



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, October 14 – October 28

District Announces New Architect Planner

At the October 12 school board meeting, the NISD Board of Trustees approved the hiring of Architect Planner Tim McClure. McClure will manage facility planning, development and operations for Northwest ISD. He has more than 20 years of experience in construction and architecture. Currently, he is a principal director at Huckabee & Associates. McClure is a resident of Newark and is active in the Northwest ISD community, serving as a member of the Watch D.O.G.S. and as an industry partner with the Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics students. He will begin his new position in Northwest ISD within the week.

Photo Included: Tim McClure

BNHS Speech and Debate Team Join the National 100 Club

The Byron Nelson High School speech and debate team have received the National Speech and Debate Association's prestigious 100 Club title. This recognition means the Bobcat speech and debate team is ranked among the top 10% of schools nationwide for its performances throughout the 2014-2015 school year. To become a member, national teams must earn 100 or more debate points, or degrees, in a year. This is the fifth year the BNHS speech and debate team has received this honor.

BNHS Softball Team Receives National Honors

The Byron Nelson High School softball team has been recognized by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) for having the highest high school team grade point average (GPA) in the nation. This is the third consecutive year for the team to receive this honor.

More than 250 Gather for Annual Gold Card Luncheon

On October 13, Northwest ISD hosted more than 250 senior citizens at the district's annual Gold Card Luncheon. The NISD Gold Card program allows individuals 65 years of age or older living in the district to receive free entry into district-sponsored events, performances and athletic competitions. For more information about the Gold Card membership in Northwest ISD, call 817-215-0175 or go to www.nisdtx.org/goldcard.

PHOTO CAPTION Gold Card 2: The 2015 NISD Gold Card Luncheon was held on Tuesday, October 13 at the Northwest ISD Administration Building. Attendees enjoyed music from the Gene Pike Choir, a lunch sponsored by the Northwest ISD Education Foundation and hearing about new opportunities and growth in the district.

New Feature Available on NISD's Mobile App – Tip Line

New this year, the NISD Mobile App allows you to report sensitive information to school officials regarding bullying, violence, drug use or other situations that concern you using the NISD Tip Line. These reports are submitted to school district officials and shared with local authorities, if necessary. All reports are anonymous. To make sure you have the latest feature, simply close the app and re-open.

The NISD Mobile App is available for download on an Apple or Android device. For more information, go to www.nisdtx.org/mobileapp.

Northwest ISD Offers eSchoolPLUS Family App for Parents

The eSchoolPlus Family mobile app is now available for Northwest ISD parents. The mobile application is a free download features activities, notifications, classwork, report cards, schedule, attendance, alerts and more. The eSchoolPLUS family app is available for the iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Android and Kindle Fire. Download the app on

your choice of device on the App Store, Google Play or Amazon. For instructions on how to download the mobile application, go to www.nisdtx.org/eSchoolPLUSFamilyApp.

I Love NISD Campaign

To show your support and secure your “I Love NISD” package, visit www.northwestef.org, or call the NEF office at 817-215-0173. With your purchase you will receive a 12”x18” yard sign, decal, and t-shirt. Your donation will benefit the Northwest Education Foundation and the Northwest Council of the PTAs. With your \$40 purchase you will be showing your support and pride in NISD, and also helping provide critical resources to ensure that every NISD student has the opportunity to be future ready.

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, 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.

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 for more information. The next orientation is Tuesday, October 22 at 12 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

NISD October School Board Meetings

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, October 26 at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177)

NISD to Host College and Career Fair

In an effort to prepare students for their futures, NISD will host a College and Career Fair on Wednesday, October 28 from 6-8 p.m. at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Students (kindergarten through twelfth grades) and their families can experience a night of breakout sessions ranging from topics such as financial aid, college admissions and applications, scholarship information and more. Be sure to join in the discussion on Twitter at #NISDFutureReady.

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