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Calendar

December

Thursday, December 9th
Friday, December 10th

Choir Holiday Program
2nd Six Weeks ends
NHE Food Drive Ends

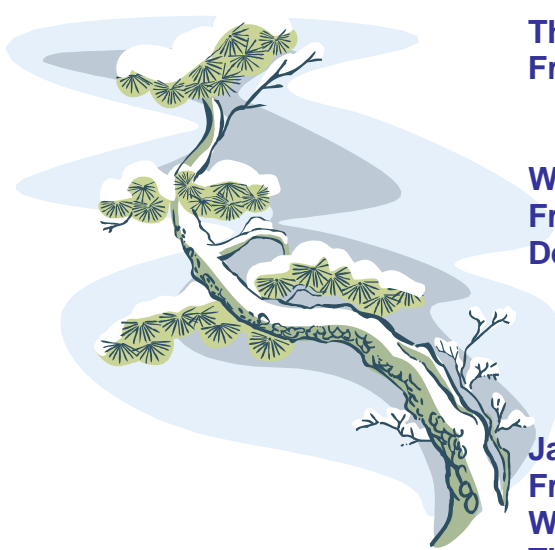
Wednesday, December 15th
Friday, December 17th
December 20-31st

NHE Night at Cici's
3rd Six Weeks ends
Winter Break
Amazon.com Fundraiser Ends

January

January 3 - 4th
Friday, January 7th
Wednesday, January 19th
Thursday, January 27th

Student Holiday
Martin Luther King Holiday
NHE Night at Cici's
PTA Meeting – Pancake Supper (6:30p)



Help NHE Win \$1000!

Raise Your Hand Texas, a nonprofit non-partisan educational organization, is sponsoring the “Gift of Giving” Photo Contest the month of December. How NHE WINS:

1. Visit and then click to “Like” the “Raise Your Hand Texas” Facebook page.
2. Click on Photos tab and go to Contest. Find NHE’s photo (it’s a cute pic of our wonderful staff), click on photo to leave a comment! You must click on our photo before leaving your comment or it will not count towards NHE.

YOU MUST HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE TO VOTE!

Each comment counts as one vote! Grand prize is \$1000, 2nd place is \$500, and 3rd is \$250.

Contest ends December 14th, VOTE today!
Spread the word ~ THANK YOU!

Northwood Hills Elementary



LAST CHANCE to Donate! NHE Food Drive

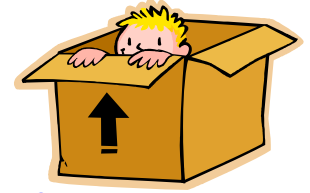
Our student *Mediators* are hosting a food drive for the North Texas Food Bank between **November 29th** and **December 10th**. Below is a “Wish List” of items that are needed.



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.

Amazon.com Fundraiser



Planning on any extra shopping this season??

A percentage of  proceeds go direct to NHE!

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>

Upcoming NHE Night at Cici's – Support Dinner



Night Out at Cici's!

NHE Support Dinner



Join us! Northwood Hills gets 10%!

Join us for lunch or dinner at Cici's Pizza (Coit & Spring Valley) on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Sign your receipt and place it in the NHE box and Cici's gives back 10% to support our PTA projects.

Next Event: December 15th

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 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?

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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!

Richardson High School Top Honors in Computer Programming Contest

High school teams from the Richardson and Plano school districts competed in a computer programming contest sponsored by the University of Texas at Dallas. The event brought together 114 of the brightest students around. The contest included an advanced and novice category.

Richardson High School took first place in the advanced competition!!



Northwood Hills takes 3 Gold Performance Awards



NHE won 3 Gold Performance Awards from the state for 2010 TAKS scores! The awards were for Commended scores in Math and Science and for passing scores in Math.



NHE Float in a “Class” by Itself

The NHE float was repurposed and received the "open class" winner from the Richardson Christmas Parade. This year's parade theme set by the city was "Santa's Helpers". Our “new” float was titled "A sea adventure for Santa" and Santa's pirate helpers were Richardson YMCA adventure groups, consisting of some NHE students, the Mohicans, Wolverines (Trent Stevens) and Golden Butterflies (Kate Stevens, Addison Steele, Lauren and Faith Good, Claire Levan) and their Dads. Way to go NHE students and Dads.



RISD Named Top Academic District in Texas

(as published on RISD.org)

Education Resource Group (ERG), a company that evaluates academic performance and financial management data for all districts in Texas, has released their 2008-09 Best Practice Awards, naming Richardson ISD as the top district in Texas on their Academic Performance Index.

When combining academic performance and financial management, RISD ranked sixth in Texas in the firm's Education Productivity Index.

"It's certainly an honor to be named the best in Texas by any measure," said RISD Superintendent Dr. Kay Waggoner. "Taken together, we feel the academic and financial rankings reinforce our belief that RISD offers excellent educational opportunities while remaining a strong value to our taxpayers."

ERG's indices analyze state performance and financial data from the Texas Education Agency to determine how well districts are educating students and managing resources.



If you have any news relating to our school district please feel free to let us know at pthrush@tx.rr.com. Please include “*Did you know?*” in the subject line of your email. —Thanks editor.

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) or Tric Sohosky (tsoho@sbcglobal.net) for more information and drop off locations.

Thank you!

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

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 Target REDcard to NHE at Target.com.</p>
	<p>Link your Tom Thumb Reward card to charity #3797.</p>
	<p>Scan barcode with your Kroger Plus card at the start of each school year.</p> <p>Print the barcode here!</p>
	<p>Shop with NHE ID #70096135 at Office Depot.</p>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Join NHE PTA

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

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 Año en NHE! PTA en Espanol!

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

Los Viernes por la mañana en la biblioteca.

Regístrese en la oficina y la junta será en la biblioteca de 8:15-9:00 am.

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

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

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

Westwood Junior High - www.risd.org/schools/wwjh/index.htm

Richardson High School - www.risd.org/schools/rhs/index.htm

