

Latest Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the Flour Bluff Community!

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Velma Soliz-Garcia, Superintendent

This is definitely a *December to Remember*! Our Hornets are raging forward in both academics and athletics! We are incredibly proud of all of their accomplishments! We try to capture and highlight as many of those accomplishments in the Latest Buzz to share with you - apologies if we miss a few! We hope to see you out and about at different Hornet events this weekend and next week as we near the end of the fall semester!

I want to personally invite you to join me and our FBHS Theatre Students this Saturday as they present "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"! The performance starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Flour Bluff ISD Auditorium. See you there!
Go, Hornet Thespians!

The following was my Facebook post after a historical win Friday, December 3:
Flour Bluff parents and community - thank you for filling every seat in the stadium to support our Hornets! We also had thousands of listeners tuned in to the game online! We witnessed history last night! I've said this often this past year, and I'll repeat it - not only are our Hornets movers, shakers, and motivators, they are history makers! They are breaking records in every area! We have the BEST educators who coach and sponsor our Hornets year-round - many thanks to them for the numerous hours they dedicate to our Hornet scholars and athletes.

I am truly blessed and honored to serve and lead this community as Superintendent of Schools!
Thank you for your continued support and assistance!

This community embraces the Hornet culture of CPH and loves ♥ our Hornets!

We could feel that in our stadium Friday night!

Congratulations Hornets!

Forever OUR Champions!

2021 Regional Champions!

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



Come see "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" This Saturday!

Our Flour Bluff High School Theatre presents "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." You can see them at the Flour Bluff High School Auditorium on December 11 at 7 pm.

We are also currently working on an alternate date for the December 10 performance that was canceled.

We hope to see you there!



Many thanks to those that joined Flour Bluff ISD for our Tree Lighting and Santa Send Off!

On Monday, December 6th, Flour Bluff ISD welcomed our community out for the tree lighting and Santa send-off at the Hornet Town Square! Our ESD #2 kicked off their holiday parade, now in its 59th year! Our High School choir performed, our Band Booster sold hot cocoa and popcorn, and our gorgeous tree and lights were all on display, thanks to the generous donation by Grace Community Church! We thank you all for coming, and thank you, ESD #2, for partnering with us and doing beautiful things for our community!



Elementary students perform Jingle Bell Jukebox

Great job to our Elementary students who recently performed their Jingle Bell Jukebox show!



Superintendent's Listening and Learning Sessions Scheduled for Fall 2021

Superintendent Soliz-Garcia started the Listening and Learning Sessions during the Spring 2021 semester. The initiative will continue this school year as we share the state of the district and gather feedback from employees, parents, students, and community members. The following sessions have been confirmed:

Monday, December 13 - Maintenance/Transportation (A.M. Session)

Monday, December 13 - ECC Campus

Monday, December 13 - Community Session, 6:00 p.m. - Athletic Facility Classroom

Tuesday, December 14 - Central Office/Technology/Public Information/Printshop

Tuesday, December 14 - High School Campus

Wednesday, December 15 - Intermediate Campus

Thursday, December 16 - Maintenance/Transportation (P.M. Session)

Thursday, December 16 - Island Joe's (Community/Parent Session)

Friday, December 17 - Special Ed Department

Superintendent's Listening and Learning Sessions for parents and community members are listed below!

Monday, December 13 - Flour Bluff ISD Athletic Classroom - 6:00-8:00 PM

Thursday, December 16 - Island Joe's Coffee - 7:00-9:00 AM



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SUPERINTENDENT'S LISTENING & LEARNING SESSIONS

VELMA SOLIZ-GARCIA, SUPERINTENDENT

PARENTS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS DATES:

 **MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021**
FLOUR BLUFF ISD ATHLETIC CLASSROOM
6:00-8:00 PM

 **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021**
ISLAND JOE'S COFFEE
7:00-9:00 AM

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Way to go Flour Bluff Intermediate Math and Science Team!

