

Board Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the FBISD Board of Trustees

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Hornet Scholars have been in school for three weeks and are off to a great start! As we presented at our board meeting this week, our nurses, teachers, and administrators are commended for their dedication and diligence to ensure that we meet our students' safety, academic, health, social & mental health wellness needs. If you see them buzzing around our community, please stop them and thank them for their service!

We presented our latest version of our district's strategic plan during the most recent board meeting - the district scorecard. The administration is truly proud of what a reflection of our culture the document is. You can hear the voices of our students, teachers, and community in each statement on the card. Reflecting on the entire process and seeing the result, we hope that our belief statements, vision, and mission will live well past our time here. We hope that the document will hold up to the test of time and stand by our Hornet Points of Pride as axioms we live by. CPH

Be safe & strong! Be committed! Bee a HORNET!

HORNET LEARNING ACADEMY FINDING FLEXIBLE WAYS TO ENSURE STUDENTS SUCCEED

The Hornet Learning Academy is proud to announce 21 students are enrolled in the program. During the first couple of weeks of school, students are completing courses. In fact, of the 21 students in the program, nine courses have already been completed.



A few students enrolled in the program are on track to complete graduation requirements by the end of the 2nd six weeks. Through program outreach, the Hornet Learning Academy has recovered drop-out students and re-enrolled the students to assist them in completing the necessary course requirements to obtain a diploma.

We are continuing to reach out to students who have dropped out recently via home visits. We work closely with the counselors to identify students at risk of not completing the graduation requirements to earn a diploma.

We've received positive feedback from families and students about beginning this drop-out recovery program at Flour Bluff ISD. Without the Hornet Learning Academy, students leave the district to finish an optional school day program in neighboring districts.

FULL-DAY PRE-K IS IN FULL SWING

All PreK classrooms are filled, and the campus has moved forward by hiring a new teacher. PreK enrollment is continuing daily.

The campus installed new furniture and was ready to be used for the first day of school. Students are enjoying utilizing the conducive classrooms that allow individual and group learning.

Each week, students participate in a motor lab, science lab, music, and art rotation. Teachers are appreciating the full-day schedule and feel they are adequately preparing the students for kindergarten.

Through community partnerships, we have obtained a large donation of nap mats that students use daily. We appreciate these organizations being great community partners for our Lil' Hornets.

The new InvestiGator Club curriculum allows our students to make a purposeful inquiry, promoting student engagement and forming their own inquiries. The new curriculum also encourages language, cognitive, physical, and social-emotional growth.



HORNET ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Volleyball opened district play with a victory over Veterans Memorial
- This Week's Hornet of the Week is Multisport Athlete Lauren Fuller - <https://athletics.flourbluffschoools.net/2021/08/26/hornet-of-the-week-lauren-fuller/>

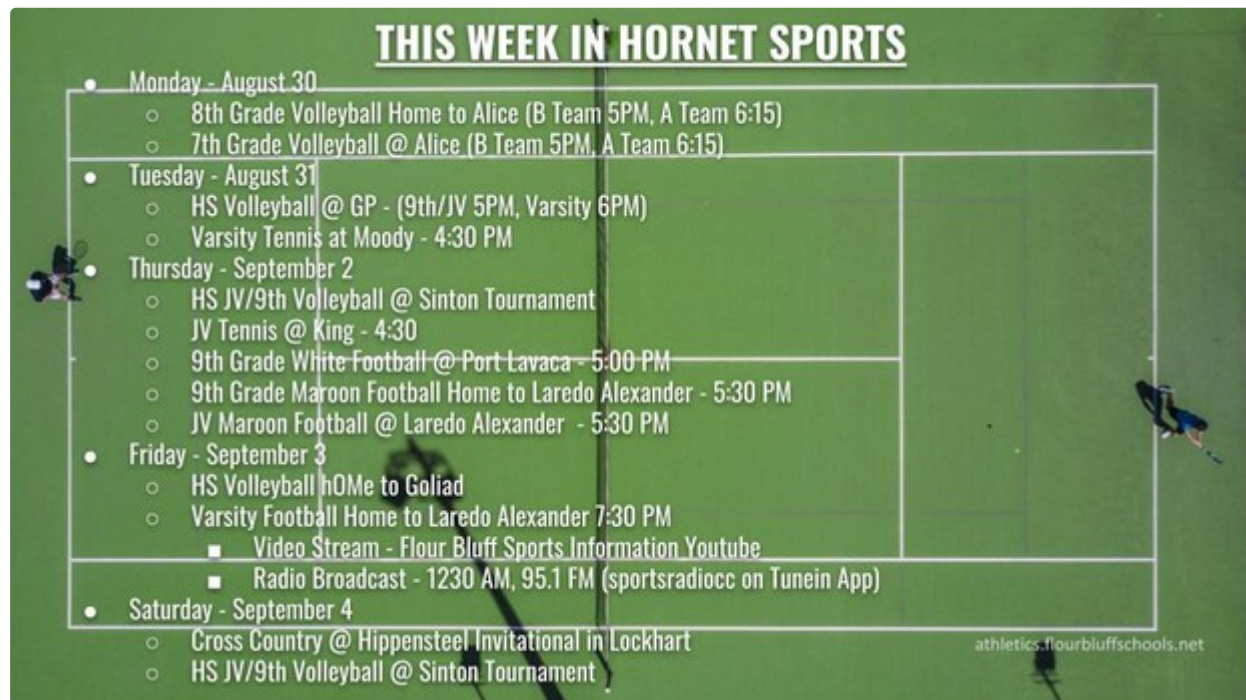
Next Week In Hornet Sports...

