



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, October 8 – October 27

#### **Roanoke Elementary School Named Green Ribbon School**

Northwest ISD's Roanoke Elementary has been named an official Green Ribbon School for their environmentally-friendly efforts during the 2013-2014 school year. The campus has been recognized for their abilities to conserve natural resources, create green spaces for a healthy and energy-wise school, encourage outdoor recreation, provide wholesome nutrition and fitness opportunities.

PHOTO CAPTION [green ribbon banner]: Roanoke Elementary staff and PTA representatives pose with the Green Ribbon Schools banner during an assembly on October 10.

#### **BNHS Soccer Coach Nominated for NFHS Coach of the Year**

Byron Nelson High School girls' soccer coach Philip Salyer has been nominated by UIL as the National Federation of High School Coaches Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year. Coach Salyer's leadership has brought many state recognitions to the district including girls' soccer state finalists in 2012 and girls' soccer state semifinalists in 2014.

PHOTO CAPTION [Salyer]: Philip Salyer, Byron Nelson High School girls' soccer coach, has been nominated by UIL as the National Federation of High School Coaches Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year.

#### **NISD Welcomes Senior Citizens at Annual Gold Card Luncheon**

Northwest ISD hosted more than 180 senior citizens at the annual Gold Card Luncheon on October 14. The NISD Gold Card program allows individuals 65 years of age or older living in the district to receive free entry into district-sponsored events, performances and athletic competitions. For more information about the Gold Card membership in Northwest ISD, call 817-215-0175 or go to [www.nisdtx.org/goldcard](http://www.nisdtx.org/goldcard).

PHOTO CAPTION [seniors.jpg]: NISD gold card members pose for a picture at the annual luncheon on October 14. To learn more about the NISD gold card program, go to [www.nisdtx.org/goldcard](http://www.nisdtx.org/goldcard).

#### **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 ranging from topics such as financial aid, college admissions and applications, scholarship information and more. Be sure to join in the discussion on Twitter at #NISDFutureReady.

#### **Gene Pike Middle School Partners with PTA for Family Fest**

Pike Middle School will host a celebration pep rally on Thursday, October 30 at 3:45 p.m. where 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](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/pike-family-fest-tickets-13243992137).

#### **NISD School Board Meeting**

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will meet on October 27 at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

**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](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.

**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](http://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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