



Media Advisory

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Students to Explore Outdoor Learning Center with Pumpkin Launching, Geocaching and More

WHO

- 250 High School Students in the Northwest ISD STEM Academy
- 120 Fifth-grade Students from Lakeview Elementary School

WHAT

STEM Students

To test the trebuchets they designed and built, students in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Academy will compete in a pumpkin launching contest at the district's Outdoor Learning Center (OLC). After making predictions about their catapults, students will compete in series of heats; with the top four teams vying for the top spot in the finals around 2:30 p.m. STEM students will also participate in a geocaching exercise and learn to construct walls.

5th Grade Students

More than 100 fifth-grade students from NISD's Lakeview Elementary School will also be onsite at the Outdoor Learning Center for a unique hands-on experience in science, social studies and environmental studies. They will learn by exploring the OLC's Discovery Trail in the morning and working in the bulb garden in the afternoon.

WHEN

Tuesday, November 27

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pumpkin Launching Finals are expected to be around 2:30 p.m.

WHERE

Northwest ISD Outdoor Learning Center (OLC)

7773 Mulkey Lane

Northlake, TX 76247

(This is the former site of Texas Lils Dude Ranch.)

WHY

Northwest ISD operates the 193-acre Outdoor Learning Center to provide students with hands-on learning experiences in a beautiful, natural setting.

MEDIA NOTES

- If you plan to visit the OLC, contact Lesley Weaver (817-215-0056) or Emily Conklin (817-215-0169).
- Please dress appropriately for an outdoor adventure. Jeans and closed-toe shoes are recommended.
- See pictures of the OLC and students engaged in their learning at www.nisdtx.org/OLC or www.facebook.com/NISDOOutdoorLearningCenter.

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