



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, May 4 – May 26

#### **370 Participate in Northwest Reads**

On April 29, Northwest ISD 370 community members and volunteers participated in the district's eighth annual Northwest Reads. This event promotes the importance of reading and lifelong learning. Across the district's 234-square miles, three counties and 14 community members, volunteers read in all 17 elementary schools in the district. From television reporters and city officials to parents and school board members, the district is thankful and appreciative for the time spent inspiring young students to become lifelong readers.

PHOTO (mayor reading): City of Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price read to students at O.A. Peterson Elementary School during Northwest ISD's eighth annual Northwest Reads.

#### **BNHS FFA Students Named State Champions**

The Byron Nelson High School FFA Veterinary Science Team has been named State Champions. More than 600 teams competed in the championship last weekend. This is the first state win in NISD FFA veterinary tech history. Team members include Kylie Scott (first high individual), Madison Staab (third high individual), Lauren Hartmann, Matea Tirado and Jennie Powell. The team will advance to nationals in October.

PHOTO INCLUDED (State Champions (Vet Tech 2016))

#### **Culinary Arts Students Receive Third at Nationals**

The Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Services' culinary team received third at the National ProStart Invitational in Grapevine. The team executed a three-course menu with appetizer, entrée and dessert in an hour. The team was judged on skills, team work and food quality. The team is known across the state for their championship wins for the last four consecutive years.

PHOTO [NationalwinCulinary]: The NISD culinary arts team won third at the National ProStart Invitational on May 1.

#### **Three NISD Campuses Receive National Promising Practices Awards**

Roanoke and Granger elementary schools and Medlin Middle School are the recipients of a Promising Practices Award from Character.org. The campuses received this award for an effective strategy used to develop good character in young people.

Roanoke Elementary is receiving the award for their Focus Books and Service Learning. Ranger Focus books have allowed the campus to have common vocabulary and background experiences which engage students, staff and families in service learning and enhance character development. Granger Elementary is receiving the award for their Catching Kindness Campaign. This is a campus initiative to spread kindness to staff, students and the community during the month of February. Medlin Middle School received the award for their Merry Mustang Winter Carnival. This community event was designed and implemented by students to benefit students in need in NISD. The carnival included feeder schools, families and businesses and raised \$4,000 for a local charity that helps economically disadvantaged children receive toys during the holidays, school clothing, supplies, free medical exams and scholarships to summer camps and sports programs.

Roanoke and Granger elementary schools and Medlin Middle School are three of the eight campuses being recognized for this achievement in the state and 326 in 29 states and five countries. Character.org will honor the 2016 Promising Practices recipients at the National Forum on Character Education in Washington, D.C., in October where they will share their successful strategies with other educators.

**Hughes Elementary Celebrates 10 Years**

Students and staff put on their best tie-dye shirts and parachute pants as they celebrated the 70's, 80's, and 90's at the Decades Dance to recognize the Hughes Elementary 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Named after J. Lyndal Hughes, the first superintendent of Northwest ISD, he guided the district in its infancy by providing direction and leadership for the communities of Justin, Rhome, Haslet and Roanoke in 1949. Hughes Elementary opened for the 2005-2006 school year with Dr. Suzi McNeese as principal along with 50 staff members and 522 students. Mr. Hughes had an opportunity to see and tour the campus in person as he celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday along with the students, staff and community.

Under the guidance of Principal Jessica McDonald, Hughes Elementary continues the tradition of excellence today with the support of the local community, many of whom turned out to help celebrate the anniversary.

“The support from the community is what attracted my family to the area because it was exciting to see that school bonds were being passed and that all stakeholders had a vested interest in our kids. Our goal at Hughes is to partner with our parents and community so that we can work together to support our students. We truly believe that "Kids Come First!"” said Principal McDonald.

PHOTO [Hughes2]: Hughes Elementary School staff pose before cutting the cake at the campus' 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on April 29.

**Seven Hills Destination Imagination Team Raises \$700 for Contest**

Students on the Seven Hills Elementary School Destination Imagination team came up with a creative way to raise dollars for their upcoming global finals. “Duct Tape for DI” was held on Friday, April 29 in the school's cafeteria. Students got a strip of duct tape for every dollar donated, then taped their principal to the wall. The team raised \$700. This year's Global Finals takes place in Knoxville, May 25-28. NISD teams are represented from Tidwell Middle School, Lakeview Elementary School and Seven Hills Elementary School.

PHOTO [Ducttape]: Seven Hills Elementary School Principal Kim Blackburn is pictured with the school's Destination Imagination team during a “Duct Tape for DI” fundraising activity. The team raised \$700 to prepare for the upcoming Global Finals in May.

**Registration for Prekindergarten Available Online**

Registration is available for prekindergarten students by going to [www.nisdtx.org/enrollment](http://www.nisdtx.org/enrollment). There are two parts to the registration process: qualification and registration. Students must be four-years-old by September 1, 2016, live in the district and meet one of the qualifications listed on the Eligibility and Documentation form. To view this form and learn more about registration, go to [www.nisdtx.org/prek](http://www.nisdtx.org/prek). If you determine your child is eligible based on the qualifications listed, please make an appointment at a campus. Appointment registration will be available April 25.

**NISD School Board Meeting**

An NISD School Board meeting will be held Monday, May 9 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76247).

**NISD Presents Parent Resources Night**

Northwest ISD's One Voice One Choice committee is sponsoring NISD's Parent Resource Night on Thursday, May 12 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Eaton High School (1350 Eagle Blvd., Haslet, 76052). Learn more about help for anxiety, motivation, stress, ADHD and test preparations. Presentations will be available for parents with students of all ages on depression and suicide, teens and dating violence and more.

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**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!

**NISD Announces Summer School Opportunities**

NSID offers a variety of programs for prekindergarten through high school students to enhance their educational experience in the summer. Registration is now available. To view a listing of courses and for information on how to register, go to [www.nisdtx.org/summerschool](http://www.nisdtx.org/summerschool).

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