NISD RETIREES

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Northside Retirees

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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Monday, February 12, 10:00AM, NAC, Rm B

Speaker: Dr. Brenda Ward,
Assistant Superintendent of Continuous Improvement

Topic: How Do You Address Continuous Improvement for a District the Size of NISD ?

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Monday, March 4, 10:00 AM, NAC, Rm B

Speaker: Dr. John Craft, Northside Superintendent

Topic: Things That Impressed Him When Coming to NISD

We want to recognize the Sponsors whose generosity make the Annual Retiree Luncheon possible and affordable.

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2024 SPRING NISD ANNUAL RETIREE LUNCHEON

"TEAM NORTHSIDE"

Planning and preparation is in full swing for the 2024 Spring NISD Annual Retiree Luncheon. Make sure your calendar is marked for Tuesday, April 16th, 10am -1:30pm at NAC. As last year, the opening time has been adjusted to10am for registering and visiting with other retirees. The socializing time will be from 10:00am- 11:00am.

NAC is able to seat 350 persons so it is important to register when the evite or mailed invitations arrive in March. The caterer this year will be NISD CATERING. There will be Opportunity Items for you try to win, photo areas to have memory pictures taken with friends; and other items to purchase.

There is always work to be done so if you would like to help, please contact:

Ellen Sutton, Chairperson - eks915@yahoo.com

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE BACK

FOOD BANK CAN ALWAYS USE VOLUNTEERS

The San Antonio Food Bank and NISD continue to host mega food distributions to support families in need at NISD's Gustafson Stadium. Volunteers are needed for food distribution on: February 9 and 23

You can use this link to sign up with our group or form a group of your own.
Volunteer Group Registration — www.safoodbank.org/volunteer

Volunteers should arrive between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot.
Distribution begins at 9:00, and you are generally finished between 11:00-11:30.

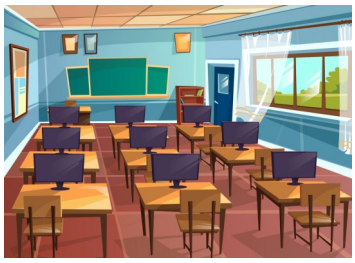
We look forward to meeting you there.

LOVE MY SCHOOL DAY

Volunteers and Business Partners are going to be working together to make schools "loved" by cleaning landscapes, building new gardens, painting a teacher workroom, and helping out with many other creative ideas.

Anyone wanting to volunteer on February 10, please call the school of your choice to find out information about times and if you need to bring any materials, equipment, etc., like gloves . . .

Schools participating are:
Martin Elementary
Murnin Elementary
Powell Elementary
Wernli Elementary
Hobby Middle
Neff Middle School
Pease Middle
Rudder Middle School



WORKING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RETIREES

If you are interested in an opportunity to go back and teach, contact Human Resources.

WELCOME TO REALITY !

By Mary Ellen Walls

So, the week before Christmas was spent with my kids and grandkids at the beach. Wow! Just Wow! Walking for miles up and down near the surf, dodging renegade waves that came too close, watching my dog run for all she's worth, beach-combing for treasures of the sea, feeling the crisp ocean breezes in my hair! In other words, feeling young and wild and free. Wonderful stuff! That was then.

Arriving home, first stop was the mailbox, where awaited yet another treasure trove ~ Christmas cards from friends far and wide, filled with notes updating me on the year they had and wishing me the best. Lovely!

Next to the large stack of junk mail just in case there was something important (and you know there never is). It was at that exact moment I learned the gloomy truth. Here I was, sitting there, fat, dumb and happy, only to find out that I am not young and wild and free at all. NO! I AM OLDER THAN DIRT! Ready to drop dead at any moment. I should never have opened that junk mail. Seriously. Turns out, I am eligible for any number of exciting, free seminars, some of which even include lunch. But in order to eat for free, I must sit through information sessions about the following: 1) cheap cremation opportunities – What?! 2) miracle hearing aid opportunities, 3) fabulous nursing home opportunities, 4) confidential dementia screening opportunities….and the list goes on.

