



## School Notes

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### Northwest ISD School Notes, March 29-May 5

#### **Northwest one-act play advances to region**

Northwest High School's one-act play company advanced out of the area round on Friday, March 31, advancing to the regional competition.

The company's performance of "Act One" at the area contest sent it to region, following its advancement out of zone, district and bi-district. The performance of "The Diviners" by fellow Northwest ISD school Eaton High School fell just short of the same honor, with the Eaton company being named regional alternate. Northwest's regional qualification marks the second-best advancement in the past 10 years, as the school's one-act play advanced to state in 2007.

Eaton made its own history by performing at area, as it is the new benchmark for best one-act play advancement at the second-year school.

Northwest was well-represented with honors at the area meet, with Chris Skipper and Madison Dixon being named to the all-star cast, while Cayden Candioto was honorable mention. Darren Van Helden earned outstanding technician honors.

The Texan one-act play company will perform at the University Interscholastic League 5A Region I meet on Wednesday, April 5, at Texas Tech University. The advancement places Northwest just one step away from the state meet, which will hold 5A performances on Thursday, April 13, at the Round Rock ISD Performing Arts Center. Critiques of the 5A state performances will take place the following day.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Northwest Area One-Act Play.jpg]: The Northwest High School one-act play company poses after advancing from the area competition. The Texans will next perform "Act One" at the 5A Region I meet at Texas Tech University on Wednesday, April 5.

#### **Byron Nelson racks up 13 nominations in prestigious Dallas Summer Musicals awards**

Byron Nelson High School's performance of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" has racked up 13 nominations in the prestigious Dallas Summer Musicals High School Musical Theatre Awards, earning a nomination in all but three categories.

Byron Nelson's 13 nominations in 16 categories give it the second-most nominations of any school, behind Flower Mound High School's 15. A record 76 schools across Texas and Oklahoma were eligible for nomination this year, which marks the sixth year of the High School Musical Theatre Awards.

The awards program is among the top honors available for musical theatre students in the area, with the winners of the Best Actor and Best Actress category each earning \$10,000 scholarships and a trip to New York to perform on Broadway. Those winners will then compete in the National High School Musical Theatre Awards – also known as the Jimmy Awards, for Broadway producer James "Jimmy" Nederlander – for further awards.

Individually, Byron Nelson students earned nominations in every acting category: Joe Caskey for actor, Kaylee Langford for actress, Joey Witten for supporting actor, Molly Glueck for supporting actress, Zachary Garcia for featured actor and MacLaine Bolden for featured actress. As a group, "Thoroughly Modern Millie" and its company earned nominations in the musical, ensemble/chorus, crew/technical, direction, musical direction, scenic design and lighting design categories.

Winners in each category will be announced at the Dallas Summer Musicals High School Musical Theatre Awards beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 18. The event will take place at Fair Park Music Hall, located at 909 1st Ave. in Dallas.

For more information about the awards program, visit [www.dsmhsmta.org](http://www.dsmhsmta.org).

PHOTO INCLUDED [Byron Nelson Thoroughly Modern Millie.jpg]: Byron Nelson High School students perform “Thoroughly Modern Millie,” this year’s selection for their annual musical. The Byron Nelson company has racked up 13 Dallas Summer Musicals High School Musical Theatre Awards nominations for its performances of the play.

### **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 this week, 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).

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.

### **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](http://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. As part of Autism Awareness Month, the Lady Texan softball team will host its annual home game in support of the cause 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]

**School board candidate forum being hosted by PTA on April 19**

The Northwest ISD Council of PTAs will host a forum for school board candidates on April 19, where community members can hear candidate views before they cast ballots for the May election.

At the forum, candidates will receive questions from a professional moderator, who will provide each with up to three minutes to respond. Primary topics for discussion include academics, policies, parents' rights and background/experience. Pike Middle School, located at 2200 Texan Drive in Fort Worth, will serve as host of the candidate forum, which will take place in the cafeteria and last from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19. The event is free to attend.

Three trustee places for the school board are on the ballot this year. Incumbent Mel Fuller is running unopposed for Place 7, while incumbent Lillian Rauch is running against Carissa Barrett for Place 6. Five candidates have filed to run for Place 5, which will see a new face after incumbent Devonna Holland decided not to seek re-election. Running for her seat are Tammy Eck, Taylor Harrington, Matthew Hooper, Steve Sprowls and Jennifer Zazula. For information about the school board election, [click here](#).

Early voting for the election will take place from Monday, April 24, to Tuesday, May 2. Election Day is Saturday, May 6. In addition to the school board contests, a referendum for Northwest ISD's proposed \$399 million bond package will be on the ballot. For more information on the proposed bond package and information on voting locations, [click here](#).

**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](mailto:pbeckman@nisdtx.org).

### **Bond information meetings taking place April 18, 20, 27**

Northwest ISD will host a special virtual Facebook Live bond information meeting on Tuesday, April 18, as well as in-person meetings on April 20 and 27, providing families and community members with the opportunity to learn more about the district's proposed bond package.

On April 18, anyone can log into Facebook and view the district's account (search for "Northwest ISD") to hear from Dr. Ryder Warren, district superintendent, and ask him questions. Dr. Warren will provide an overview of the bond before taking audience questions from those attending virtually.

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](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.

FLYER INCLUDED [Facebook Live Bond Chat.jpg]

### **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](http://www.nisdtx.org/kroundup).

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