



School Notes

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Northwest ISD School Notes, March 29-May 5

Eaton, Northwest one-act play companies advance to UIL area meet

Eaton and Northwest high schools' one-act play companies have both advanced to the University Interscholastic League's area round of competition after qualifying through the bi-district level, putting the programs two steps away from the state contest.

Competing at Grayson College in their bi-district meet, the Eaton company advanced with its performance of "The Diviners." Northwest advanced from the same meet with its performance of "Act One." The two Northwest ISD programs will next perform at the UIL 5A Area 2 meet on Friday, March 31. That meet will take place at Flower Mound High School, located at 3411 Peters Colony Road in Flower Mound.

Both programs were well represented in the bi-district meet's honors. From Eaton, Cassie Weaver earned the Best Actress award, Vincent Harrill II and Garrett Hale were named to the All-Star Cast, and Ethan Inthisone earned the Outstanding Technician award. From Northwest, Chris Skipper and Cayden Candioto earned All-Star Cast honors with Madison Dixon earning an honorable mention, and Abigail Schraub earned the Outstanding Technician award.

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, Eaton's Kristen Stockard can be reached at kstockard@nisdtx.org and Northwest's Casey Reid can be reached at casey.reid@nisdtx.org.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Eaton FFA Horticulture.jpg]: Eaton High School FFA students work on their horticulture skills. From April 6-8, students at Eaton as well as Byron Nelson and Northwest high schools will show off those skills at Northwest ISD's annual plant sales, which benefit school FFA programs.

Students take part in free 'Super Saturday' to prepare for AP exams

School isn't in session on the weekend, but that didn't stop more than 100 Northwest ISD students from showing up to learn on a Saturday as part of the district's AP exam support.

On Saturday, March 25, students took part in "Super Saturday" sessions for the AP Human Geography and AP Environmental Science exams. At these sessions, they heard from official scorers for their respective AP tests, providing guidance and tips on how to prepare.

To read more about Super Saturday, [click here](#).

PHOTO INCLUDED [Super Saturday.jpg]: Dr. Megan Webster, an AP exam scorer, takes part in an exercise with Northwest ISD high schools students to prepare for the coming AP Human Geography exam. More than 100 district students took part on a Saturday in the AP exam support session, which helps them prepare for one of the first AP tests.

Registration for district's summer TechnoCamps now open

Registration for five summer technology camps hosted by Northwest ISD is now open, providing students with opportunities to learn about popular topics at all elementary and middle school grade levels.

Three robotics camps are available for \$95 per student: CampWeDo 1.0 Robotics, Camp WeDo 2.0 Robotics and Camp EV3 Robotics. These camps vary by grade level, with at least one course offering available for all kindergarten to eighth-grade students. For students in second to eighth grades, Camp Makey Makey/Stop Motion Animation comes with a take-home kit for \$150 per student. Camp Raspberry Pi also comes with a take-home kit and costs \$150 per student, providing each attendee with introductory coding tutorials with a small computer system.

Each camp takes place Monday to Thursday over the summer, with dates varying by camp and session. All campers will receive a free T-shirt as part of their participation in a TechnoCamp.

All camps will be held at Pike Middle School, located at 2200 Texan Drive in Fort Worth, featuring both morning and afternoon sessions. To learn more about each camp or register for a camp, visit technocamp.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. A budget workshop will precede the regular meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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.

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 at 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.

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. 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. 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 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.