



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, September 3 – October 14

Justin Elementary Teacher Named GT Teacher of the Gifted

Justin Elementary School Kelly Barrett has been named the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented regional and state Teacher of the Gifted Award for her outstanding service, commitment and contribution to gifted education. She will be honored at the annual conference among her peers in December.

PHOTO CAPTION: NISD's Kelly Barrett has received the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented regional and state Teacher of the Gifted Award. Barrett is a teacher at Justin Elementary School.

NISD Website Now Mobile Responsive

This week, Northwest ISD has revealed a mobile responsive website. The updated website can now be viewed on a tablet, desktop computer or mobile device. As a mobile-friendly site, the NISD website now automatically adjusts to the size and shape of the screen on which it is being viewed. Check out the new mobile responsive site using your mobile device at www.nisdtx.org.

Last year, the district launched a mobile app providing access to news, social media sites, push notifications, lunch account balances, grades, attendance and more. The NISD mobile app can be downloaded on the iTunes store or Google Play.

Six NISD Students Participate in Leadership Academy

Six Northwest ISD students were selected among the 941 fourth through eighth graders to participate in Education in Action's 2014 Lone Star Leadership Academy camp. The following Northwest ISD students were selected based on demonstrated academic success and leadership ability, an educator recommendation and involvement in school/community activities:

Chisholm Trail Middle School, Jaci Connolly
Medlin Middle School, Clara Luft
Roanoke Elementary, Michael Gehrig
Roanoke Elementary, Winter Wright
Roanoke Elementary, Collin Zorn
Sendera Ranch Elementary, Zoie Harris

The Lone Star Leadership Academy experience provides a unique opportunity for outstanding students to learn about Texas leaders and what it means to be from the Lone Star State. Participants discuss what they learn, complete problem solving and decision-making simulations, exercise creativity, and practice presentation skills in Leadership Groups. In addition, participants have fun meeting other outstanding students and making new friends while adding to their resume of academic achievements, developing leadership skills, and bringing home a wealth of information to supplement what they are learning in school.

Register to be a Volunteer in NISD Schools

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 and click the VIPS link under Quick Links. For more information, contact NISD Partners in Education Specialist Phil Beckman at 817-215-0172.

NISD School Board Meetings

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, September 8 and Monday, September 23 at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

NISD Offers Gold Card Program

To show appreciation for years of support, Northwest ISD provides senior citizens living in the district the opportunity to be part of the district's Gold Card program. In addition to a free annual luncheon, Gold Card members receive free entry into district-sponsored events, performances, and athletic competitions. If you are 65 years of age or older, become a member of the NISD Gold Card program today. To join and reserve your seat at the luncheon on October 14, please call 817-215-0175.

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