



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, July 9 – August 9

#### ***Media Note: NISD Communications Department/Administration Building Summer Hours***

*The Northwest ISD Administration Building is operating under summer hours. The building will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The regular five-day work schedule will resume on Monday, August 11.*

#### **NISD Superintendent Named Region 11 Superintendent of the Year**

NISD is pleased to announce Superintendent of Schools Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. has been named the Region 11 Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Rue was nominated by the NISD School Board Members for her strong leadership skills, dedication to improving educational quality, ability to build effective employee relations, student performance and commitment to public involvement in education. The state committee will interview regional winners in Austin on August 22-23 and select five finalists. Superintendent of the Year will be announced in September at the TASA/TASB Convention in Dallas.

PHOTO CAPTION [Dr Rue]: Karen G. Rue, Ed.D., NISD Superintendent of Schools, has been named the Region 11 Superintendent of the Year.

#### **NISD Communications Department Wins Six National Awards**

The Northwest ISD communications department has won six national awards in the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) annual publications and electronic media competition. The following awards were received:

- Award of Merit – The Source Staff Newsletter
- Award of Merit – Northwest News enewsletter
- Award of Merit – Mobile App video
- Award of Honorable Mention – 2014 Annual Report
- Award of Honorable Mention – 2014 Partners in Education Annual Report
- Award of Honorable Mention – NET Beats

There were approximately 725 publications and electronic media entries submitted this year.

#### **Returning Student Registration Begins July 14**

Returning student registration is available for current NISD students beginning Monday, July 14. 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.

An Enrollment Online help desk is available at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 817- 698-1099. Enrollment Online is available for use on a laptop or desktop computer using Internet Explorer. Please make sure compatibility mode is enabled. Campuses will have computers available for use for households without Internet. Please note, campuses will be closed beginning the week of June 23 and will open on Monday, July 21.

#### **New Volunteer System Coming July 14**

Parents and other volunteers who plan to work with children in NISD schools must have passed a criminal background check prior to volunteering. Beginning July 14, the Northwest Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) system will be a one-stop-shop for district stakeholders by including background checks and capturing complete volunteer interest profiles up front. Volunteers will also be able to begin submitting their volunteer background check forms for the 2014-2015 school

year. This web-based, interactive contact center will enable volunteers to update contact details, preferences and match volunteer opportunities to parents and the community.

Beginning July 14, the new VIPS system can be accessed by going to [www.nisdtx.org](http://www.nisdtx.org) and clicking the VIPS link under Quick Links. For more information, contact NISD Partners in Education Specialist Phil Beckman at 817-215-0172.

### **Steele Accelerated High School Opens Enrollment to Students Across the Metroplex**

Northwest ISD is opening the enrollment for James M. Steele Accelerated High School to students across the metroplex. Steele Accelerated High School provides an avenue for students to accelerate their studies. Steele Accelerated High School opened its doors in 2010, appealing to 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who have a desire to accelerate their studies and path to a higher education. Thanks to a partnership with North Texas Community College, students can take expanded dual credit classes receiving college credit while taking their high school courses.

Steele is home to two NISD career academies: The Cosmetology Academy and The Collegiate Academy. The NISD Collegiate Academy opened in January to provide students with opportunities to enhance and accelerate their education and graduate high school with an associate's degree. Students are screened and recommended by middle and high school counselors with final approval being given by the North Central Texas College Vice President of Instruction.

To submit an application, go to [www.nisdtx.org/sahs](http://www.nisdtx.org/sahs). Applications are due by July 24. For more information, contact 817-698-5800.

### **NISD Summer Camps Underway**

Northwest ISD offers a wide variety of summer school and sports camps and enrichment classes during the summer.

The following photo opportunities are available for the week of July 14 – 18:

- ***TechnoCamp***  
TechnoCamp offers students the opportunity to challenge their creativity using the Lego Education robotics program. Students will learn to design, program and control fully-functional Lego models and use software to test and modify sequences of instruction for robotic behaviors.  
July 14-17, 1-5 p.m.  
Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262)
- ***Northwest High School Girls' Wrestling Camp***  
July 14-17, 9 a.m. – noon (grades 3-9)  
Texan Gym

### **NISD to Host Second Annual Back to School Fair**

Northwest ISD is partnering with Communities in Schools of North Texas to host the second annual Back to School Fair on Saturday, August 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). This year's fair will provide school supplies and assistance to families who need extra support based on their financial need (verified by their registration for free or reduced lunch). To make a tax-deductible donation, an in-kind contribution or to sponsor a family, go to [www.cisnt.org](http://www.cisnt.org).

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