



School Notes

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Northwest ISD named finalist in H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards

H-E-B has named Northwest ISD a finalist in its 16th annual Excellence in Education Awards program, placing it in the top five schools in the program's large school district category.

The Excellence in Education Awards, the largest monetary professional awards program for educators in Texas, annually recognizes the top educators, academic administrators, school boards and school districts in the state. These professionals and entities are chosen to spotlight best practices and celebrate the passion and creativity of Texas educators.

This year's Excellence in Education Awards recognizes Northwest ISD alongside Allen ISD, Brownsville ISD, Grand Prairie ISD and Socorro ISD for the top award among large school districts. For inclusion in the awards program, H-E-B relies on customers, employees and community members for nominees. Those nominees are then invited to complete an application highlighting their educational philosophies and achievements for consideration.

Dr. Ryder Warren, Northwest ISD superintendent, said the inclusion as a finalist highlights the commitment Northwest ISD places on academic excellence.

"I feel this recognition reinforces the commitment we make to all NISD families," he said. "We are creating a culture that gives students the tools to be future-ready, and we work with our families to provide students with the opportunities to make them ready for college, ready for the global workplace and ready for personal success"

For its selection as a finalist, Northwest ISD will receive \$5,000 from H-E-B. All winners in the Excellence in Education Awards will be announced May 7 at a ceremony at the Hilton Hotel in Austin. If Northwest ISD is named the top large school district in the state, it will receive \$100,000 from the grocery chain.

Northwest ISD's place as one of H-E-B's top five large school districts in Texas is the district's second honor in as many years from the company. In 2016, Principal Sandy Conklin of Beck Elementary School was the recipient of the Excellence in Education Elementary Principal Award.

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Business academy sends 54 students to state career competition

Northwest ISD's Academy of Business Management & Entrepreneurship will send 54 students to the Texas DECA's State Career Development Conference competition, which judges students based on career-oriented activities.

The academy, housed in Eaton High School, significantly increased its amount of students sent to the state DECA competition from its inaugural year in 2015-16, when it sent 17 students. This year's CDC competition takes place from Feb. 23-25 in San Antonio.

Texas DECA's CDC competition sees students take part in a variety of events across marketing, finance, hospitality and management careers as well as related industries. DECA competitions are based on co-curricular education that is presented as an integral part of classroom instruction.

Antonio Banos leads the business academy as the facilitator and an instructor with the assistance of Estie Cuellar and Cathy Slagle. For more information about the academy, visit www.bmeacademy.org.

Byron Nelson, Eaton musicals taking place in coming weeks

Byron Nelson and Eaton high schools will host their annual spring musicals in the coming weeks, following Northwest High School's recent musical performances of "Big Fish."

Byron Nelson performances of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" will take place from Thursday, Jan. 26, to Sunday, Jan. 29. Eaton will close out Northwest ISD's musical season with its performances of "The Wizard of Oz" from Thursday, Feb. 2, to Sunday, Feb. 5. All performances are at 7 p.m. except for Sunday performances, which take place at 2 p.m.

All performances take place in the host school's performing arts center. Tickets to each performance are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Northwest ISD staff and Gold Card members receive free admission.

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Incoming freshmen invited to high school showcase on Jan. 23

All incoming freshmen are invited to their respective high schools' showcases on Monday, Jan. 23, where they can learn about campus programs and opportunities as well as high school in general.

Each high school – Byron Nelson, Eaton, Northwest and Steele Accelerated – will host its showcase in the evening, where students can learn about academic courses and extracurricular activities. A 30-minute parent/guardian information meeting will be held at two times at each meeting, with the latter session serving as a repeat for anyone unable to attend the first session.

In addition to general information about campus programs and opportunities, school faculty will provide students and families with information for course selection for the coming academic year.

Byron Nelson will hold its showcase from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Eaton will host its showcase from 6-8 p.m., Northwest will hold its showcase from 6-7:30 p.m. and Steele will host its showcase from 6-7:30 p.m. Parent and guardian information meetings will be held at the start of the events and repeat sessions will be held roughly 30-45 minutes before the events end.

Though the event is primarily aimed at freshmen, any current high school student or guardian is also welcome to attend. For more information, please contact a high school's front office directly. Byron Nelson can be reached at 817-698-5600, Eaton can be reached at 817-698-7300, Northwest can be reached at 817-215-0200 and Steele can be reached at 817-698-5800.

Romer recognized for reading recovery efforts at Thompson Elementary

The Billie J. Askew Reading Recovery and K-6 Institute recently recognized Dr. Leigh Anne Romer, principal of Thompson Elementary School, for her commitment to literacy at early ages, making her one of just 16 campus leaders from six states to receive the honor.

The institute, organized by Texas Woman's University, recognized Dr. Romer for being "incredibly thoughtful in how she implements literacy programs on her campus," as stated in a letter to Dr. Ryder Warren, Northwest ISD superintendent. Dr. Romer has led a commitment at Thompson Elementary to ensure every child learns to read and write in first grade, a crucial developmental academic year.

Dr. Romer, who has served as principal of Thompson since 2012, was presented with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of Texas Woman's University for the honor.

HEADSHOT INCLUDED [Leigh Anne Romer.jpg.]

Next school board meeting taking place Jan. 23

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

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