The Flour Bluff Intermediate Math and Science Team competed in Mission, Texas, over the weekend.

Our 5th and 6th-grade students crushed the 6th-grade division! We swept the science event, taking 1st - 10th places. Our kids took 27 out of 30 top 10 places in the three math events. We won the 6th-grade sweepstakes by a landslide, bringing 43 trophies and ribbons.

These kids work diligently before and after school to perform at this level every day. If you see these kids around, please congratulate them!

In addition, Flour Bluff ISD will host several Academic UIL Meets for 2nd Grade through High School, which will occur on various dates throughout January, February, and March. The contest dates are as follows:

- High School District Cross-Examination Debate: January 18, 2022
- 2nd through 8th Grade Project Based Art: January 25, 2022
- Jr. High One Act Play: February 5, 2022 (location - Tuloso-Midway)
- 2nd Grade through 8th Grade Academic Contest: February 12, 2022
- High School Zone One Act Play:
 - Zone A – March 5, 2022
 - Zone B – March 6, 2022
- High School District One Act Play: March 20, 2022
- High School Academic Contest: March 25-26, 2022

The individual awards are posted below.

SCIENCE

| <u>Place</u> | <u>Student</u> |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Kaitlyn Hu |
| 2 | Noah Webster |
| 3 | Robert Thacker |
| 4 | Annalisa Lee |
| 5 | Kyra Casey |
| 6 | Tom Su |
| 7 | Jack Provence |
| 8 | Johnlin Feng |
| 9 | Anthony Galindo-Burnett |
| 10 | Zoe Gain |

MATHEMATICS

| <u>Place</u> | <u>Student</u> |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1 | Tom Su |
| 2 | Johnlin Feng |
| 3 | Annalisa Lee |
| 4 | Robert Thacker |
| 5 | Shelby Hunt |
| 6 | Kaitlyn Hu |
| 7 | Noah Cochrane |
| 10 | Jamez Estes |

NUMBER SENSE

| <u>Place</u> | <u>Student</u> |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1 | Johnlin Feng |
| 2 | Tom Su |
| 3 | Kaitlyn Hu |
| 4 | Annalisa Lee |
| 8 | Shelby Hunt |
| 9 | Zoe Gain |
| 10 | Duncan Bell |

CALCULATOR

| <u>Place</u> | <u>Student</u> |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1 | Tom Su |
| 2 | Kaitlyn Hu |
| 3 | Annalisa Lee |
| 4 | Shelby Hunt |
| 5 | Johnlin Feng |
| 6 | Robert Thacker |
| 8 | Carina Martin |
| 9 | Duncan Bell |
| 10 | Matthew Garcia |

HISTORY

| <u>Place</u> | <u>Student</u> |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1 | Noah Webster |
| 3 | Shelby Hunt |
| 6 | James Hunt |
| 9 | Tom Su |

MAP, GRAPHS, & CHARTS

| <u>Place</u> | <u>Student</u> |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1 | Johnlin Feng |
| 2 | Noah Cochrane |
| 3 | Matthew Garcia |
| 7 | Carina Martin |

DICTIONARY SKILLS

| <u>Place</u> | <u>Student</u> |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1 | Robert Thacker |
| 4 | Annalisa Lee |



Flour Bluff NJROTC amazes at Inspection!

Our Flour Bluff NJROTC had their annual inspection yesterday and could not be more proud of every student that was a part of this important day. We also want to thank parents and community members for coming to support our NJROTC!



Having fun with school spirit!


Hornets are making history! To keep the school spirit, our High School did a door decorating contest! Our winning door was done by room 218, technology class by teacher Audreana Underbrink!



Safety and Security Update

The district safety and security committee met this Thursday, December 2. The School Committee is a working group of parents, teachers, local law enforcement, FBISD Board Members, and the Superintendent. This committee advises the district to help create and maintain a safe and secure school climate and culture for staff and students.

