



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, Aug. 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, Aug. 8.

NISD School Notes, Aug. 3-22

Teachers learn tech to help classrooms

Teachers from every Northwest ISD school and several non-district schools attended Byron Nelson High School on July 27 and 28 for the annual 1:World Conference, learning how to use educational technology in their classrooms.

The conference featured notable guest speakers – including Nolan Bushnell, founder of Atari – and allowed teachers to learn about valuable software and online services from fellow educators. Many courses focused on ways teachers can use free online software to either collaborate with other teachers across the world or have their students collaborate with one another.

PHOTO INCLUDED: [1 to World.jpg] Northwest ISD educators take part in a website management class during day two of the district's 1:World Conference on Thursday, July 28.

Student donates 160 backpacks for those in need

Northwest High School rising senior Hayleigh Hutyra donated 160 backpacks for the annual NISD school supply drive.

Hayleigh has provided a total of 816 backpacks since 2009, when she established Baking for Backpacks. For this initiative, Hayleigh bakes and sells cookies throughout the year to raise funds for the backpacks. Her donation is distributed annually as part of the Northwest Back to School Fair. This year's fair will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 13, at Pike Middle School, located at 2200 Texan Drive in Justin.

PHOTO INCLUDED: [Baking for Backpacks.jpg]: Northwest ISD Partners in Education Specialist Phil Beckman (left) and Northwest High School student Hayleigh Hutyra (right) pose in front of the 160 backpacks the rising senior donated for the school district's annual supply drive this year.

Reception for new superintendent on Aug. 30

A reception for community members to meet Dr. Ryder Warren, Northwest ISD's new superintendent of schools, will take place 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, in the district's administration building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

Dr. Warren began his role as superintendent on July 21 and comes to NISD from Midland ISD, where he was also superintendent. He was selected after a five-month search in which 40 applicants from 15 states were screened for the district's top leadership role.

Register for prekindergarten in Northwest ISD

Prekindergarten registration is available for NISD children who are four years old by Sept. 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. Additionally, Prairie View will offer bilingual prekindergarten. For more information about prekindergarten classes, requirements and registration, go to www.nisdtx.org/prek.

School board meeting taking place Aug. 8

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth. The month's second board meeting will take place at the same time and location on Monday, Aug. 22.

NISD to launch new mobile app

In an effort to match the district's newly designed website, which premiered in July, 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 early this fall and provide 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 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at Pike Middle School. School supplies will be distributed to children in need at the event, where they can also receive books, 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. If you are interested in having a booth, click the following link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-aYVCqvxFYErQPYDNepGz7A23CkIzy7I03Dk0-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 Aug. 3 and 4. See attached flyers. To arrange a pick-up or for more information, contact Phil Beckman at 817-215-0172 or PBeckman@nisdtx.org.

Plan ahead for the 2016-17 school year

The first day of school is Monday, Aug. 22. Get information about campus meet the teacher nights, school supplies and more at www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool.

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