



School Notes

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Note: The Northwest ISD Administration Building and district employees are currently operating on summer hours, and will resume regular hours on Monday, Aug. 7. During summer hours, the building will be open and district staff will work from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Northwest ISD School Notes, June 21

District offices closed week of Fourth of July

Northwest ISD's offices will be closed the first week of July in celebration of the Fourth of July. The district will resume its summer hours of operation on Monday, July 10.

During the summer, Northwest ISD offices are open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. District offices are closed Fridays during the summer.

Two business academy companies nominated for top national award

Two companies created by students in Northwest ISD's Academy of Business Management & Entrepreneurship are nominated for the Junior Achievement Company Program's top national honor.

The business academy, housed at Eaton High School, has sent student-run companies CHAAO and Feel the Color to Washington D.C. to compete as national finalists for Company of the Year. Students who run the companies will attend the Junior Achievement National Student Leadership Summit until June 22 as part of their nomination experience.

CHAAO creates jewelry from recycled materials, with every piece serving as a one-of-a-kind result. Items such as sculptures and necklaces are created from recycled cans and other materials. Feel the Color creates fabric-based braille clothing tags for those with visual impairments. These tags' soft structure have an advantage over competing products, which are typically metal and can irritate skin.

While in D.C., Feel the Color will also compete for the Delta Social Impact Award.

Academy student's company nominated for national social impact award

A Northwest ISD student's company designed to make it easier for those with visual impairments to select clothes has been nominated for a nationwide social improvement award, making it one of just five finalists for the honor.

Jakayla Dixon, a student in the Academy of Business Management & Entrepreneurship housed at Eaton High School, founded Feel the Color to assist her visually impaired aunt with selecting what color shirt to wear. The company makes labels sewn directly into clothing, with the tag's fabric – which has colors written in braille – serving as a delicate alternative to metal-based competitors.

Feel the Color will now compete against four other student-run companies for the Delta Social Impact Award. The award is presented by the eponymous airline company as a way to honor students who give back to their communities.

Jakayla and her colleagues will present Feel the Color to a panel of Delta representatives in Washington D.C. on June 21 and learn the verdict the same day.

The Delta Social Impact Award is presented in partnership with the Junior Achievement organization at its annual Company of the Year Competition.

PHOTO [Jakayla Dixon Feel the Color.jpg]: Northwest ISD Academy of Business Management & Entrepreneurship student Jakayla Dixon discusses her company, Feel the Color, during an interview. Feel the Color makes fabric-based braille tags to help those with visual impairments know what color a clothing item is.

Online enrollment for 2017-18 new students now available, returning student enrollment coming soon

Online enrollment for students new to Northwest ISD during the 2017-18 school year is now available at www.nisdtx.org/enrollment, and registration for returning students will open on July 24.

Northwest ISD now uses the PowerSchool Registration online enrollment service, simplifying the process from previous years. PowerSchool Registration will gradually walk parents and guardians through a step-by-step online enrollment process, with simple questions for each child being enrolled.

When online enrollment opens for returning students, parents and guardians will be sent a “snap code” to register their children. This snap code will allow parents and guardians to begin updating their child’s information and provide pre-filled information in many areas.

Parents and guardians should use an email address they readily use, as all future enrollment communication will be sent to this address, including coming school years. If a parent or guardian has multiple children in the district, he or she should use the same email address for all student registrations.

All parents and guardians enrolling children should be prepared with proof of residency and updated immunization records.

To ensure the enrollment process is as easy as possible for families new to the district, Northwest ISD will hold centralized summer registration for various feeder patterns from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the following dates as part of Registration Roundup sponsored by the Northwest ISD Council of PTAs:

- July 31: Eaton High School
- Aug. 2: Northwest High School
- Aug. 11: Byron Nelson High School

Parents and guardians new to the district should attend the registration event that corresponds to their child’s zoned high school (parents and guardians of all elementary and middle schools that feed into Northwest High School would attend its event, for instance). Students who will attend Steele Accelerated High School can attend any of the three events.

Families of returning students can complete the registration process at their children’s campuses. Families new to the district can also complete the registration process at their children’s campuses instead of at the aforementioned registration events if they desire.

Next school board meeting taking place June 26

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, June 26, in the boardroom at the Northwest ISD Administration Building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

No school board meetings will be held the following month; the next board meeting after the June 26 meeting will be held Monday Aug. 14.

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