

# Latest Buzz

## Weekly Superintendent Update for Flour Bluff ISD

The Premier District in Texas! Welcome to Hornet Country!

Friday, February 11, 2022 - Volume 2; Edition 25

### Greetings from Superintendent, Velma Soliz-Garcia!

This week has been filled with many activities and accomplishments! Our Hornets at Elementary, Intermediate, Junior High, and High School have wrapped up the 4th 6-Weeks Grading Period! Brace yourselves -- our scholars have **11 Fridays** left to attend school this academic year! As educators, we treasure every minute we have to meet the needs of our students in every curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular area. Our faculty/sponsors/coaches dedicate countless hours to planning lessons, analyzing outcomes, re-assessing, and adjusting their plans as they meet the needs of each one of our Hornets. I thank them for their dedication to the success of our students.

This week we recognized and celebrated our counselors who support our students and their families throughout the year! If you see them in our community in the next few days, thank them for their service! We are fortunate to have such an incredible counseling team!

Many thanks to our Community Advisory Committee for joining us at the Special-Called Board Meeting Thursday evening. We spent a couple of hours together reviewing budget information, an update on capital projects, and evaluating the district's strategic plan. Thank you for your attendance and your valued feedback!

As partners in education, let's not lose sight of our vision to learn at Flour Bluff ISD - the PREMIER district in Texas ... and our mission to Foster and Empower students to become confident, productive members of society who pursue excellence with integrity!

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

### Sending thanks to our Counselors for National School Counseling Week!

In honor of National School Counseling Week, we would like to reflect on how working together benefits one another. School counselors and administrators are better together because they can plan effective ways to help our students succeed. The partnership between our counselors and

administrators is vital to giving our students the very best.

[#NationalSchoolCounselingWeek](#) [#TogetherWeCan](#)



## Military Liaison, Joe Holder visits Intermediate campus to educate staff and raise awareness

Nueces Country School Military Liaison, Mr. Joe Holder, gave an excellent presentation at the Flour Bluff Intermediate campus on Military Culture that included hands-on activities that the faculty enjoyed. The Flour Bluff Intermediate faculty thanks you, Mr. Holder, for the presentation and all you do for our military families.





## Primary and Elementary campuses are buzzing with learning!

You will see learning and growing in action if you pop into our classrooms! We are so proud of our students and their passion for learning!



## Do-nut You Know...We love our counselors!

Our Elementary and Primary campuses celebrated Counselor Appreciation Week with Lots of Love for our Counselors, Mrs. Villarreal (Elementary) and Mrs. Drake (Primary)!



## Writers Workshop brings creativity to life for students!

Welcome to Mrs. McCoy's Writers Workshop! Our Kindergarten students are working on their narratives. They love getting to sit in the "teacher" chair and share their narrative and illustrations.





## Oceans teacher Katie Doyle selected as finalist for TEAE Award!

Our very own Ms. Doyle has been selected as one of the finalists for the Texas Environmental Award in Education! Members of the committee stopped by today to learn all about the Oceans Program and see firsthand what these kids get to experience! The committee members learned from the students and Ms. Doyle about how great this program is! Thank you for all you do, Ms. Doyle! Go Hornets!





## Ms. Gadberry's class is helping to support a fellow FBISD student's Teddy Drive!

Making sure survivors are heard and feel safe is the mission of one Flour Bluff high school student.

It's the more important goal behind a teddy bear drive that took place at the school, led by freshman Kaylie Kelley, who is working to educate her peers on the topic of assault and how it can impact someone's life. Kaylie has been reaching out to the community to get teddy bear donations, and Ms. Gadberry's class answered that call with teddy bears to donate! What a great sight to see Hornets!



## ECC reaches goal and aims higher thanks to our community!

Recently, the ECC library has been raising money for new books. We have surpassed the original goal, and because of this, they have set it even higher! We want to thank all who have donated to help ECC reach its goal! *Together We Can!*





## Junior High shows their love for their counselors this week!

This week is Counselor's Appreciation week. We appreciate how hard our Junior High counselors and social workers (Mrs. Deleon, Mrs. Schuster, Mrs. Bledsoe, and Mrs. Baik) work. Our Student Council decorated our front bulletin board, and our Advisory classes wrote "thank you" notes to each of them.





## FBISD Choir member Caitlyn Edwards shines at All-State!

Caitlyn Edwards has made it to the TMEA All-State Treble Choir! From all of us here at Flour Bluff ISD, we want to congratulate Caitlyn, students, and our incredible staff that works so hard to help our students achieve greatness!

