

## Welcome new NISD principals



Jean Dove  
Krueger ES



Jennifer Alvarez  
Jordan MS



Jody Fries  
Braun Station ES



Thomas Mackey  
Fernandez ES

## School Board earns “Good Governance Matters” award

Northside ISD is among five school districts in Texas singled out for having an effective leadership team in place. The award was announced in the current issue of Texas Lone Star, a publication of the Texas School Boards Association.

“In today’s era of increased scrutiny directed towards public education with watchwords like ‘accountability’ and ‘assessment’ driving reform discussion,” says Roger White, Lone Star editor, “establishing and maintaining an effective district leadership team are essential to ensuring high standards of student performance.”

**“Northside’s Board operates like a school board should.”**

School Board President Bobby Blount says that there is “recognition and agreement by all Trustees and the superintendent that good governance is a critical success factor to achieving the District’s vision and goals.” Blount also serves as President of the Bexar County School Board Presidents’ Association.

Superintendent Dr. John Folks agrees that the “NISD School Board operates like school board should. The Trustees provide a framework for accountability and set policies that always focus on what is best for the children. One word that truly describes this school board is ‘Team.’”

## School-wide security system first of its kind in San Antonio

The Northside ISD School Board approved campus-wide integrated security systems that are unmatched anywhere in San Antonio public schools.

The new state-of-the-art systems will include (per campus) four or five dozen indoor and outdoor mounted digital video-cameras, glass-break sensors, access controls, door contacts, alarm monitoring, badging identification systems, and infrared detectors that are monitored via computers in real-time, as well as archived digital video.

The security pilot will be installed this summer at Jay HS and will be expanded to the other high schools within

the following six months.

The campus-based Integrated Security Management System was identified as a high-priority need to support the District Strategic Plan goals for Safe and Secure Schools, Technology, and Facilities. Additionally, an integrated security system was a key recommendation of both the Elert & Associates 10-Year Technology Master Plan (2001) and the Sako & Associates School Security Master Plan (2004).

Funding for the integrated security systems was approved by the voters in Bond 2004.

## CSI comes to NISD

Much like the sleuths on the popular TV show “CSI” who dig around for clues to better help them solve their case, NISD administrators and teachers will be able to delve into a new program to better serve their students.

Critical Student Information (CSI) is the theme for the web-based curriculum management system that can access student data to spot trends, and identify areas of strength and weakness so a student can receive necessary assistance as needed. The data management tool contains general student information, plus their schedule, grades, discipline records, and all

testing and assessment data in one place, and will be used by the student’s teacher, campus and district administrators, and curriculum specialists to best serve each child’s needs.

“The purpose of this new curriculum tool is to facilitate standards-based teaching, learning and assessment so that educators can focus on meeting the needs of each and every student and increase student achievement,” says Linda Mora, deputy superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

Campus training of the new system will begin in mid-August.

## 2005 Northside ISD Graduations

The following graduations are held at the Alamodome

- Monday, May 23, O’Connor – Alamodome (8 PM)
- Tuesday, May 24, Clark – Alamodome (8 PM)
- Thursday, May 26, Taft & Communications Arts – Alamodome (8 PM)
- Saturday, May 28, Jay – Alamodome (9:30 AM)
- Saturday, May 28, Warren – Alamodome (1:00 PM)
- Saturday, May 28, Holmes & Business Careers – Alamodome (4:30 PM)
- Saturday, May 28, Marshall – Alamodome (8:00 PM)

### Graduations at other locations

- Wed., May 25, Excel Academy – Paul Taylor Field House (7:30 p.m.)
- Friday, May 27, Health Careers – Paul Taylor Field House (7:30 p.m.)

## Calendar highlights for school year 2005-2006\*

Aug. 15	Teachers return
Aug. 22	Students return
Sept. 5	Labor Day Holiday (All)
Oct. 10	Columbus Day Holiday (Students)
Nov. 21-25	Thanksgiving Holidays (Students)
Nov. 23-25	Thanksgiving Holidays (All)
Dec. 19 - Jan 2	Winter Break (All)
Jan. 16	MLK Holiday (All)
Feb. 20	President’s Day Holiday (Students) (and Bad Weather Make-Up Day)
Mar. 13-17	Spring Break (All)
Apr. 14	Easter Friday (All)
Apr. 28	Battle of Flowers Holiday (All) (and Bad Weather Make-Up Day)
May 29	Memorial Holiday (All)
June 2	Last day for students
June 3	Last day for teachers

\* Legislation could impact these dates

## New start & release times for 2005-2006 school year

	Teacher Start	Student Start	Student Release	Teacher Release
Elementary	7:30 a.m.	7:45 a.m.*	2:45 p.m.	3 p.m.
Middle	8:15 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	3:40 p.m.	3:50 p.m.
High (includes magnet schools)	8:40 a.m.	8:50 a.m.	4:05 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
PreK a.m.		7:45 a.m.*	10:45 a.m.	
PreK p.m.		11:30 a.m.	2:45 p.m.	

\*Drop-off 7:15 a.m.