



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, October 8 – October 27

NISD Students Receive Recognition Through National Merit Scholarship Program

Northwest ISD is proud to recognize seven students as Commended Scholars in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program and two Outstanding Participants in the 2015 National Achievement Scholarship Program:

Commended Scholars – National Merit Scholarship Program

Caulin Bradshaw, Byron Nelson High School
Elizabeth Gardner, Northwest High School
John Giuffrida, Byron Nelson High School
Jonathan Kilgore, Northwest High School
Kaitlyn Potter, Northwest High School
Andrew Schindler, Northwest High School
Kristin Stone, Byron Nelson High School

Outstanding Participant – National Achievement Scholarship Program

Shullamite Ababioh, Northwest High School
Jared Cormier, Byron Nelson High School

Students enter this program by taking the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

PHOTO CAPTION [NHS]: Northwest High School recognizes four commended scholars and one outstanding participant through the National Merit Scholarship Program. (left to right: Commended Scholars Elizabeth Gardner, Kaitlyn Potter, Andrew Schindler, Jonathan Kilgore and Outstanding Participant Shullamite Ababioh.

PHOTO CAPTION [BNHS]: Byron Nelson High School celebrates three commended scholars and one outstanding participant through the National Merit Scholarship Program. (left to right: Commended Scholars Jon Giuffrida, Kristin Stone, Caulin Bradshaw and Outstanding Participant Jared Cormier.

Gene Pike Middle School Recognized by National PTA

National PTA has recognized Gene Pike Middle School and the Gene Pike Middle School PTA as a National PTA School of Excellence for their achievement in building effective family-school partnerships. Research shows that when families and schools work together, student achievement increases, schools improve and communities grow stronger. Pike Middle School will host a celebration pep rally on Thursday, October 30 at 3:45 p.m. when the campus will be presented with the School of Excellence banner.

Following the rally, the community will join together for the first Pike Family Fest from 5:30-8 p.m. Student groups will host fall festival booths, Texas PTA guest speaker Sharon Goldblatt will present a free parent engagement seminar from 6-7 p.m. discussing the proven ways to help with student lifetime success through developmental assets (CPE Credits available), along with food, games and free hot dogs. Free tickets for the meal and program can be reserved at: www.eventbrite.com/e/pike-family-fest-tickets-13243992137.

NISD Sets Early Release Times for October 10

Northwest ISD will dismiss early on Friday, October 10 at the following times:

Elementary Schools: 12:15 p.m.
Steele Accelerated High School: 1:05 p.m.
Northwest and Byron Nelson High Schools: 1:15 p.m.
Middle Schools: 2 p.m.

Monday, October 13 is a student holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday, October 14.

NISD School Board Meetings

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will meet on October 13 and October 27 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. Gold Card members receive free entry into district-sponsored events, performances, and athletic competitions and an invitation to a free annual luncheon in the fall. If you are 65 years of age or older, become a member of the NISD Gold Card program today by calling 817-215-0715.

NISD to Host College and Career Fair

In an effort to prepare students for their futures, NISD will host a College and Career Fair on Wednesday, October 22 from 6-8 p.m. at Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262). Students and their families can experience a night of breakout sessions including the following topics: financial aid, college admissions and applications, scholarship information and more. Be sure to join in the discussion on Twitter at #NISDFutureReady.

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.

Mentors Matter

Did you know you can make a difference in a child's life in just 30 minutes a week? The NISD mentoring program brings together individual students with caring adults who have made a commitment to meet on the school campus to listen and offer encouragement to students. If you are interested in becoming an NISD mentor, please call 817-215-0172. Mentors are required to complete a background check, a mentor application and attend an orientation. Please go to www.nisdtx.org/pie for more information. The next orientation is Tuesday, October 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

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