



## School Notes

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**Media Note: NISD Communications Department/Administration Building Summer Hours**  
**The Northwest ISD Administration Building is operating under summer hours through Friday, August 5. The building will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The regular five-day work schedule will resume on Monday, August 8.**

### NISD School Notes, July 20 – August 22

#### **School Board Appoints New Superintendent of Schools**

At a special called board meeting on July 19, the NISD Board of Trustees appointed Ryder Warren, Ed.D. as Northwest ISD's 11<sup>th</sup> Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Warren was named the district's lone finalist for the position on June 27. He has been the superintendent of Midland ISD since 2010. Under his leadership Midland ISD developed nationally recognized programs such as the Early College High School at Midland College and a gifted and talented campus designed to serve second through sixth grade students. He has been a superintendent in Marble Falls ISD, Crane ISD and Thorndale ISD. The district will hold a reception for the community to meet Dr. Warren in August. More information is available on [www.nisdtx.org](http://www.nisdtx.org).

PHOTO INCLUDED: Dr. Warren

#### **BNHS Solar Car Takes the Lead in National Race**

After two full days on the road of the Solar Car Challenge National Championship, the Byron Nelson High School team is currently in the lead, vying for a four-peat as national champions. They will continue to race toward the final destination of Minneapolis. Members of the team include: James Cuellar, William Beattie, Aidan Russo, Ryan Taylor, Heather Erickson and John Harkness.

The team spent seven months repairing and improving the car traveling to several elementary schools and community events in the district advocating for alternative energy and explaining how the solar car works. This six-day long race began Sunday, July 17. Follow the team on Twitter @BNHS\_solarcar.

PHOTO INCLUDED: Solar Car.jpg

#### **BNHS Graduate Among FFA Finalists**

Dalton Howard, a 2016 graduate of Byron Nelson High School, advanced to the final round of 20 for Texas FFA state officer selection. He spoke in front of a crowd of more than 10,000 fellow FFA members at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas. Howard along with BNHS senior Drew Fuller competed for this prestigious opportunity to serve as a state FFA president or vice president. Howard served as the BNHS FFA president since his sophomore year. He was selected as the Area V president in 2015 where he resides over 12,600 members in 135 chapters. Fuller is the chapter committee chairman at BNHS. Both have been inspired by their experience in FFA and hope to continue the growth of Texas FFA.

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#### **Register for Prekindergarten in Northwest ISD**

Prekindergarten registration is available for NISD children who are four years of age by September 1, 2016 and who meet eligibility requirements set by the state of Texas. Appointments can be made at the following elementary schools: Roanoke, Hughes, Clara Love, Thompson, Peterson, Justin, Nance, and Seven Hills. There will be bilingual prekindergarten at Prairie View. For more information about prekindergarten classes, requirements and registration, go to [www.nisdtx.org/prek](http://www.nisdtx.org/prek).

### **NISD to Launch New Mobile App**

In an effort to match the district's newly designed website, which will premiere on Friday, July 1, Northwest ISD will launch a redesigned mobile application available on the iTunes Store and Google Play. The district is currently designing a new mobile application to feature news, events, lunch menus, access to grades, and more. The enhanced mobile application will be available this early fall and provides seamless integration with the redesigned NISD website.

### **Volunteers, Vendors Needed for Back to School Fair**

Northwest ISD and United Way of Denton County are working together to organize the fourth annual Northwest Back to School Fair. It will be held on Saturday, August 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Pike Middle School. School supplies will be distributed to children in need at the event where they can also receive books and resources, haircuts, eye exams, physicals, immunizations and more. Volunteers are needed in August to help sort school supplies and to work the event. Sign up today! Log on to [www.volunteersignup.org/788CD](http://www.volunteersignup.org/788CD). If you are interested in having a booth, click the following link [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-aYVCqvxFYErQPYDNepGz7A23CkIzy7l03Dk0-jBUpk/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-aYVCqvxFYErQPYDNepGz7A23CkIzy7l03Dk0-jBUpk/viewform?usp=send_form).

In addition, businesses, community organizations and individuals are invited to participate in the NISD Partners in Education Stuff the Bus school supply drive. Coordinate a school supply drive for loose supplies or fill backpacks and help us stuff the bus August 3-4. See attached flyers. To arrange a pick-up or for more information, contact Phil Beckman at 817-215-0172 or [PBeckman@nisdtx.org](mailto:PBeckman@nisdtx.org).

### **Plan Ahead for the 2016-2017 School Year**

The first day of school is Monday, August 22. Get information about campus meet the teacher nights, school supplies and more at [www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool](http://www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool).

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