On December 9, 2021, Agent Heath Hardwick with Homeland Security presented what parents need to know about Cyber Safety. The presentation was at the Flour Bluff High School Teaching Theater. This event was a terrific opportunity for families to understand Cyber Safety and precautions.

The poster features a background image of hands typing on a keyboard with a network of white lines and padlock icons overlaid. In the top left, the text "Together We Can..." is followed by "INSPIRE. FOSTER. EMPOWER." in smaller letters. In the top right, "FLOUR BLUFF ISD" is written above "FLOURBLUFFSCHOOLS.NET".

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CYBER SAFETY FOR PARENTS

**THIS EVENT IS A TERRIFIC
OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES
TO GAIN UNDERSTANDING
ABOUT CYBER SAFETY.**

The presentation will be conducted by **Agent Heath Hardwick**, with Homeland Security. The presentation will be at the Flour Bluff High School Teaching Theater on December 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. All parents are encouraged to attend. The Flour Bluff National Honor Society will watch any children in the high school cafeteria.

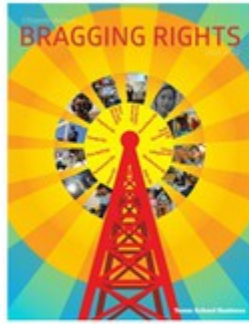

12/9/2021


6:00 PM


**High School
Teaching Theater**

15th Annual Bragging Rights Issue of Texas School Business Magazine

Each year, the "Special Bragging Rights" Issue of Texas School Business highlights the programs and initiatives of 12 public school districts that showcase innovative thinking, passion, determination, and strong leadership. Our very own Sports Information class was featured! To see the full article, click the link here: https://issuu.com/tasanet/docs/tsb_br_2021-22?fr=sMmJmMTE3ODM5MDk



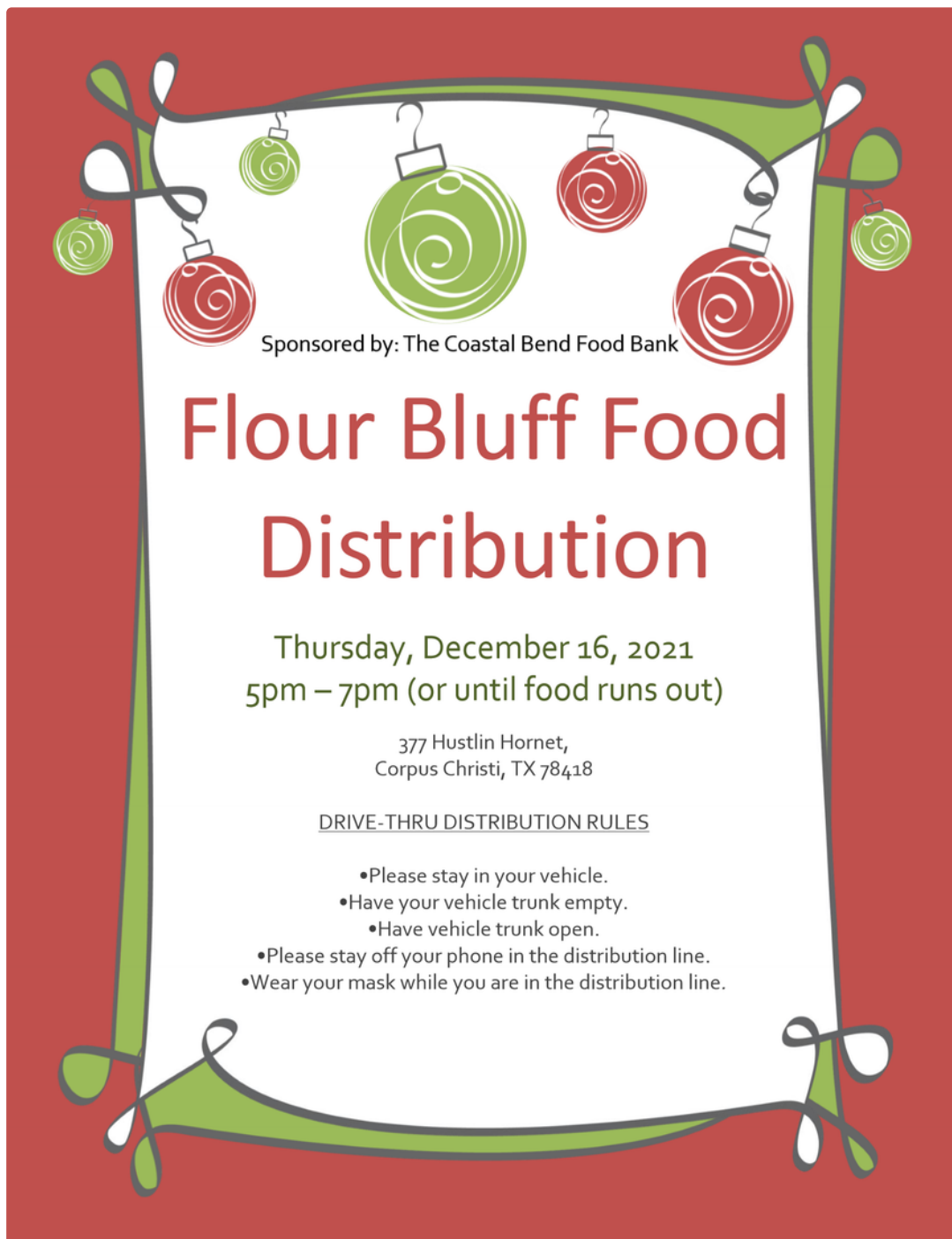
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Flour Bluff Food Distribution

