



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, December 3 – January 22

NISD Students Donate 12,900+ Pounds of Food

Aramark Food Services, Durham Transportation and NISD campuses partnered to raise 12,947 pounds of food in the Fill the Bus food drive. NISD schools competed by bringing canned, non-perishable food items. On November 19, a school bus stopped by each campus to load the items collected. Each bus was weighed and the heaviest bus won the Fill the Bus competition. This year's winner was James M. Steele Accelerated High School. All food items will be donated to Roanoke Food Pantry, Justin Food Pantry and Community Storehouse.

Photo attached: Steele Accelerated High School students pose for a picture after loading canned goods on the school bus.

We Want Your Feedback! Parent Survey Available December 5-19

Northwest ISD is seeking feedback of parents to identify strengths and areas needing improvement at each campus. A parent survey is 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.

NISD to Host 7th Annual Reindeer Romp

Northwest ISD will host the seventh annual Reindeer Romp at Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262) on Saturday, December 6. The one mile fun run begins at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K race begins at 9 a.m. Proceeds benefit the NISD physical education department. For more information, go to <http://www.nisdreindeerromp.com/>.

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).

NHS Theatre Performs A Christmas Carol

The Northwest High School theatre department will perform *A Christmas Carol* December 11-13 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 14 at 2 p.m. at the Northwest High School Performing Arts Center (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Doors open an hour before the show. Tickets are \$5 for children, students and seniors. Adults are \$10. Gold Card members will receive free entry.

BNHS Theatre Performs The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

The Byron Nelson High School theatre department will perform *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* December 18-19 at 7 p.m. at the Byron Nelson High School Performing Arts Center (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262). Tickets are \$5, and Gold Card members will receive free entry.

NISD Closed for Winter Break

Northwest ISD offices and campuses will be closed December 22 – January 2 for Winter Break. Monday, January 5 is a student holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday, January 6.

NISD to Host EdCamp

Northwest ISD will host EdCamp, a form of unconference designed specifically for teachers and their needs. Unlike traditional conferences, which have schedules set months in advance by the people running the conference, EdCamp has an agenda that's created by the participants at the start of the event. Instead of one person standing in front of the room talking for an hour, people are encouraged to have discussions and hands-on sessions. People could pay hundreds of dollars to attend another conference, or they could go to EdCamp for free.

EdCamps are:

- Free
- Non-commercial and conducted with a vendor-free presence
- Hosted by any organization interested in furthering the EdCamp mission
- Made up of sessions that are determined on the day of the event
- Events where anyone who attends can be a presenter
- Reliant on the “law of two feet” that encourages participants to find a session that meets their needs

NISD's EdCamp will be held Saturday, January 17 at James M. Steele Accelerated High School (606 North Walnut Street, Ronaoko, 76262) from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Volunteers Needed for NISD's Annual Northwest Reads

The Northwest ISD Partners in Education program is seeking volunteers for the seventh annual Northwest Reads on Thursday, January 22 from 9 to 10 a.m. Participants will choose from a variety of books to read to pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade students at one of the school district's 17 elementary schools. This event provides community members with an opportunity to inspire young NISD students to become lifelong readers. For more information, call 817-215-0172.

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