



## School Notes

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### **Northwest ISD School Notes, March 22-May 5**

#### **AlphaBest selected as Northwest ISD after-school program for 2017-18**

Northwest ISD has selected AlphaBest to serve as its new after-school program provider beginning in the 2017-18 school year, bringing a trusted program that focuses on academics and wellness to district families.

AlphaBest's after-school program focuses on four categories: STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), world languages, fitness and wellness, and fine arts. As with the district's current after-school program, AlphaBest will provide all Northwest ISD elementary schools with a safe place for children to remain on campuses and learning after the end of regular school hours.

Registration for AlphaBest will begin in the coming weeks, with the district or elementary schools alerting parents via email of enrollment processes for the new program.

AlphaBest was chosen as the district's after-school program provider after a rigorous proposal process featuring a field of six candidates. The service was chosen for its offerings to Northwest ISD children and their families as well as its highly regarded reputation. AlphaBest currently provides after-school services to several Texas school districts, including Frisco ISD, Lake Dallas ISD and Prosper ISD.

Families with students in the district's current after-school program, Champions, will see no interruption in their current services. Champions will remain the district's after-school service provider until July 31; after this time, AlphaBest will begin operating at Northwest ISD schools.

For more information about AlphaBest, visit the after-school service provider's website at [www.alphabest.org](http://www.alphabest.org).

#### **District high schools to host annual spring plant sales April 6-8**

Northwest ISD's three comprehensive high schools – Byron Nelson, Eaton and Northwest – will host their annual plant sales during the first full week of April, providing students, parents and community members with the opportunity to buy inexpensive plants and benefit local education.

All schools will host their plant sales from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 6, and Friday, April 7. On Saturday, April 8, each school will sell plants from 8 a.m. to noon. Sales will be conducted in each school's greenhouse. Byron Nelson is located at 2775 Bobcat Blvd. in Trophy Club, Eaton is located at 1350 Eagle Blvd. in Haslet and Northwest is located at 2301 Texan Drive in Justin.

A wide range of offerings will be available at each sale, such as mixed flowering and foliage hanging baskets, annuals, perennials, succulents, vegetables and more.

Proceeds from plant sales will benefit each school's FFA program.

For more information about plant sales, please contact each school's appropriate FFA advisor. Byron Nelson's Tyler McCoy can be reached at [tyler.mccoy@nisdtx.org](mailto:tyler.mccoy@nisdtx.org), Eaton's Kristen Stockard can be reached at [kstockard@nisdtx.org](mailto:kstockard@nisdtx.org) and Northwest's Casey Reid can be reached at [casey.reid@nisdtx.org](mailto:casey.reid@nisdtx.org).

#### **Next school board meeting taking place April 10**

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, April 10, in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

**Students, families, staff invited to food show to sample next year's possible menu**

Northwest ISD students, families and staff are invited to a food show hosted by Aramark, the district's food service provider, to sample current foods and foods for next year's potential menu to provide feedback.

The event will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, in the Northwest High School cafeteria, located at 2301 Texan Drive in Fort Worth. Attendees are welcome to come and go as they please, though they are required to RSVP. Participants will only have to stay for about 30 minutes, as they will sample foods and have their feedback tracked.

Northwest ISD's school with the most attendees will receive a \$300 catering gift card for its PTA, and students of parents who attend the event will receive a free treat at lunch on Friday, April 14.

For more information about the event or to RSVP, [click here](#). The event is capped at 400 attendees to ensure enough food is available for sampling participants.

FLYER ATTACHED [NISD Food Show.pdf]

**Northwest softball team hosting autism awareness game**

Northwest High School's softball team recently hosted its ninth annual autism awareness fundraiser, with a game taking place soon to recognize Autism Awareness Month in April.

The Lady Texans sold T-shirts throughout February, aiding the local Special Olympics program that assists Northwest students with special needs. Those shirts are expected to arrive by the end of March, in time for Autism Awareness Month in April. The Lady Texan softball team will host its annual home game in support of autism awareness on Thursday, April 13, when people who purchased the shirts are encouraged to wear them.

To see the design of the shirt, [click here](#). For more information about the team's Autism Awareness Month game, please email Coach Tanya Morrow at [tmorrow@nisdtx.org](mailto:tmorrow@nisdtx.org).

FORM ATTACHED [Northwest Softball Autism Awareness.pdf]

**Student job fairs being held at comprehensive high schools in April**

Northwest ISD's Partners in Education program will hold a job fair each of the district's three comprehensive high schools in April, providing students with information about job opportunities in the community.

Job fairs will be held around lunchtime at each high school, where tables will be set up for area businesses to meet with interested students. Byron Nelson's job fair will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 18; Eaton's job fair will take place 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19; and Northwest's job fair will take place 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20.

Businesses will provide students with information about their job openings, which students could use to find summer jobs, after-school jobs or similar opportunities. The job fair is free to attend, and slots are still open for businesses interested in participating.

For more information about the job fairs or to apply for a business table, please contact Phil Beckman, Partners in Education specialist, by phone at 817-215-0172 or via email at [pbeckman@nisdtx.org](mailto:pbeckman@nisdtx.org).

**Bond information meetings taking place April 20, 27**

Northwest ISD will host bond information meetings on April 20 and 27, providing families and community members with the opportunity to learn more about the district's proposed bond package.

The Thursday, April 20, meeting will take place 6-7 p.m. at Byron Nelson High School, located at 2775 Bobcat Blvd. in Trophy Club. The final meeting – on Thursday, April 27 – will take place from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the district administration building's board room, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

At each meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about projects included as part of the proposed \$399 million bond package, which include new schools, school expansions, safety and security additions, and curriculum upgrades (including athletics, career and technology, and fine arts upgrades). Dr. Ryder Warren, district superintendent, will provide information and answer questions along with Northwest ISD administrative staff.

Early voting for Northwest ISD's bond referendum will take place from April 24 to May 2. Election Day is May 6. Voter registration must be processed at least 30 days prior to an election. The last day to register to vote in the May election is April 6.

For more information about the 2017 Bond, a closer look at the specific recommendations, tax information and more, visit [www.nisdtxbond.org](http://www.nisdtxbond.org). If you are interested in setting up a presentation from the school district to learn more about the proposed bond, call 817-215-0171.

**Kindergarten Roundup to take place districtwide first week of May**

Northwest ISD's annual Kindergarten Roundup will take place the first week of May, providing parents of incoming kindergarteners with the opportunity to learn about their future campuses.

Children who are 5 years old by Sept. 1 are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten, with online enrollment beginning Tuesday, April 18. Following enrollment, each school will host these incoming students as part of Kindergarten Roundup.

Though enrollment takes place online, parents and guardians must still bring appropriate documents – including birth certificates, immunization records and proof of residency – for the campus to review. Both online registration and document review can be completed at the campus during Kindergarten Roundup.

Each of Northwest ISD's 17 elementary schools serves kindergarteners, and exact dates and times for each school's Kindergarten Roundup can be seen by clicking the corresponding school link at [www.nisdtx.org/kroundup](http://www.nisdtx.org/kroundup).

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