



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, November 11 – November 30

#### **Celebrating Our School's Namesake**

On Friday, November 6, Carl E. Schluter Elementary celebrated the second annual Carl E. Schluter Day. The school opened in 2011 and is named after a former NISD Board of Trustee member. Carl E. Schluter taught math at Northwest High School and his son, Mark, serves as the Vice President of the NISD School Board.

At this event, students learned about science through different stations throughout the day. The stations included how to make bird feeders, examining fossils, wildlife and concluded with a pumpkin launch demonstration by the Northwest High School Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) students.

PHOTO CAPTION [STEM]: Northwest High School STEM Academy students pose after demonstrating pumpkin launching to students with the Carl E. Schluter Elementary School Principal Amy Howell (far right) and the Carl E. Schluter's son Mark Schluter (in back right) at Carl E. Schluter Day on November 6.

#### **Celebrating Veteran's Day**

November is designated as National Military Family Appreciation Month. This is an opportunity to recognize the many contributions made by military families to our state and country. Northwest ISD appreciates the many families in our district who have made contributions to Texas and our nation. Throughout November, NISD schools held assemblies with musical performances and tributes from students to honor Veterans.

PHOTO CAPTION [Veterans]: Tidwell Middle School honored all Veterans with a special assembly on Friday, November 6. During the assembly the Veterans were recognized, enjoyed performances from the choir and band, as well as the theatre department. Each American war was recognized with a rose ceremony and Veterans from each military branch were asked to stand for recognition as their song was performed.

#### **More than 500 Angels Need Your Support**

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.

#### **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](http://www.nisdtx.org/fillthebus).

### **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](http://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.

### **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).

### **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](http://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 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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