On Thursday, December 16th, Flour Bluff ISD will host a food distribution opportunity for our students and families at 377 Hustlin Hornet. The event will be available until the food runs out. The Coastal Bend Food Bank sponsors this event!



Hornet Learning Academy Celebrates Graduates on December 16th!

Please join us on Thursday, December 16th, as we honor and celebrate the Hornet Learning Academy graduates!

The Hornet Learning Academy at Flour Bluff High School started in 2021 as a drop-out prevention program. The Hornet Learning Academy provides a flexible school day program so students who have dropped out or are at risk of dropping out can complete graduation requirements. Through program outreach, the Hornet Learning Academy has recovered drop-out students and re-enrolled students to assist them in meeting the necessary course requirements to obtain a diploma. The goal of the Hornet Learning Academy is to provide a positive, supportive learning environment with high expectations using an understanding and compassionate approach with all students. We will assist all students in becoming life-long learners and productive citizens. Our goal is to get them ready to walk across the stage and prepare them to walk into the future.



High School Interact Club teams up with ECC for some fun activities!

Our ECC students love when the High School Interact Club members come on Wednesdays to read with them and play games that reinforce academic skills!

Great job Hornets!





ECC Holiday programs put all students and parents in the Christmas spirit this week!

ECC Holiday Programs underway this week! At one of the recent programs, students began singing all together to their families!



Intermediate Choir performs holiday concert!

On Tuesday, December 7th the Intermediate Choir led by director Mrs. Lori Dow delivered a fantastic holiday performance, spreading joy to everyone in attendance. Our Choir students have worked so diligently and have put in a great deal of time and effort to make this performance so special.



Assessment & Dyslexia Updates

Assessment Information

- The upcoming December 2021 End-of-Course assessments will be online during the following dates:
 - December 7-17 for Algebra I, Biology, and U.S. History
 - December 7 for English I
 - December 9 for English II
 - December 10 for Make-Up Sessions for English I & II
 - December 13 for Biology
 - December 14 for Biology Makeups
- Interim Assessments
 - Elementary – Completed
 - Intermediate – 12/6-12/10
 - Jr. High – 7th & 8th Math Completed; 7th & 8th RLA 12/6-12/9; Algebra I 12/14-12/15
- Some of our students were selected by the state to take the STAAR 2.0 Field Test between February 7-18, 2022. These students include:
 - 3rd-5th grade Spanish Reading & Language Arts (RLA)
 - 6th grade Reading & Language Arts
 - 8th grade Math
- Additionally, a sample of FBISD 9-year-olds will be selected to participate in the NAEP Assessment on February 2, 2022. More information regarding this assessment can be found [here](#).

