



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, November 12 – December 15

NISD Honors Justin Resident and Veteran with High School Diploma

“I could speak for hours about how much I love Northwest ISD,” said Justin resident and World War II Veteran Don Miller. Don Miller is a World War II veteran and was not able to receive his high school diploma due to the war. He was supposed to graduate high school in 1947 but instead was serving in the war beginning in 1946.

Texas Education Code provides for a school district to issue a high school diploma to certain veterans. Northwest ISD honored Don Miller and presented him his long awaited high school diploma at the district’s school board meeting on Monday, November 10. Help Northwest ISD spread the word to other area veterans who may not have received their high school diploma due to war service. For more information about the eligibility requirements, the application and the necessary documentation, visit www.nisdtx.org. For questions, call 817-215-0175.

PHOTO CAPTION [diploma presentation]: Northwest ISD recognized and presented Justin resident and World War II veteran Don Miller with his high school diploma at the November 10 school board meeting. Mr. Miller could not receive his high school diploma because he was serving in the war.

NISD Receives Financial Reporting Awards

Northwest ISD has achieved two awards for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. A Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was presented to NISD by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). This is the district’s 12th year to receive this award. In addition, Northwest ISD has been presented the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO). This is the district’s ninth year to receive this award. The GFOA and ASBO award is for school districts whose Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports substantially conform to the recommended principles and standards of financial reporting adopted by that organization. The award is granted only after intensive review of financial reports by an expert panel of certified public accountants and practicing school business officials.

PHOTO CAPTION [finance]: At the November 10 school board meeting, Northwest ISD Board President Josh Wright and Superintendent of Schools Karen G. Rue recognized Chief Financial Officer Jon Graswich and Executive Director of Business Services Deanne Hatfield for receiving national financial reporting awards.

13 Seniors Sign NCAA Letter of Intent

Byron Nelson and Northwest high schools held signing day ceremonies on November 11 for the following students:

Byron Nelson High School

Johnny Jones, Texas Tech University, golf
Hayden Springer, Texas Tech University, golf
Emmanuel Nzekwesi, Weber State, basketball
Walter Kyle Worley, Williams Baptist University, wrestling
Haley Tippett, Stetson University, volleyball
Logal Grado, Lubbock Christian University, softball

Northwest High School

Baylee Nelson, University of North Texas, cross country/track and field
Cassidy Adams, University of North Texas, cross country/track and field
Jacob Suchors, West Texas A&M University, cross country/track and field
Katherine Chavez, Stephen F. Austin University, cross country/track and field
Tessa Harfield, Southern Illinois University, volleyball

Catherine Totty, Williams Baptist College, softball
Brie Wrobel, University of Louisiana at Monroe, softball

PHOTO CAPTION [NHS signing day]: Seven students from Northwest High School signed their NCAA Letter of Intent on Tuesday, November 11.

PHOTO CAPTION [BNHS signing day]: Byron Nelson High School recognized six seniors who have committed to play sports at the college level during a signing ceremony on Tuesday, November 11.

Schluter Elementary Celebrates with First Annual Schluter Day

On November 7, 600+ Carl E. Schluter Elementary School students celebrated with the first Carl E. Schluter Day at the district's Outdoor Learning Center. Students traveled to the center to conduct investigations relating to Mr. Schluter's, the school's namesake, interests. From his love of gardening to his interest in physics, students spent the day learning concepts Mr. Schluter would have taught his students. See the learning that took place at #SpurOLC.

Schluter Elementary School opened in 2001 and is named after Carl E. Schluter, a former school board member and teacher in Northwest ISD. His son, Mark Schluter, currently serves as the vice president of the NISD Board of Trustees. Four generations of the Schluter family have attended Northwest ISD schools.

PHOTO CAPTION [Trolley.jpg]: Schluter Elementary students tour Northwest ISD's Outdoor Learning Center and conduct investigations at the first annual Carl E. Schluter Elementary Day.

Northwest ISD Angel Tree Program Underway

This year's Northwest ISD Partners in Education Virtual Angel Tree has more than 780 children who need assistance this holiday season. To adopt an angel, please contact Phil Beckman at PBeckman@nisdtx.org or 817-215-0172 or go to <http://angeltree.nisdtx.org/> to make an online selection. Please deliver the Angel Tree items to the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177) by Friday, December 5. Partners in Education is looking for volunteers to assist with sorting and distributing gifts. If you are interested in serving, please call Phil Beckman at 817-215-0172.

We Want Your Feedback! Parent Survey Coming Soon

In the 2014-2015 parent survey, Northwest ISD is seeking feedback of parents to identify strengths and areas needing improvement at each campus. The survey will be available December 5-19 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.

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 pantries. 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).

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.

December School Board Meeting

The December Northwest ISD school board meeting is Monday, December 8. School board meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the NISD Administration Building Board Room (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

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