Class Pride and Heart will be on display this week in Hornet Country (August 30 - September 4)

- Monday Junior High Volleyball opens this season with 7th Grade at Alice, while 8th Grade is at home.
- Tuesday, High School Volleyball Travels to Gregory Portland, Tennis Travels to Moody.

- Thursday, the Freshman and JV Volleyball open the Sinton Tournament, JV Tennis Travels to King. The sub-varsity football teams are in action with the Freshman White team are at Port Lavaca; the Freshmen Maroon Team is home to Laredo Alexander, while the JV Maroon team is playing at Laredo Alexander.
- Friday, the Lady Hornet Volleyball team will host Goliad, while the Hornet Football team will host Laredo Alexander in the first home football game of the season.
- Saturday, the Cross Country team will travel to Lockhart for the Hippensteel Invitational.

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THIS WEEK IN HORNET SPORTS

- Monday - August 30
 - 8th Grade Volleyball Home to Alice (B Team 5PM, A Team 6:15)
 - 7th Grade Volleyball @ Alice (B Team 5PM, A Team 6:15)
- Tuesday - August 31
 - HS Volleyball @ GP - (9th/JV 5PM, Varsity 6PM)
 - Varsity Tennis at Moody - 4:30 PM
- Thursday - September 2
 - HS JV/9th Volleyball @ Sinton Tournament
 - JV Tennis @ King - 4:30
 - 9th Grade White Football @ Port Lavaca - 5:00 PM
 - 9th Grade Maroon Football Home to Laredo Alexander - 5:30 PM
 - JV Maroon Football @ Laredo Alexander - 5:30 PM
- Friday - September 3
 - HS Volleyball hOMe to Goliad
 - Varsity Football Home to Laredo Alexander 7:30 PM
 - Video Stream - Flour Bluff Sports Information Youtube
 - Radio Broadcast - 1230 AM, 95.1 FM (sportsradiocc on Tunein App)
- Saturday - September 4
 - Cross Country @ Hippensteel Invitational in Lockhart
 - HS JV/9th Volleyball @ Sinton Tournament

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STUDENT NUTRITION TO BE FEATURED IN UPCOMING EDITION OF SERVED DIGIZINE

Student Nutrition is continuing to cause a stir on social media with their amazing pictures and video of the delicious meals they serve to students each day. In September, the Department will be featured in "Served Digizine," an online digital magazine centered around school nutrition. We'll be sure to share a link to the digizine in a future edition of Board Buzz.

If you are interested in stopping by for lunch one day, don't hesitate to contact Superintendent Soliz-Garcia. She will help coordinate a time to plan lunch together and a campus cafeteria and Student Nutrition Department tour.



READY SET GO 18+ PROGRAM

There are now a total of 20 students utilizing the Ready Set Go program. There are AM and PM shifts of students. The students are back at work at different job sites, including Wal Mart, Lolly's Day Care, YMCA, and the Food Bank. There will be virtual job coaching from the TWS beginning September 7th.