Dyslexia Updates

On September 4th, 2021, the State Board of Education (SBOE) gave final approval for updates to the Dyslexia Handbook. The updated Dyslexia Handbook will go into effect in the coming weeks (20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register). As of today, the updates have not been filed with the Texas Register; information will be provided to the district once this occurs. For now, we will continue following our current processes and procedures for dyslexia referrals and testing.

Once the Dyslexia Handbook updates go into effect, we will have new procedures for evaluation. In the updated handbook, the sections on evaluation for dyslexia and dysgraphia have moved to a single pathway for identification under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This change means that anytime we suspect a student has dyslexia or a related disorder and may need dyslexia intervention services, we must seek parental consent for a Full Individual Initial Evaluation (FIIE) under the IDEA. We must seek informed parental consent under the IDEA and include proper prior written notice and be accompanied by the notice of procedural safeguards. It is critical that parents and guardians are informed of the procedural protections and rights afforded to them and their child under the IDEA.

Using a single pathway for identification of dyslexia and related disorders ensures we will fulfill our child find obligations under the IDEA. The FBISD Dyslexia Teachers will continue to help evaluate for dyslexia in collaboration with our Diagnosticians and Licensed Specialists in School Psychology (LSSP) once the updates are filed with the Texas Register.

UPDATES FROM HORNET ATHLETICS

Sports Update: Go Hornets!

- Monday December 13th
 - o Girls Soccer at Calallen (JV 5:30 pm , Varsity 7:00 pm)
 - o Boys Soccer Alumni scrimmage 5:30 pm

- o Boys Junior High Boys Basketball vs Tuloso Midway (7A 5:00 pm , 7B 6:15 pm)
- o Boys Junior High Boys Basketball at Tuloso Midway (8A 5:00 pm , 8B 5:00 pm)
- Tuesday December 14th
- o Girls Basketball vs King (9th 7:30 pm , JV 5:00 pm, Varsity 6:15 pm)
- o Boys Basketball vs King (9th 6:15 pm, JV 5:00 pm , 7:30 pm)
- Thursday December 16th
- o Girls FBHJH Basketball 7th grade vs Calallen (5:00 pm, 6:15 pm)
- o Girls FBHJH Basketball 8th grade vs Calallen (5:00 pm, 5:00 pm)
- Friday December 17th
- o Girls Basketball vs King (9th 7:30 pm , JV 5:00 pm, Varsity 6:15 pm)
- o Boys Basketball vs King (9th 6:15 pm, JV 5:00 pm , 7:30 pm)

[Click Here for More Athletic News](#)

COVID-19 UPDATE

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The Flour Bluff ISD COVID-19 Testing Center reported from December 6 to December 9, and they tested a total of 16 students and staff members at the FBISD Testing Center. The testing center reported no positive case during this time. As of December 9, we have 11 active cases in the district. The cases are all students.

[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/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 17: Teacher Planning Day

December 20-31: Winter Break

January: School Board Recognition Month

January: National Mentoring Month

January 2022 : FBISD Community Advisory Committee- exact date to be determined

Time: 6:00 p.m.

January 3: Teacher Prep Day

January 4: Teacher Planning Day

January 4: Special-Called Board Meeting

January 5: 3rd Nine-Week Grading Period Begins

January 5: 4th Six Week Grading Period Begins

January 17: Martin Luther King Day

January 27: Board Meeting

FBISD Calendar of Events

Special-Called Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Tuesday, Jan. 4th 2022 at 6pm

Where

Central Office, Board Room

Regular Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Thursday, Jan. 27th 2022 at 6pm

Where

Central Office, Board Room



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