



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, October 28 – November 30

NISD Teachers Learn from Nationally Recognized Scientist at Crazy Science Day

On Friday, October 23, approximately 30 teachers spent the day with nationally recognized scientist Jason Osborne. Osborne has an extensive background in neuroscience and is the president and co-founder of Paleo Quest, a non-profit citizen science organization designed to advance the sciences of paleontology and geology through material contributions to museum collections, field exploration, scientific publication and the advancement of science education.

“We are always looking for ways to increase the scientific literacy of our teachers, which in turn fosters a love of learning in our students,” said NISD Elementary Science Coordinator Tammy Motley. “It’s all about understanding the world around us.”

Teachers spent Crazy Science Day studying weathering, erosion and fossils. In addition Osborne introduced a pilot project for teachers and students to assist scientists by tracing neurons in brain tissue.

PHOTO CAPTION [stem]: Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) staff members Jacque DeLong, Kylie Lloyd, Aylor Rix, and Lauren Wilmoth are searching for shark fossils that will be separated and sent off further study.

NISD Celebrates Red Ribbon Week

October 26-30, NISD students celebrated Red Ribbon Week, a week dedicated to emphasizing drug prevention and the importance of a drug-free life. A variety of activities from presentations to in-class lessons will help encourage students in the fight against drugs. Ongoing discussions and guidance lessons will help reinforce the importance of making healthy choices.

PHOTO CAPTION [Rowdy_Sendera_Ranch]: The Dallas Cowboys mascot Rowdy visited Sendera Ranch Elementary Tuesday, October 27 to speak to students about setting healthy goals for themselves. Students attended an assembly to learn from Rowdy the importance of staying healthy.

Angel Tree Adoption Coming Soon

You can help make the season brighter by adopting one or more angels off NISD’s Partners in Education Virtual Angel Tree. Northwest ISD uses the Virtual Angel Tree as a way for teachers and staff, student organizations, local churches and businesses to offer their assistance anonymously to any family who needs assistance with clothing and holiday wishes.

To adopt an angel:

1. Go online (<http://angeltree.nisdtx.org/>) to access the Northwest ISD Virtual Angel Tree
2. Make your selections.

The Virtual Angel Tree items, including a printed copy of the details, will need to be delivered to the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247) by Friday, December 4.

Having trouble accessing the site from the link above? Copy and paste <http://angeltree.nisdtx.org/> into your browser. Volunteers are needed to help sort and distribute Virtual Angel Tree items. Please call Partners in Education with your availability at 817-215-0175.

NISD to Dedicate Third Comprehensive High School

Northwest ISD will host an official dedication for the district's third comprehensive high school, V.R. Eaton High School, on Monday, November 2 at 7 p.m. at the Eaton High School Performing Arts Center (1350 Eagle Blvd., Fort Worth, 76052). The campus is named after V.R. Eaton who served on the very first Northwest ISD school board. The campus will celebrate with student performances, a message from the family, a gift presentation and the official dedication of the new campus.

Fill the Bus

Aramark food service and Durham transportation are partnering to conduct an NISD food drive supporting the Justin and Roanoke Food Pantries. Now through November 13, students may donate a canned, non-perishable food item. On November 16, a school bus will stop by each campus to load up the food items collected. Each bus will be weighed, and the heaviest bus will win the "Fill the Bus" competition. For more information, go to www.nisdtx.org/fillthebus.

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 featuring 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" decal, t-shirt or yard sign, visit www.northwestef.org, or call the NEF office at 817-215-0173. Your donation will benefit the Northwest Education Foundation and the Northwest Council of the PTAs. With your 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 Wednesday, November 18 at 12 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

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.

November School Board Meeting

The November Northwest ISD school board meeting is Monday, November 16. School board meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the NISD Administration Building Board Room (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

NISD Closed for Thanksgiving

Northwest ISD offices and campuses will be closed the week of November 23-27 for Thanksgiving break. Classes will resume Monday, November 30.

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