



School Notes

For Immediate Release
October 29, 2014

NISD School Notes, October 29 – December 15

We Want Your Feedback! Parent Survey Coming Soon

Northwest ISD is seeking feedback of parents to identify strengths and areas needing improvement at each campus in the 2014-2015 parent survey. The survey will be available December 1-15 online and will focus on topics regarding campus climate, safety, communications, instructional programs and support services. Answers will remain confidential and anonymous. A parent without Internet access may access the survey at any NISD campus. A paper survey may be requested by calling 817-215-0171. Thank you in advance for your participation in helping the district work toward achieving its mission of providing all students a premier education.

Fall into a Good Book

October is National Book Month. Research shows an informed community leads to increased support and improvement in student learning. The best thing a parent can do with their children to promote and improve literacy is read together and engage in conversations about what they have read. Please go to www.nisdtx.org for resources and documents that can be used to help your child with their reading and writing skills. #NISDReads

Recharge: Preparing for the Future

NISD recognizes parents, community members and staff have been experiencing difficulties with connectivity to the Internet, network and wireless access. The district believes equitable and ubiquitous access to technology is essential. In the next two months, NISD will participate in an audit with the Consortium for School Networking (CoSN) to provide recommendations for networking and bandwidth adequacy, instructional technology initiatives, security, wireless infrastructure and server and storage recommendations. Learn more about the steps NISD is taking to improve by going to www.nisdtx.org.

Calling All Veterans! Apply for a High School Diploma

Texas Education Code provides for a school district to issue a high school diploma to certain veterans. Find out more about eligibility requirements, the application and necessary documentation at www.nisdtx.org. Northwest ISD will recognize veterans receiving their high school diploma at an upcoming NISD School Board Meeting. More information will be provided soon. For questions, please contact 817-215-0171.

Fill the Bus NISD Food Drive

Aramark food service and Durham transportation are partnering to conduct an NISD food drive supporting the Roanoke and Justin food pantry. Now through November 18, NISD schools will compete by bringing canned, non-perishable food items to see which campus will win the Fill the Bus competition. At the end of the food drive, a school bus will stop by each campus to load the items collected. Each bus will be weighed and the heaviest bus will win the Fill the Bus competition. To learn how you can join in the fun and help NISD fill the bus while giving back to the community, go to www.nisdtx.org/fillthebus.

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, November 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

NHS Hosts Jazz Ambassadors of the U.S. Army Field Band

Northwest High School will host an exciting evening of fun for the whole family with a free concert from the Jazz Ambassadors of the U.S. Army Field Band from Washington, D.C. on Monday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m. The performance will be held at the Northwest High School Performing Arts Center. For more information, call 817-215-0159.

180 NISD Students to Perform in Concert with Acclaimed Electric Violinist

On Tuesday, November 4 at 7 p.m., the Northwest ISD Rock Choir and Orchestra will perform a concert with electric violinist Mark Wood. The event will be held in the Northwest High School Performing Arts Center and will include 180 NISD orchestra and choir students from across the district. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased online. Tickets are available at the door; however, tickets at the door may be limited due to seating. For tickets, go to <https://www.ticketracker.com/store/selecteventtickets/62529>.

November School Board Meeting

The November Northwest ISD school board meeting is Monday, November 10. School board meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the NISD Administration Building Board Room (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

NISD Closed for Thanksgiving

Northwest ISD offices and campuses will be closed the week of November 24-28 for Thanksgiving break. Classes will resume Monday, December 1.

###