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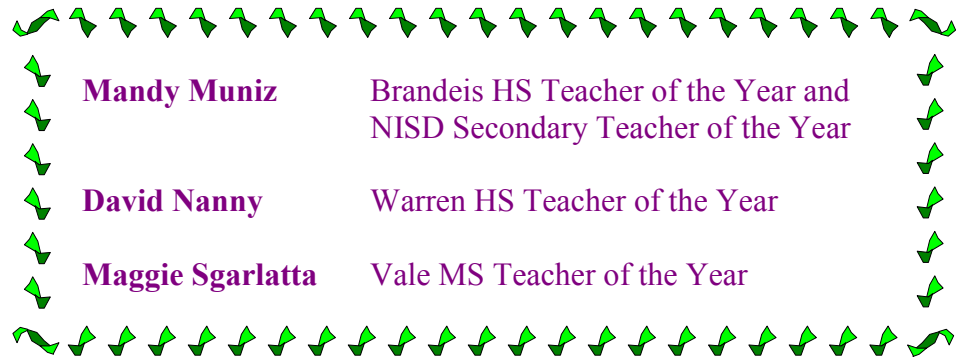
NISD Theatre Congratulates Teachers of the Year!

Dates to Remember:

March 28, 2009:
UIL HS Zone Contest, 10am-8pm, Holmes Auditorium

May 15, 2009:
Early Registration Deadline for TETA Summer Workshop

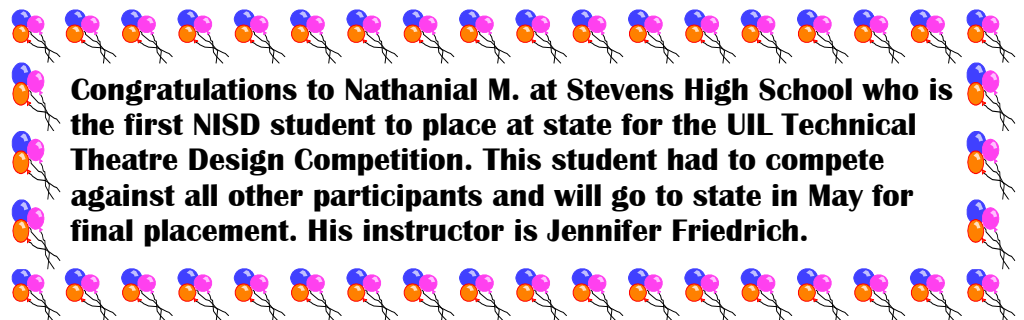
July 10-12, 2009:
TETA Summer Workshop at Stephen F. Austin University



"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship."

- Louisa May Alcott

(submitted by Mandy Muniz, Brandeis HS)



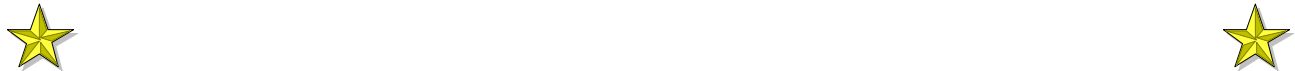
Coming Attractions



April 23, 2009
7:00pm in the Corral Theatre at Brandeis HS

Brandeis Improv Troupe (BIT!) and Stevens Improv Players (SIP!) will share the stage in a round of Comedy Sportz.

Admission is a canned good or donation to charity.



May 12, 2009
6:45pm in the Galm Elementary Cafeteria

Galm ES 4th Grade Musical, *Lights, Camera, Action!*
Admission is free.



May 18-29, 2009
7:00pm at Warren HS

Theatre I Showcase

**May 18, 2009
(Auditorium)**

Theatre 3/4 Musical Theatre

**May 21-22, 2009
(BlackBox)**

SOAPS (Senior Directed One-Act Plays)

**May 28-29, 2009
(BlackBox)**



In the Spotlight

Nora Franklin- Katherine Stinson Middle School Theatre Arts

A student of Northside ISD from 1975-1987

Attended Shenandoah, Hobby and Clark H.S.

