



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, March 30 – May 26

#### **Board of Trustees Seeks Input in Superintendent Search, Last Week to Complete Survey**

The NISD Board of Trustees is asking for your help as they team with search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA) to begin the process of searching for a new superintendent. At the January 28 School Board Meeting, Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. announced her intent to retire effective July 31, 2016. The NISD School Board values the feedback from the community members during this process. To complete the survey, go to [www.nisdtx.org/supersearch](http://www.nisdtx.org/supersearch). The survey will be available through Thursday, March 31. The superintendent profile will be presented to the Board of Trustees in late April/early May.

#### **NISD is a 2016 Best Communities for Music Education**

For the eighth consecutive year, Northwest ISD has been named a 2016 Best Communities for Music Education. This recognition by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation affirms school districts that have demonstrated exceptional efforts toward maintaining music education as part of schools' core curriculum. Approximately 18,000 NISD students receive fine arts instruction weekly.

#### **AMAT Students Place Second at Student Television Network Convention**

A team of four Academy of Media Arts and Technology (AMAT) students placed second in the nation at the National Convention of the Student Television Network (STN) on March 13 in Atlanta. STN is made up of broadcast and film programs from all 50 states which are divided into six regions. Seniors Luke Hall, Michael McGee, Tanner Behringer and Justin Dalrymple competed in the "Man on the Street Reporting" contest. The students were given a prompt, "Hidden Secrets of Atlanta" and were given five hours to produce, shoot video, conduct interviews and edit a one-minute entry. A link to their award-winning video is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2vjUXevCvI>.

NHSTV broadcasts a daily live show at Northwest High School which is produced by students in AMAT. Students report on school news in a high-definition television studio using the latest technology. All NHSTV broadcasts can be viewed "on demand" at US Education TV. [www.useducationtv.com/Default.aspx?sid=6563](http://www.useducationtv.com/Default.aspx?sid=6563).

PHOTO CAPTION [AMAT\_award]: AMAT wins second place at National Convention of Student Television Network for "Man on the Street Reporting." Let to right: Michael McGee, Tanner Behringer, Luke Hall, Justin Dalrymple

#### **NISD Culinary Students Know the Ingredients to a State Win**

The Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Services has been named the Texas ProStart Culinary Champions for the fourth consecutive year. The culinary team received first place and the management team received second place. The academy will compete in the National ProStart Invitational on April 29-May 1 in Grapevine. The Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Services won the National ProStart Invitational in 2012.

PHOTO CAPTION [BNHS Culinary]: Pictured left to right: Chef Charles Youts, our mentor chef from The Classic in Roanoke, Chef Damion Brown, Caleb Kleynens, Jordan Littrell, Katie Keith, Emily Schwartz, Kehaulani Smith and Chef Joseph Maher

#### **NISD Purchasing Department Wins State Award**

The Northwest ISD purchasing department has received the Award of Merit for Purchasing Operations by the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO). This award provides recognition to school districts that are committed to following professional standards in the acquisition of goods and services. This is the fifth time that NISD has received this award from TASBO. The purchasing department is under the direction of Mark Vechione. Vechione was recently elected by members to the TASBO Board of Directors for a three-year term.

PHOTO CAPTION [Purchasing]: The NISD purchasing department was recognized at the March 7 NISD School Board Meeting for the Award of Merit for Purchasing Operations by TASBO. Pictured left to right is School Board President Josh Wright, Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations Jon Graswich, Outsourced Operations Manager Dana Chandler, Senior Buyer Christa Spearman, Director of Purchasing and Contract Management Mark Vechione, Purchasing Assistant Brenda Davidson and Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D.

### **Cox Elementary Art Students Work to Be Displayed in Dallas Museum**

Several Cox Elementary students from Sarah Ascher’s art class received a special recognition from the Dallas Museum of Geometric and MADI Art, thanks to a class project studying Agamographs. Named after famed artist, Yaacov Agam, Agamographs are a style of optical and kinetic art that incorporate light, movement and viewer participation. By changing the angle of view, an Agamograph can present radically different images and feelings for the person viewing the artwork. It is the reason Ms. Ascher chose Agamographs for the next class project after visiting the Dallas Museum of Geometric and MADI Art.

Ascher was so proud of the creativity of her students that she decided to return to the museum with her favorite projects in hand. “Their creativity never ceases to amaze me, and they each created an Agamograph that even Yaacov Agam himself would be honored and amazed,” said Ms. Ascher.

Needless to say, museum executive director Dorothy Masterson was just as impressed; so impressed that the students’ artwork is now on display until the end of the Yaacov Agam exhibit at the end of April. Mr. Agam is expected to speak during his exhibit and have an opportunity to view the Cox Elementary Agamograph pieces in person.

PHOTO CAPTION [Anamograph]: Cox Elementary School art work will be featured at the Dallas Museum of Geometric and MADI Art through April.

### **NISD Seeking Readers for Annual Northwest Reads**

NISD Partners in Education (PIE) is looking for volunteers to participate in the eighth annual Northwest Reads on Friday, April 29 from 9-10 a.m. Participants will read to pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade students at one of the district’s 17 elementary schools. The event provides community members with an opportunity to inspire young NISD students to become lifelong readers. To volunteer to read, go to [www.nisdtx.org/northwestreads](http://www.nisdtx.org/northwestreads).

### **Bad Weather Make-Up Day – Student Holiday on April 22**

Friday, April 22 is a student holiday and staff development day. This date was scheduled as a bad weather make-up day, and since the district has not had to close for inclement weather, it will be a student holiday.

### **District Sets Dates for Kindergarten Round-Up – Welcome Class of 2029**

Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for May 2-5. To register, kindergarten students must be five by September 1, 2016. Parents and students are encouraged to attend this event to meet staff, tour the facility and provide the necessary documents needed to complete the registration process. Please bring the following items in order to complete your child’s enrollment:

Birth certificate

Immunization records (immunizations must be up-to-date to attend school)

Proof of residency (housing contract, rental agreement, utility bill etc. – not a telephone bill)

Student’s social security card

License or other suitable photo ID of the parent/guardian.

If parents do not have access to a computer at home, computers will be available at the campus during this time.

### **Night of No Limits to Feature NISD Student Presenters**

NISD proudly presents the fourth annual *Night of No Limits* on May 26 from 6-8 p.m. at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). The event features kindergarten through high school students presenting their best inquiry-based, cross-curricular and problem-based learning experiences. NISD’s career academies and other programs will highlight their projects, curriculum, and accomplishments as well. Save the date for this evening that showcases the extraordinary learning that happens throughout Northwest ISD.