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## Calendar

### November

November 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving Holiday

### December

Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

December 20-31<sup>st</sup>

Choir Holiday Program

2nd Six Weeks ends

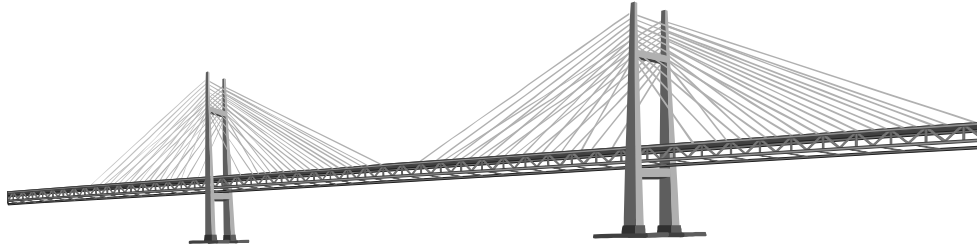
NHE Night at Cici's

3<sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks ends

Winter Break



# Northwood Hills Proves the Strength of a Straw!



Follow the link and see the coverage on the NHE Straw bridge competition from the *Far North Dallas Advocate*.

<http://farnorthdallas.advocatemag.com/2010/11/northwood-hills-elementary-students-hold-straw-bridge-competition/http://farnorthdallas.advocatemag.com/2010/11/northwood-hills-elementary-students-hold-straw-bridge-competition/>

**Please subscribe** to the *Far North Dallas Advocate* blog to get continuing coverage of events and news for the Northwood Hills neighborhood.

## Multi-Cultural Night Coverage

# MULTI-CULTURAL NIGHT DINNER

Follow the link and see the coverage on the NHE Multi-cultural night dinner from the *Far North Dallas Advocate*.

<http://farnorthdallas.advocatemag.com/2010/11/northwood-hills-elementary-celebrates-diverse-cultures/>

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## Historian Scrapbook

# Historian Scrapbook!

We are collecting pictures to assemble an Historian Scrapbook for Northwood Hills Elementary! Pictures from the Walk to School Day, Fairy Tale Dress-Up Day, any of the events from Red Ribbon Week, and Bingo Night or any other school events.

Please submit your pictures to Lisa Shatz, at [lisa.shatz@utdallas.edu](mailto:lisa.shatz@utdallas.edu) or if you only have prints please contact Lisa and pick-up from school will be arranged.



Thank you for your support!

Did you know?

## Did you know?



This is a new section that will be a continuing part of the eNews publication. A significant or interesting story will be highlighted on a regular basis in this section relating to our fellow district schools. Please read on and enjoy!

### Westwood Junior High Blue Ribbon School

Twenty-six schools in the state of Texas have been nominated as **2011 Blue Ribbon Schools**, and **Westwood JH is one!**

To be considered for Blue Ribbon School Recognition by the U.S. Department of Education, a Texas public school must be nominated by the Commissioner of Education. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public elementary, middle and high schools that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement.

Westwood JH will be recognized at the Texas Blue Ribbon School event on January 31, 2011, in Austin, and November, 2011, in Washington D.C.



### Richardson High School Desperados Dance Team

Some members of the RHS Desperado dance team have been selected to participate in the *Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade* this year! Their dancing will be broadcast during the 9:00am NBC broadcast of the Macy's Parade. Tune in!!



### Top Scores go to Westwood Junior High

Westwood Junior high has done it again! Troy Gray has announced that WWJH received the highest benchmark scores **in the district** on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Reading and Social Studies benchmarks!!!

If you have any news relating to our school district please feel free to let us know at [pthrush@tx.rr.com](mailto:pthrush@tx.rr.com). Please include "Did you know?" in the subject line of your email. –Thanks editor.

# NHE Food Drive

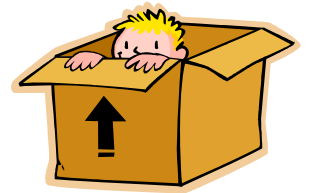
Our student *Mediators* are hosting a food drive for the North Texas Food Bank between **November 29<sup>th</sup>** and **December 10<sup>th</sup>**. Below is a “Wish List” of items that are needed.