I took a brief break from school and began working in the theatre as a light board operator at Fiesta Texas the first season they were open. I was then awarded a college internship with the Walt Disney Company and lived in Florida for a summer as I ran lights for a college orchestra show. Throughout the summer I had the opportunity to work with a number of famous Broadway performers from Rita Moreno, Marvin Hamlisch, Nell Carter, Carol Channing and Howard Rait. When I returned from Florida I was married to my wonderful husband John and worked at the Majestic Theatre. I had my first daughter, Katie in 1995 and after my teaching career began I had her younger sister Alexis in 2001.

I Graduated in 1999 from Southwest Texas University with a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts

I began my teaching career in Northeast ISD at John Wood MS and after 5 years transferred to Frank Tejada MS. I was awarded the Superintendent's Award for Outstanding Work 2 of my 8 years in Northeast. My students have been earned many awards over the years that I directed One Act Plays for the Northeast One Act Play Contest. I taught at Tejada MS for 3 years when I made the choice to come back to Northside and was hired last year. I am currently in my 10th year as a middle school teacher and look forward to a long career in Northside.

My Philosophy of teaching theatre in middle school is to first and foremost show each student that theatre is life and that it is not only safe but enjoyable. I want each of my students to feel the joy, energy and excitement of an entertained audience.

NISD at TETA

Workshop Presenters from NISD

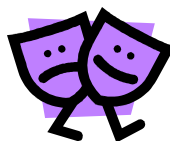
Jose de Hoyos, Steven HS—Musical Theatre Choreography for Teachers

Jennifer Friedrich, Stevens HS—Acting Experiment: Action and Reaction

David Nanny & Cody Eoff, Warren HS—Fine Arts and TAKS

Heather Kelley, Galm ES—Making Movies with Windows Moviemaker

Dooby Dooby Moo: A Picture Book Musical



Swap Shop: Today's Lesson

Broadway, Here We Come!!

Submitted by Cody Eoff, Warren HS

Objective: Students will learn about Broadway musicals in a Broadway research project.

Assignments: You and a friend are taking a trip to New York City, the Big Apple. Broadway! There are many things to see and do in NYC. As well as checking out neat museums and the New York Mets, you are going to see a Broadway show. To make sure that your trip is a huge success, you have to do a little advanced planning. Below is a list of those planning exercises.

ASSIGNMENT #1 (Daily Grade)

As a theatre patron, you must pick a Broadway musical that you would be interested in seeing. To become better familiar with the shows on Broadway you may want to use www.playbill.com, www.ibdb.com, and www.broadway.com. Here you will find a list of current shows. Once you have selected the show, you must find out which theatre houses the show. Using that information, you must locate and print a seating chart of the theatre. Decide where you want to sit and research the cost of the tickets. Once you know where the theatre is located, you must find a hotel in the area and research the cost of a one-night stay.

- * Printed seating chart of theatre.
- * Ticket prices for each individual location in theatre.
- * Map to hotel from the theatre.
- * Cost of room at hotel.
- * Use attached worksheet to fill in information.

ASSIGNMENT #2 (Major Test Grade)

To become more familiar with the show you are planning to see, you shall do some research into the show itself. Using either a poster board collage, a box covered in paper with information/pictures, a power point presentation OR in the form of a written research paper, you must cover the following topics:

- * Title of musical.
- * Who wrote it? (Music-Lyrics-Script)
- * When and where the show first opened and how long it has been playing.
- * List 4 major songs featured in the show.
- * List the main characters and a brief explanation of their character.
- * Summary or synopsis of the musical.
- * What critics have said about the show.
- * The awards the show has won.
- * The running time of the show.
- * Famous actors/actresses who have starred or do star in the show.
- * A biography from the actor/actress of your choice who is currently in the musical.
- * Who does the choreography of the show.
- * Cover of the playbill. (Picture)
- * Any other information or trivia unique to the show.

ASSIGNMENT #3 (Daily Grade)

Using any musical of your choice, you have \$200.00 to buy musical souvenirs. You will have to use musical web pages to see a list of available merchandise.

Picture and price of each item.

- * Items can not exceed the \$200.00 limit.