders

The NISD School Board recognized 17 NISD educators as part of the i3 Leadership Academy. The team met once a month during the school year to discuss relationship building, the leadership mindset, technology integration and professional development. Each month the group was charged with sharing the information with their other teachers at their campus.

PHOTO CAPTION [I3Leadership.jpg]: At the May 11 NISD school board meeting, the Board of Trustees recognized 17 teacher leaders as part of the i3 Leadership Academy.

I Love NISD

Share with Northwest ISD your child's achievement, why you selected Northwest ISD, some of your favorite initiatives and programs in the school district and more. We want to hear from you! Go to www.nisdtx.org/whyilovenisd.

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.

STEM Presents Annual Showcase

The Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) proudly presents the annual STEM Showcase on Thursday, May 14 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Northwest High School Main Street East Entrance (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Watch as students celebrate their best work from the 2014-2015 school year.

Board of Trustees Host Award Ceremony at BNHS

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will recognize top students in the Byron Nelson High School feeder pattern for their achievements in regional, state, national and international competitions on Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center at Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262).

Board of Trustees Host Award Ceremony at NHS

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will recognize top students in the Northwest High School feeder pattern for their achievements in regional, state, national and international competitions on Thursday, May 21 at 7 p.m. at the Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center at Northwest High School (2201 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

May School Board Meetings

A Northwest ISD school board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26 at 7 p.m. All board meetings are held at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

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.

Council of PTAs to Host Vendor Fair

The Northwest ISD Council of PTA is hosting a Vendor Fair on Saturday, May 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at James M. Steele Accelerated High School (606 N. Walnut Street, Roanoke, 76262). There will be free door prizes announced every half hour and free tote bags for the first 200 attendees. If you are interested in operating a booth, please contact Michelle Smith at bamochev@verizon.net. All vendor fees benefit the four high schools in NISD to provide a Council of PTA scholarship each spring.

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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