



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, April 20 – May 26

NISD School Board Approves Leadership Profile for Next Superintendent

At a special board meeting on April 18, the NISD Board of Trustees finalized and approved the Leadership Profile that will be used to recruit candidates for the superintendent position in Northwest ISD.

"We are very appreciative of the involvement from our community members through this process," said Board President Josh Wright. "This feedback provides great insight into our community's desires for the next leader of NISD. I hope each member of the NISD community understands how important they are and know that they had a voice in this process."

Read the leadership profile report and presentation to the board can be viewed at www.nisdtx.org/supersearch. The search firm is expected to bring a slate of top candidates to the School Board by June 6.

NISD Receives Distinguished Budget Award

Northwest ISD has received the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. This is the 13 consecutive year the district has been recognized with this honor. This award reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of government budgeting.

NISD Communications Team Receives Eight State Awards

Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA) members from across the state received honors from the association for their outstanding work in education communications earning Gold Star, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Best of Category, Certificate of Merit, Crystal Commendation and/or Platinum awards. The awards were announced at TSPRA's annual Star Awards Celebration held in February Texas during the association's 53rd annual conference.

There are 45 main categories covering various media such as newsletters, programs, posters, reports, image/identity packages, photography, writing, graphics, video, electronic presentations, mobile apps, campaigns and web sites. The team received awards for:

Northwest News – Silver Award
The Source Staff Newsletter – Silver Award
Two photographs – Silver Award
Partners in Education Annual Report – Silver Award
NISD Annual Report – Silver Award
Communications Resource Guide – Silver Award
Points of Pride Newsletter – Bronze Award

PHOTO [tspra] From left to right: Board President Josh Wright, Partners in Education Specialist Phil Beckman, Communications and Multimedia Specialist Rachel Bobbitt, Director of Communications Emily Conklin, Superintendent of Schools Karen G. Rue, Ed.D.

Steele Accelerated High School Student Advances to Nationals

Steele Accelerated High School senior Maria Galvan received first place in Esthetics and will travel to the Skills USA National contest this June. The esthetics competition evaluates the contestants' techniques and professionalism in the field of skin care. Ilse Martinez, senior at Steele, received a bronze award in customer service. The SkillsUSA contest teaches the importance of developing leadership skills, positive attitudes and pride in workmanship, while associating schoolwork with real work.

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Two NISD Schools Named to US News Best Schools

Byron Nelson High School and James M. Steele Accelerated High School has been named to the U.S. News & World Report have been added to the 2016 Best High Schools ranking. This is a detailed analysis of more than 21,500 U.S. public high schools. Nearly 30% of the schools were awarded gold, silver or bronze. Byron Nelson High School has been ranked silver and Steele Accelerated High School has been ranked bronze.

Bad Weather Make-Up Day – Student Holiday on April 22

Friday, April 22 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.

NISD School Board Meeting

An NISD School Board meeting will be held Monday, April 25 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76247).

District Sets Dates for Kindergarten Round-Up – Welcome Class of 2029

Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for May 2-5. To register, kindergarten students must be five by September 1, 2016. Go to www.nisdtx.org/enrollment, and select New to NISD Student. Parents and students are encouraged to attend this event to meet staff, tour the facility and provide the necessary documents needed to complete the registration process. Please bring the following items in order to complete your child's enrollment:

Birth certificate

Immunization records (immunizations must be up-to-date to attend school)

Proof of residency (housing contract, rental agreement, utility bill etc. – not a telephone bill)

Student's social security card

License or other suitable photo ID of the parent/guardian.

If parents do not have access to a computer at home, computers will be available at the campus during this time.

Registration for Prekindergarten Available Online

Registration is available for prekindergarten students by going to www.nisdtx.org/enrollment. There are two parts to the registration process: qualification and registration. Students must be four-years-old by September 1, 2016, live in the district and meet one of the qualifications listed on the Eligibility and Documentation form. To view this form and learn more about registration, go to www.nisdtx.org/prek. If you determine your child is eligible based on the qualifications listed, please make an appointment at a campus. Appointment registration will be available April 25.

NISD Seeking Readers for Annual Northwest Reads

NISD Partners in Education (PIE) is looking for volunteers to participate in the eighth annual Northwest Reads on Friday, April 29 from 9-10 a.m. Participants will read to pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade students at one of the district's 17 elementary schools. The event provides community members with an opportunity to inspire young NISD students to become lifelong readers. To volunteer to read, go to www.nisdtx.org/northwestreads.

Night of No Limits to Feature NISD Student Presenters

NISD proudly presents the fourth annual *Night of No Limits* on May 26 from 6-8 p.m. at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). The event features kindergarten through high school students presenting their best inquiry-based, cross-curricular and problem-based learning experiences. NISD's career academies and other programs will highlight their projects, curriculum, and accomplishments as well. Save the date for this evening that showcases the extraordinary learning that happens throughout Northwest ISD!

NISD Announces Summer School Opportunities

NSID offers a variety of programs for prekindergarten through high school students to enhance their educational experience in the summer. Registration is now available. To view a listing of courses and for information on how to register, go to www.nisdtx.org/summerschool.

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