## North Texas Food Bank Wish List

- canned meats/tuna/chicken/ham
- soups, stew, chili
- dried beans/canned beans
- nuts/peanut butter
- cereal/cereal bars
- canned vegetables/vegetable soup
- canned fruits/dried fruits/100% fruit juices
- healthy snack items (crackers, pretzels, etc.)
- shelf-stable milk
- baby food/infant formula

There will be boxes set up at the start of both **A Hall** and **B Hall** and there will also be a box in Paige Pendery’s (Counselor) office for people to drop off your donations. If you have any questions you can contact Paige at [Paige.Pendery@richardson.k12.tx.us](mailto:Paige.Pendery@richardson.k12.tx.us).



## Mixed Bags – Back by Popular Demand

YAY! We've had enough people ask for more Mixed Bags, that they've opened a website for us! Order by 11/5 to receive by Thanksgiving. Forward this article to any family or friends who might be interested. PLUS: There are some new designs on the website that were not in the catalog! (Click on picture for link to website)

### Mixed Bags - Back by popular demand! Buy for your friends and family! Buy more for yourself!

<p>purchase eco fabulous reusable bags from Mixed Bag Designs!</p> 	 	<p><b>mixedbag</b> DESIGNS</p> <p>50% of your order goes to Northwood Hills PTA</p> <p><b>Lots of Prints Lots of Style Tons of Fun!</b></p> <p>To order, please visit <a href="http://www.mixedbagdesigns.com">www.mixedbagdesigns.com</a> and click on the SHOP ALL tab</p> <p>At checkout when you review and submit your order, you will be asked for your fundraiser ID.</p> <p><b>The Northwood Hills PTA Fundraiser ID is 43730</b> Entering this number will automatically give Northwood Hills PTA credit for your order.</p> <p><i>Thank you for your support!</i> for questions contact <a href="mailto:support@mixedbagdesigns.com">support@mixedbagdesigns.com</a></p>
	<p>Spread some cheer!</p>	<p>Laptop &amp; iPad Cases</p> 

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Once you have finished shopping proceed to checkout, and follow the prompts. (New customers will be asked to register). When reviewing and submitting your order, please enter ID # **43730** in the Fundraiser/School ID Box prior to clicking on submit.

Please submit your order **NO LATER THAN November 5, 2010**  
Your order will be shipped directly to you within 2-5 days from our Northern California warehouse.

# NHE Spring Auction!

## Set Sail with NHE!!

As you are planning your holiday shopping lists, please consider a little something extra for the NHE Spring Auction. We are starting to collect wine bottles (min. \$10 value) for the popular "Wine Surprise" and would love to DOUBLE what we had last year! Also, be thinking of other items or services you could donate to the event!

Please contact Linda West ([nickandsimonsmom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nickandsimonsmom@sbcglobal.net)) or Tric Sohosky ([tsoho@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tsoho@sbcglobal.net)) for more information and drop off locations.

Thank you!

### Amazon.com Fundraiser



**This is going to be big.**

It's time to get a head start on your holiday shopping!!! The NHE PTA is having an online fundraiser with Amazon.com starting now through the end of the year. NHE automatically earns between **4% and 10% on all purchases** made on Amazon.com **originating from the link** on our NHE PTA website:

<http://www.nhepta.org>

## Terracycle: Waste to Products and support your school



Have you seen teenagers carrying those cute purses made out of CapriSun packs? Well, guess what... There is a company that recycles candy wrappers, Ziploc bags, Aveeno products, and more, into cool, eco-friendly products (like a bicycle chain picture frame!) AND they pay schools and nonprofits for used packaging. That's where we come in!

If this program interests you, go to <http://www.terracycle.net/>, sign up to collect items, indicate that you are benefiting NHE, they send you a prepaid shipping label, you send in your items, and they pay NHE \$.02 per item!

