



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, May 18 – June 3

Sandy Conklin Wins H-E-B Excellence in Education Elementary Principal Award

On May 13, Sandy Conklin, principal of Beck Elementary School, was named the H-E-B Excellence in Education Elementary Principal award winner at the 2016 gala in San Antonio. In February, Conklin learned of his finalist status during a surprise school wide assembly with representatives from H-E-B, but the process began last fall. After learning he was nominated by a community member, Conklin completed an application in which a team of judges reviewed his professional experiences, educational philosophy and achievements both inside and outside of the classroom. H-E-B received more than 1,400 completed applications from teachers, principals, districts, school boards and early childhood facilities across the state. Those applications were reviewed by teams of judges from the Colleges of Education at Trinity University. They narrowed the field to 255 semi-finalists. Of those 255, 25 semi-finalists were elementary principals along with Principal Conklin.

Five regional judging panels consisting of former winners, administrators, university and community leaders selected the 40 individual statewide finalists, five of those being elementary principals. As one of five finalists in the state, Conklin received a \$1,000 personal check plus a \$2,500 grant for Beck Elementary School. All of the finalists were invited to San Antonio May 12-13 for the awards celebration. Prior to the celebration, Conklin participated in the final personal interview with the statewide judging panel. At the gala on May 13, Conklin learned he was one of 12 winners across the state. As the elementary principal winner, Conklin is the recipient of \$10,000 for himself and \$25,000 for his campus. He plans to gather input from parents, students and staff to decide how best to allocate the funds from the grants received for their campus.

In its 15th year, H-E-B launched the Excellence in Education awards program in cooperation with the Texas Association of School Administrators as a positive way to support public education in Texas. To date, the organization has given more than \$8 million to educators, schools, districts and early childhood facilities across the state. This is the largest monetary awards program for educators in Texas and one of the largest in the nation. This is the first time an NISD educator has received an H-E-B Excellence in Education award.

PHOTO CAPTION [Sandy]

BNHS Debate Team Qualifies for National Tournament

Byron Nelson High School junior Drew Buslow and sophomore Luke Chitwood have qualified for the National Speech and Debate Association's (NSDA) National Tournament. Buslow and Chitwood will compete in June in the World Schools Debate and Original Oratory in Salt Lake City, Utah. Senior Anita Pai was named the NSDA Lone Star District Student of the Year. She was selected from students at more than 50 schools in the North Texas area. Pai's application will advance to the National Speech and Debate Association's National Student of the Year Award, and the winner will be announced in June.

PHOTOS INCLUDED [Anita – pictured on far left in group photograph and Drew Luke.jpg]

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 to Hold Middle School Musical Auditions

Auditions for the 2016 NISD Middle School Musical *The Lion King* will be held on Saturday, May 21 at Tidwell Middle School (3937 Haslet-Roanoke Road, Roanoke, 76262) from 1-6 p.m. All 2016-2017 middle school students are encouraged to audition. For more information, go to www.nisdtx.org/middleschoolmusical.

NISD School Board Meeting

An NISD School Board meeting will be held Monday, May 23 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76247).

Board of Trustees Host Award Ceremony at EHS

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will recognize top students in the V.R. Eaton High School feeder pattern for their achievements in regional, state, national and international competitions on Tuesday, May 24 at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center at V.R. Eaton High School (1350 Eagle Boulevard, Fort Worth, 76052).

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.

NISD Campuses Closed for Memorial Day

In observance of Memorial Day, Northwest ISD campuses and offices will be closed on Monday, May 30. Classes will resume and offices will open on Tuesday, May 31.

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.

Early Release Schedule and Last Day of School

Northwest ISD campuses will dismiss early on Thursday, June 2 and Friday, June 3 at the following times:

- Elementary Schools: 12:15 p.m.
- Steele AHS/Special Programs Center: 1:05 p.m.
- BNHS, EHS, NHS: 1:15 p.m.
- Middle Schools: 1:25 p.m.

The last day of school is Friday, June 3.

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