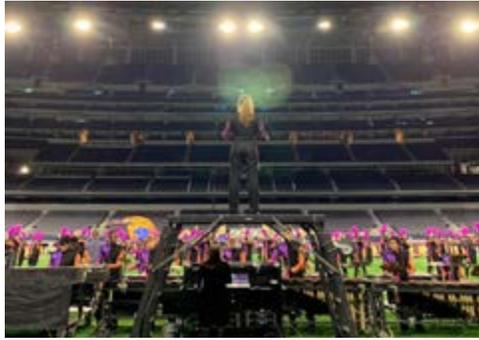


## Woods' Kudos

### Brennan band places 2nd nationally



The Brennan Bear Marching Band traveled to AT&T Stadium in Arlington to compete in the U.S. Bands National Championship: Western Edition.

Bands were grouped together by size for the first round of competition. In the preliminary competition performance, Brennan earned the title of Group V National Champions. They also received awards for Best Music, Best Visual, Best General Effect, Best Percussion, and Best Guard.

In the final competition, all bands competed together, regardless of size. Brennan placed second earning a silver medal.



### NISD students provide food for thousands

What is a Thanksgiving dinner without cranberries? Thanks to students from Northside ISD's Learning Tree After-School Enrichment program there will be enough cranberries for the 25,000 guests expected at the 38th annual Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner this year.

For the fifth year, students accepted the challenge to be the sole provider of cranberries for the annual event, one of the largest Thanksgiving events in the country. It takes 4,688 pounds (or 75,008 ounces) of cranberry sauce to feed that many people. The students' ultimate goal was to collect 7,000 cans of cranberries during the month of October.

With all 79 Learning Tree sites and 20 Club LT middle school sites participating, the total collected was 18,855 cans.

*Pictured are students at Wanke ES who collected 653 cans and took home first place in the large program category.*



### Reddix Center celebrates 25 years in NISD

When the Nellie Reddix Center opened its doors in 1993, NISD had an enrollment under 55,000 students. The opening of this new facility brought together two previously existing programs – the Northside Habilitation Center and the Northside Vocational Transition Center.

The mission of the Reddix Center is a unique one but part of what public education encompasses – educating all students to help them transition from school to adult life in a successful way. The age of students ranges from three to 22 years old. The Center serves students with all levels of disabilities, including some of the most medically fragile students in NISD.

“We talk about what it means to say ‘This is Northside’ and the Reddix Center truly represents the best of what we do in public education,” said Trustee Katie Reed during the ceremony. “We take all students and help them learn and grow and achieve their goals. The Reddix staff believes that everyone’s path looks different and everyone should have a say in their life as adults. The work they do every day is remarkable and I’m so proud we have this wonderful school here in Northside ISD.”

The anniversary celebration showcased the many abilities of the students, from music to a fashion show. *Pictured are Principal Robin Fields and her co-mistress-of-ceremonies Chelsea Figueroa, a Reddix Center alumna.*



## NISD video of the week

This week's video showcases what students at two NISD schools did to honor and recognize veterans and those currently serving in the military, and introduces Miley, a certified therapy dog. [Click here to watch what is going on "Around Northside."](#)

## PERK OF THE WEEK

### Where words leave off, music begins

From "Holiday Pops" to "Fiesta Pops" and some Sinatra and Brahms in between, the San Antonio Symphony is offering NISD employees 35 percent off tickets to any 2018-2019 Classics and Pops performances at The Tobin Center. Use promo code FRIENDS to redeem the discount online, by phone (210) 223-8624, or at the box office. [Purchase tickets online here.](#)

## GRANT OF THE WEEK

### Walmart Community Grant Program

The Walmart Community Grant Program is available to afterschool programs in K-12 for enrichment, tutoring or vocational training for low income individuals and families. [Click here for more information on the Walmart Community Grant Program](#) or contact the Grants and Recognitions Department at (210) 397-8562.



### A Colonial Galm ES

Welcome to Colonial America! Just in time for Thanksgiving and part of a social studies lesson, fifth grade students at Galm ES sampled Colonial life by churning butter, writing with a feather, and playing with jacks! Teachers wore Colonial dress and students had an opportunity to do hands-on activities to learn about Colonial times. *Pictured are fifth grade teachers Catherine Garcia, Bonnie Hernandez, Laura Fischer, and Kimberly Traugott.*



### Beyond the game at Clark HS

For the fourth year, members of the Clark HS varsity football team reached out to students from the Applied Learning Environment (ALE) program during homecoming week to demonstrate that all students are appreciated in Clark, Texas. The team presented 45 Special Education students with homecoming mums, made by their mothers. The presentation of mums garners lots of smiles and even a few tears.



### Honoring Dr. Woods

The NISD Board of Trustees held a community-wide reception to recognize NISD Superintendent Dr. Brian Woods as the Texas Superintendent of the Year. Thanks to generous donations from partner companies, the culinary arts program from Marshall and Holmes high schools prepared food for the event. Entertainment was provided by the Jay Mariachi Jalisco, Clark Jazz Small Combo, and O'Connor SVE. Dr. Woods now moves to the National Superintendent of the Year competition, which will be announced in February 2019.