I actually think that British guy, Siri, on my Iphone is going around telling everybody under the sun that he's charged with explaining the simplest things to some ancient moron who doesn't have a clue about her phone. Oh, he pretends to be nice by saying "You're welcome" when I tell him thanks and all. But no, he's a sneaky little rat! I think he's gotten sick and tired of me and he's getting even the only way he knows how. That's what I think. And I believe there is a way to get him back. Surely there is. But I need to ask my 12-year old granddaughter what that would be because, frankly, I am pretty darn old. Also, I'm figuring that I might sign up for some of those seminars, just for the free lunches. I might then sleep through the actual presentation and snore loudly, just for the heck of it. To annoy. Just like they annoyed me. That's what I might do.

Mary Ellen Walls worked in Central Office as a rotating secretary, then secretary to Dr. Alexander, then to Dr. Orci, and last as Board/ Superintendent secretary to Mr. Rawlinson. After moving to Sisterdale, she became secretary to the Curriculum Director for Boerne ISD. She retired in 2005 and continues to stay busy volunteering twice week at Pass It On (a Resale Shop in Comfort where all proceeds go to scholarships for Comfort students).

NORTHSIDE SCHOOL MUSEUM MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023-2024

March 4, Monday, 10:00 am	Speaker, Dr. John Crafrt NAC, Room B
April 16, Tuesday, 11:00 am	SPRING RETIREE LUNCHEON - NAC
May 15, Monday, 10:00 am	End of the Year Luncheon

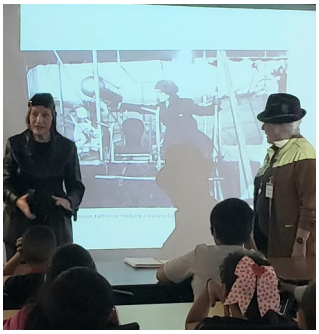
"And now here is my secret, a very simple secret: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."
— Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, The Little Prince

ENRICHMENT DAY ADVENTURE

The Enrichment Academy at Cable and Westwood Terrace Elementary Schools is a unique and innovative model that provides students an extended school year with an additional 29 days of enriched instruction through engaging hands-on activities. Throughout the school year, students will be treated to 29 "brain break days" when District and community members will provide students with information and activities on topics that reach beyond the traditional curriculum.

On November 29 students at Cable Elementary and on January 31 Westwood Terrace Elementary students received a real treat when NISD School Museum Association volunteers gave historical presentations. Students saw a vintage automobile, met historical figures such as "Henry Steubing," "Katherine Stinson," and "Charles Lindberg." Other students were treated to listening to and singing historical music, playing with moveable antique wooden toys and learning about life one hundred years ago as students performed their home chores and participated in active learning at a "one-room rural school."

"Charles Lindberg" describing his plane and journey,



"Katherine Stinson" with a "Reporter from the Light Newspaper"

Getting ready to see the vintage automobile

Demonstrating how to play with the vintage wooden toys.

Learning about how school would have been 100 years ago.

WHAT A GREAT WAY TO START THE YEAR . . .

Luna retirees at Full Goods Diner at the Pearl

Raba Elem Retirees gathered for tacos at Tia's Taco Hut

Boone Elementary retirees usher in the New Year as they enjoy lunch at Maggiano's Little Italy at the Rim!

A small, but fabulous group of Fernandez ES folks met at Pasha's on Wurzbach. They had a wonderful lunch and a mariachi concert.

Cable ES had a wonderful turnout for a long overdue get together.

An awesome group of Taft High School retirees and guests enjoyed visiting and eating lunch at B.J.'s. Delicious!

No food for this group!!!

The School Board visited the School Museum and had a great time exploring the collection. The Board used to meet around this table.