



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, December 2 – January 5

NISD's Matrice Raven Named Finalist for Assistant Principal of the Year

Chisholm Trail Middle School Assistant Principal Matrice Raven has been named a finalist for Assistant Principal of the Year by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP). TASSP recognizes outstanding principals and assistant principals from the twenty regional education service centers each year. School administrators are nominated and chosen by their peers within their regions and applications are reviewed by a committee who selects the finalists. Nominations are based on exemplary performance and outstanding leadership. Raven is one of three assistant principal of the year finalists in the state.

PHOTO CAPTION: Matrice Raven, Assistant Principal at Chisholm Trail Middle School has been named a finalist for Assistant Principal of the Year by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP).

Volunteers Needed for AVID Tutoring for Middle School Students

AVID is an elective class and NISD program that supports students in college readiness and careers. Part of the support for students is a focused small group tutorial session two days a week during the class. NISD is in need of volunteers to come in and work with seventh and eighth grade students in this tutorial process. Interested volunteers must complete a background check by going to www.nisdtx.org and clicking on the Volunteer Background Check on the left-hand side of the page under Quick Links. Contact Medlin Middle School Assistant Principal Paige Cantrell (pcantrell@nisdtx.org or 817-215-0543) to express your interest in volunteering, and attend an AVID tutor training session on Monday, January 4 at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247) from 8-4 p.m. If you are unable to attend the January 4 training, Keller ISD is offering a training on Saturday, January 9 at Hillwood Middle School from 8:30-4:30.

NISD Seeks Feedback for 2016-2017 Calendar

Northwest ISD requests community feedback on the 2016-2017 school calendar options. Recent changes made to the Texas Education Code will affect the way the school calendar is developed. House Bill 2610, passed by the 84th Legislature, strikes language in the Texas Education Code requiring 180 days of instruction and replaces this with language requiring districts to provide at least 75,600 minutes of instruction. This bill allows districts to add minutes as necessary to compensate for minutes of instruction lost due to school closures caused by inclement weather.

Each year the District Education Improvement Committee (DEIC), made up of parents, teachers and community members, develop and submit calendar option for the upcoming school year with additional input from staff, parents and community to the NISD Board of Trustees. DEIC will consider all input in developing the final calendar options for school board approval. There are two options for the 2016-2017 school calendar. Both calendars include a 440 minute school day and three bad weather days built into the calendar. Go to <http://www.nisdtx.org/calendaroptions> to view the calendars, a list of frequently asked questions and to complete the survey.

More than 90 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. This year, the district will serve a record number of approximately 1,200 students. Here is how you can help:

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.

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.

NISD to Host 8th Annual Reindeer Romp

Northwest ISD will host the eighth annual Reindeer Romp at Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262) on Saturday, December 5. The one mile fun run begins at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K race begins at 9 a.m. Proceeds benefit the NISD physical education department. For more information, go to <http://www.nisdreindeerromp.com/>.

December School Board Meeting

The December Northwest ISD school board meeting is Monday, December 14. 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 for more information. The next orientation is Thursday, December 17 at 12 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

NISD Closed for Winter Break

Northwest ISD offices and campuses will be closed December 21 – January 1 for Winter Break. Monday, January 4 is a student holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday, January 5.

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