



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, January 21- February 22

#### **NISD Named Fit-Friendly Workplace Third Consecutive Year**

For the third consecutive year, NISD has been recognized as a Fit-Friendly Workplace by the American Heart Association. This year, the school district has received a Gold Achievement. The American Heart Association strives to encourage and support the implementation of comprehensive wellness initiatives throughout the workplace. An independent committee reviews applications from across the United States and awards the designation to a limited number of applications. Northwest ISD has been recognized for making the health and wellness of its employees a priority.

#### **Business Academy Students Advance to State**

In its first year, 17 students in the Academy of Business Management and Entrepreneurship will represent Northwest ISD at the state DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) competition in San Antonio in hopes to advance to the International competition/conference in Nashville. The following students qualified for state:

#### **Team Events:**

Madelyne Onstott and Renee Moran – Creative Marketing Project  
Sarah Totty and Zach Hill - Business Law and Ethics Team Decision Making Event  
Ambriette Reed and Phillip Schnuettgen - Financial Services Team Decision Making  
Dominick Webb and Elliot Blair - Marketing Communications Team Decision Making Event  
Noah Cruz and Corban Erter - Business Law and Ethics Team Decision Making Event  
Derek Moore and Dylan Silva - Business Law and Ethics Team Decision Making Event

#### **Individual Events:**

Chris Arrasmith – Marketing Management Series  
Brenna Mathews – Hotel and Lodging Management Series  
Jacob Norwood – Marketing Management Series  
Ethan Le – Retail and Merchandising Series  
William Bo Faver

PHOTO INCLUDED: DECA TEAM BME ACADEMY 1

#### **Two NISD Robotic Teams Advance to State**

A robotics team from Clara Love Elementary School and Gene Pike Middle School will advance to the state competition in April after competing in the regional tournament. The Clara Love Elementary team placed second in the intermediate inventions competition. Team members include Meadow Gandy, Jordyn Jones and Alanna Pilcher. The Pike Middle School team placed first. Team members include Justin B., Ryan D. and Josh S.

PHOTO INCLUDED: Robotics Pike and Love Robotics

#### **NISD Advances 25 Students to State Level**

From the more than 700 entries in this year's PTA Reflections Showcase, 123 advanced to district. First place winners representing the categories of dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography and visual arts will represent NISD at the Texas PTA Reflections State contest. The following 25 students will advance to the state competition:

**PRIMARY DIVISION K - 2**

Mary Grace Dierling - Musical Composition - Trick or Treat - Prairie View Elementary  
 Isaac Nielsen - Visual Arts - Imagination Overload - Hughes Elementary  
 Malaina Adams - Dance Choreography - Danceriffic - Prairie View Elementary  
 Seth Thomas - Film Production - Seth's Imagination - Cox Elementary  
 Kaleb Wood - Literature - Be Free To Be - Nance Elementary  
 Corbin Donoho - Photography - The Unicorn in my Recycling Bin - Justin Elementary

**INTERMEDIATE DIVISION 3 - 5**

Madison McHugh - Musical Composition - Let Your Imagination Fly - Lakeview Elementary  
 Sydney Ledbetter - Visual Arts - Imagine Airlines - Kay Granger Elementary  
 Holly Jones - Dance Choreography - Disney Mish Mash - Nance Elementary  
 Kylee Hayes - Photography - Around Town - Kay Granger Elementary  
 Lauren Newton - Film Production - Imagination in Flight - Haslet Elementary  
 Maggie McHenry - Literature - A Cat's Tale - Cox Elementary  
 Faith Byrd - Photography - Big Moon - Prairie View Elementary

**MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION 6 - 8**

Sydney Lowe - Dance Choreography - Anything and Everything - Gene Pike Middle School  
 Rachel Soye - Film Production - I Can Be... - Gene Pike Middle School  
 Micah Conarty - Literature - The Night of the Big Party - Medlin Middle School  
 Lawrence Allen - Musical Composition - March of the Wild - Wilson Middle School  
 Rae'Dawn Rebert - Photography - What's in Dad's Beard? - Gene Pike Middle School  
 Melissa Mondragon - Visual Arts - A Dragon, A Pig and a Glaring Statue - Gene Pike Middle School

**HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION 9 - 12**

Clark Jones - Dance Choreography - Fancy Feet - Eaton High School  
 Clark Jones - Film Production - Imaginary People - Eaton High School  
 Laura Miley - Literature - The Box - Byron Nelson High School  
 Kiley Merritt - Visual Arts - Rainbow Dash - Northwest High School  
 Logan Williams - Photography - Fly High - Byron Nelson High School  
 Kaia Stevens - Visual Arts - Human Forrest - Northwest High School

**NISD Introduces New 1:World Website Resource**

NISD has created the 1:World website in an effort to provide student device information, answers to frequently asked questions, acceptable use guidelines, educational trends, e-portfolio information and other resources related to technology. Since 2009, NISD has been a 1:1 school district, offering a school-issued device to secondary students. This year, all middle and high school students have access to a school-issued device or can bring their own device. To view the 1:World website, go to <http://1toworld.nisdtx.org/>. The 1:World logo was created by the students in the Academy of Business Management and Entrepreneurship at Eaton High School.

**Volunteer in NISD Schools**

Interested in joining a group of 7,000 individuals who make a difference in the lives of NISD students and staff each day? Be an NISD volunteer! Here's how:

- Log on to [www.nisdtx.org](http://www.nisdtx.org), and click the Volunteer Background Check link under Quick Links.
- Once your background check has been approved, you can access your Virtual Volunteer account to sign up for opportunities to serve.

For more information, call 817-215-0172.

**Eaton High School Presents Inaugural Musical Performance**

V. R. Eaton High School is excited to announce the show times for its first musical performance "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." This musical is produced through the Eaton Players Theatre Company at Eaton High School at the new, state-of-the-art Eaton Performing Arts Center. Show times are January 21-23 at 7 p.m. and January 24 at 2 p.m. at the V.R. Eaton High School Performing Arts Center (1350 Eagle Boulevard, Fort Worth, 76052). Tickets are \$5 for senior citizens, students and children over the age of four, \$10 for adults and free for Gold Card members and NISD staff.

**NISD School Board Meeting**

An NISD School Board meeting will be held Thursday, January 28 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

**BNHS Announces Seventh Annual Musical**

The Byron Nelson High School theatre department presents *Tales of the South Pacific* on January 28-30 at 7 p.m. and January 31 at 2 p.m. Performances are at the Byron Nelson High School Performing Arts Center (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262). Tickets for adults are \$10 and students and senior citizens are \$5. NISD employees and Gold Card members receive free admission. To purchase tickets online, go to <https://www.ticketracker.com/store/events/284>.

**NHS Theatre Presents *The Music Man***

The Northwest High School theatre department presents *The Music Man* on February 4-6 at 7:30 p.m. and February 7 at 2:30 p.m. All performances will be held at the Northwest High School Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center (2201 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens, and free for employees and Gold Card members.

**NISD School Board Meeting**

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**Bad Weather Make-Up Day – Student Holiday on February 15**

Monday, February 15 is a student holiday and staff development day. This date was scheduled as a bad weather make-up day, and since the district has not had to close for inclement weather, it will be a student holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday, February 16.

**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 Thursday, February 18 at 12 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

**NISD School Board Meeting**

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