Their minimum shipping numbers are pretty high (500 CapriSun pouches per shipment), so it would be great if someone was willing to head up a collection site for the whole school. Let me know!

**Linda West**

[nickandsimonsmom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nickandsimonsmom@sbcglobal.net)

## Ways & Means

# How can you support your school!?

Clip Box Tops and Labels for Education all year long!

Send into your teacher anytime!

Contest runs all year – ice cream parties for top earning classes!

## Box Tops for Education



\* Expiration date matters!

\* **Make sure the date is visible and not in the past.**

\* Don't clip too small! **Cut each box top at least 1" wide.**

\* *Cheerios, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Kleenex, Juicy Juice and more!*





## Labels for Education



- \* **Full barcode must be visible** (see picture).
- \* But we don't need the entire label!

\* Campbell's, Swanson, Prego, V8, Spaghettios and Pepperidge Farm.

## Earn funding for NHE on your everyday purchases!

	<p>Tie your <b>Target REDcard</b> to NHE at <a href="https://www.target.com">Target.com</a>.</p>
	<p>Link your <b>Tom Thumb Reward</b> card to charity <b>#3797</b>.</p>
	<p>Scan barcode with your <b>Kroger Plus card</b> at the start of each school year.</p> <p><a href="#">Print the barcode here!</a></p>
	<p>Shop with NHE ID <b>#70096135</b> at <b>Office Depot</b>.</p>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

# Join NHE PTA Today!

Family Membership \$16  
Single Membership \$9

Local dues go to NHE, and benefit YOUR children, teachers, and YOU:  
Just to name a couple, did you know TX PTA members receive:

**14% off T-mobile monthly fees**  
**5% off Southwest Airlines Travel**

Join TODAY and find out more!

Thank you!

Questions? Elba Morgan-Knox, [epmk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:epmk@sbcglobal.net)

## Volunteer's Background Check

# NEW Online Volunteer System!



RISD launched a new Volunteer Online Application for the 2010-11 school year. Prospective volunteers can access the Volunteer Application by navigating to the RISD website at <http://www.risd.org/www.risd.org>. Click on **Community-Volunteer Opportunities**. At this point, you can elect to proceed in English or Spanish, and any RISD school can be selected as a preference. The information submitted will be used not only for the background check, but also allow schools to contact approved volunteers for their specific school needs.

This application will only be active for the current school year, through 6/30/11, at which time it will be purged and volunteers will be asked to submit new information for the following school year. NHE is very appreciative of ALL of our volunteers, and appreciate your cooperation and understanding during RISD's transition to this new system!

## **NEW! At NHE this year! PTA en Espanol!**

NHE will now have general meetings in Spanish the Friday morning after the MONTHLY General meetings. The same information covered in the General meetings will now be covered in PTA en Espanol meetings, as well as a Q&A period for Spanish-speaking parents/caregivers. Please forward this article to anyone you know that could benefit from this information.

**The next meeting will be scheduled in the NHE Library.**

## **Nuevo Este Ano en NHE! PTA en Espanol!**

Estan invitados a asistir las reuniones en Espanol. Haga Preguntas, y Aprenda informacion acerca de la escuela. Las reuniones solamente seran mensuales.

Los Viernes por la manana en la biblioteca.

Registrese en la oficina y la junta sera en la biblioteca de 8:15-9:00 am.

## **If you like this E-News, you should check out our website...**

**[www.nhepta.org](http://www.nhepta.org) !**

Stay informed and updated with NHE information. You can view calendar of events and meetings, as well as general school information. Bookmark it today!

## Quick Links

Northwood Hills Elementary School - [www.risd.org/schools/nwhe/index.htm](http://www.risd.org/schools/nwhe/index.htm)

Richardson Independent School District (RSID) - <http://www.risd.org/>

Westwood Junior High - [www.risd.org/schools/wwjh/index.htm](http://www.risd.org/schools/wwjh/index.htm)

Richardson High School - [www.risd.org/schools/rhs/index.htm](http://www.risd.org/schools/rhs/index.htm)