The students have begun production of organic dog treats which sold out to the HS staff last week. They would like to expand their sales to other campuses. Also, they are working on some t-shirt designs to sell at the Flour Bluff Spirit shop. We are looking forward to a ribbon-cutting ceremony in early September when all the job sites and daily working procedures are in place. Please stay tuned.

FBISD BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS TEEN CENTER

The Boys & Girls Club of the Coastal Bend will start offering services to Hornet teens on Tuesday, September 7. The two classrooms that were designated for the Center are ready, and furniture will be arriving soon. Mrs. Kim Barrientos, CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Bend, requested that the district consider naming the teen program in honor of Dr. David Freeman. Superintendent Soliz-Garcia approved the request without hesitation.

The district is excited to expand the great programs that the BGCCB offers our Hornets! Thank you, BGCCB, for seeing Dr. David Freeman's and FBISD Board of Trustees' vision for expanding the program for our teens! BGCCB will send registration and program information to parents in the next few weeks. The district will be sending invitations to our Board, parents, and students to the upcoming official ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the implementation of the FBISD Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Bend - Dr. David Freeman Teen Program!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - WORK IN PROGRESS

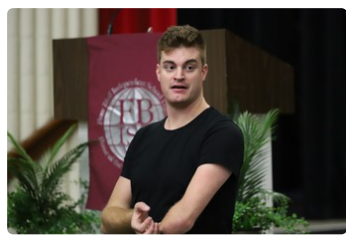
The rear bus route project is set to begin in November. Considering a 45-60 day anticipated construction time, it is possible that we could get our buses running this new route and out of the main traffic before the end of the year. The work on the primary and junior high roofs is set to begin in November.

The repairs necessary to secure the utilization of Hornet Stadium are underway. A contract for the major repairs of the stadium should be before the board in February. Finally, the work on the gym entryway is under contract and should begin soon.

MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER KEVIN ATLAS ADDRESSES HIGH SCHOOL & JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

This week, Kevin Atlas, motivational speaker and the first player with only one hand to earn a D1 basketball scholarship, was at Flour Bluff High School. His strong message is about feeling confident about yourself regardless of differences you may have hit home with the students. He talked about how having faith and perseverance has helped him overcome many obstacles, which he turned into triumphs.

Kevin had an opportunity to address students in person while his address was also live-streamed to classrooms at the High School and Junior High campuses. Student leadership groups from both campuses also had an opportunity to meet with Kevin in a smaller group setting.



COVID-19 PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

During the August Regular Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees, district administration presented to the school board about our COVID-19 Protocols and the Flour Bluff ISD Website. Dr. Barganski showed the COVID-19 numbers per campus, which are posted daily on the district website. She also showed links to the District Protocols, Mitigation Website, and helpful links to the City of Corpus Christi/Nueces County, Centers for Disease Control, Texas Education Agency, and UIL Websites. During the presentation Executive Order No. Dr. Barganzki also mentioned GA-38, GA-39, Texas Supreme Court Ruling from August 15th and August 26th.

Dr. Barganski also talked about the COVID-19 Clinic and how the district wanted to extend the hours when a full-time person is hired. She also talked about a new COVID-19 Coordinator. The position will be funded using ESSER III funds and will last for three years.

Update on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The district has acquired extra COVID-19 PPE from the Texas Division of Emergency Management. The shipment included:

- Adult Face Masks—40,900
- N95 Masks-- 3,840
- Face Shields—980

- Child's Face Masks—43,000
- Gloves—4,899
- Gowns—960
- Hand Sanitizer 8 oz.—120
- Hand Sanitizer—600 gallons

COVID-19 UPDATE

For the 2021-2022 school year, staff and students will continue to follow all protocols for COVID-19 at campus and district facilities. To view the District's 2021-2022 Student & Staff Safety Protocols, [click here](#).

The testing clinic has been testing students and staff each day. This week, the Clinic tested approximately 335 individuals. The Clinic allows students and staff exhibiting symptoms to complete a rapid test on-site and free of charge. The COVID-19 Testing Clinic is located in a classroom past the Print Shop and Spirit Shop and is open from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Noon) each school day.



[Click here for the latest COVID-19 case numbers and other district data.](#)

To keep up to date on the latest information surrounding COVID-19, visit <https://flourbluffschoools.net/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2021

LABOR DAY

STUDENT & STAFF HOLIDAY



FBISD Calendar of Events



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