

School Notes

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NISD School Notes, May 24 – June 27

Board of Trustees Recognize 1,300+ Students at Annual Awards Ceremony

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees honored the district's top students for their achievements in regional, state, national and international competitions at Byron Nelson High School on Tuesday, May 17, Northwest High School on Thursday, May 19 and Eaton High School on Tuesday, May 24. Selected kindergarten through 12th grade students were honored and presented a medallion for their achievements. The Trustee Award of Excellence is the highest, most prestigious district award given. Partner in Education Chick-fi-la at Roanoke and Alliance donated a free meal to those who received awards. A gallery of photos from the event can be found here: <http://photogallery2.nisdtx.org/default.aspx?aid=410>.

Ponytail Club Cuts Hair for Cancer Patients

Seven students and two staff members from Hughes Elementary School have been growing out their hair this school year to give back for a good cause. On May 19 at a school wide assembly, the Ponytail Club received a hair cut from Steele Accelerated High School cosmetology students. Members of the club will donate their hair to Pantene to support cancer patients who want a wig. This has been a yearlong service learning project that has taught the elementary students the importance of giving back. The student body watched as the Ponytail Club received their haircuts and made their donations. Then, students in the Cosmetology Academy and Shears of Steele Salon explained more about their involvement in the academy and their chosen career path.

PHOTO CAPTION [after]: Names of students in the Ponytail Club: Principal Jessica McDonald, Sydney Breinholt, Lasette Ayala, Payton Daly, Alissa Hull, Danielle Delozier, Genesis Ibarra, Miranda Wallace, and Teacher Jessica Alvis.

NISD Community Celebrates with Topping Out Luncheon at Outdoor Learning Center

On May 20, Northwest ISD community members and staff celebrated the renovations at the district's Outdoor Learning Center with a 'topping out' luncheon hosted by Northstar. Guests included school board members, district administration and staff, principals, Northlake city officials as well as Northstar and Stantec representatives. A BBQ lunch was served with remarks made by NISD Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. and District Architect Planner Tim McClure. Guests were able to tour the facility via trolley after the luncheon.

The 193-acre space serves as an outdoor classroom for NISD students. Thanks to voters for passing the 2012 bond election, construction began in the fall of 2015 to make enhancements to the facility. A new great hall will be used for a large meeting space or will allow for four classroom spaces with a scenic view. A Large pavilion that can sit 600 students will provide an area for lunch or presentations. Additionally, the Creek Lookout Pavilion and Wetland Lookout Pavilion will enable students to see firsthand water and erosion in its habitats. The new facility will be finished this summer. For a gallery of photos from the event, go to <http://photogallery2.nisdtx.org/default.aspx?aid=408>.

PHOTO CAPTION [Pavilion]: On May 20, the Northwest ISD staff and community celebrated the finishing touches of construction renovations and additions at the district's Outdoor Learning Center.

Board of Trustees Approves Long Range Technology Plan

Northwest ISD strives to provide dynamic learning experiences to ensure all students are future-ready learners. At the May 23 School Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees adopted the 2016-2021 Long Range Technology Plan. The development of the plan began in 2015 with a committee of NISD educators, community members, and students. The plan includes student devices standards that outline the minimum requirements for selecting a student device as well as guides the selection of future devices for students.

NISD continues to be a nationally recognized school district for technology initiatives and digital learning. The district is appreciative of a community who supports our growing technological needs to support the district's mission and vision. Voters have continually passed bond referendums which provided the ability for secondary students to have a 1:1

experience. In 2015, the Northwest ISD Technology Division launched the website 1:World to create a partnership with the community on how technology and our 1:1 program impacts student learning. To access the website, go to <http://1toworld.nisdtx.org/>.

The future is promising for the NISD digital learner. The newly approved 2016-2021 Long Range Technology Plan is located at www.nisdtx.org.

BNHS Debate Coach Receives National Recognition

Byron Nelson High School speech and debate teacher Carla Reisman has earned a Second Diamond degree of membership in the National Speech and Debate Association's Honor Society. She has received this recognition due to her students' speech and debate presentations, competition and service. Reisman will be recognized at the 2016 National Speech and Debate Tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah on June 16 along with two of her students who will compete in the World Schools Debate and Original Oratory tournament.

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

NISD 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.

NISD School Board Meetings

NISD School Board meetings will be held Thursday, June 16 and Monday, June 27 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76247).

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