



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, August 6 – August 26

#### ***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.*

#### **Fresh Vegetables and Fruit Coming to NISD Elementary Schools**

This year, all Northwest ISD elementary schools will offer a fruit and vegetable bar during the school year. Each day, the Fruit and Veggie Bar will offer one fresh fruit and one fresh vegetable. Students may take one free serving of each featured item. The food service web page will post monthly Fruit and Veggie Bar menu items.

#### **NISD Partners with Community to Stuff the Bus**

On August 4, NISD Partners in Education and volunteers boarded the big yellow school bus and stopped by 24 business locations across the school district to pick up school supply donations. These donations will be distributed to NISD students in need of extra assistance to make the start of the new school year successful. This year's Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive is expected to provide supplies to more than 900 students.

PHOTO CAPTION [stuff the bus]: Employees from Benchmark Hospitality International at Deloitte University donated more than 130 backpacks to the NISD Partners in Education Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive.

#### **NISD Hosts Technology Education Leadership Conference**

More than 750 educators registered to attend Northwest ISD's third annual TechnoPalooza on July 30-31 at Byron Nelson High School. This Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) conference offered sessions for administrators and teachers on mobile applications, digital student discussions, QR codes and more.

PHOTO CAPTION [palooza]: Educators collaborate at NISD's third annual TechnoPalooza in July.

#### **Returning Student Registration Available on District's Website**

Returning student registration is now available for current NISD students. 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 version nine or higher, Google Chrome or Safari. Please make sure compatibility mode is enabled. Campuses will have computers available for use for households without Internet.

#### **NISD Volunteer System Receives Enhancements**

Parents and other volunteers who plan to work with children in NISD schools must pass a criminal background check prior to volunteering. The Northwest Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) system is a one-stop-shop for district stakeholders. The newly improved system includes background checks and captures complete volunteer interest profiles. Volunteers can now submit their volunteer background check forms for the 2014-2015 school year. This web-based, interactive contact center enables volunteers to update contact details, preferences and match volunteer opportunities to parents and the community.

Access the new VIPS system at [www.nisdtx.org](http://www.nisdtx.org) and click the VIPS link under Quick Links. For more information, contact NISD Partners in Education Specialist Phil Beckman at 817-215-0172.

**Plan Ahead for the 2014-2015 School Year**

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 26. Get information about campus meet the teacher nights, school supplies and more at [www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool](http://www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool).

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