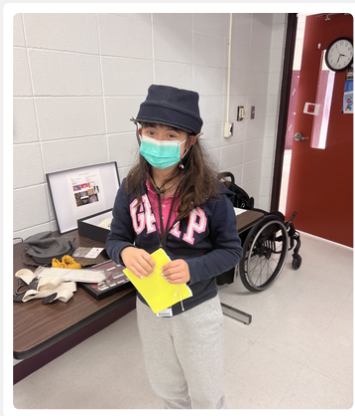
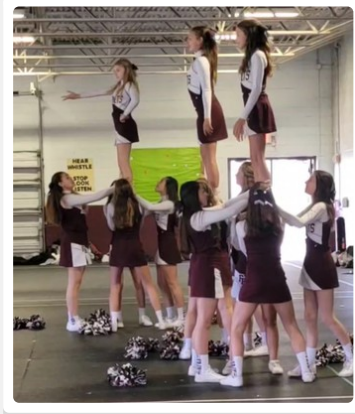


## Junior High Cheerleaders visit out 6th grade students this week!

Our 2021-2022 Junior High cheerleaders visited the 6th grade PE classes on Monday to promote cheerleading and how students can get involved with this great sport. Cheerleading Tryouts are scheduled for March 7-11, 2022. Come and be a part of the team!

## 7th grade has some fun with history!

Our 7th grade Texas History students had the privilege to learn about Civil War artifacts, courtesy of ESC-2. Thank you for bringing the history to us!

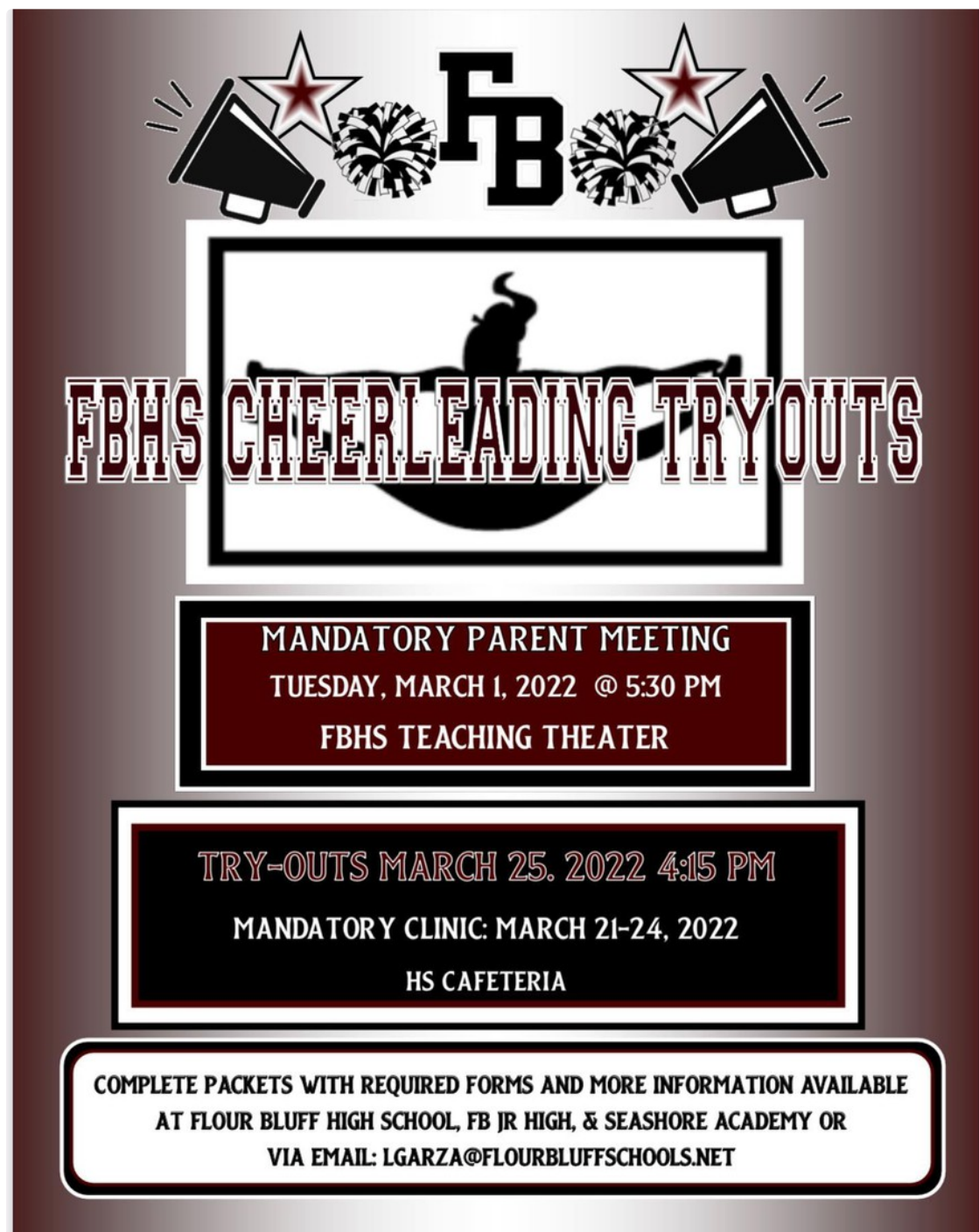


## Come be apart of the FB High School Cheerleading Team!

Flour Bluff High School Cheerleading tryouts are happening! A mandatory parent meeting will occur on Tuesday, March 1st at @5:30 pm in the high school teaching theater.

Tryouts will take place on March 25th at @4:15 pm!





The poster features a dark maroon background with a white border. At the top, there is a graphic with two megaphones, two stars, and two pom-poms flanking a large 'FB' monogram. Below this is a white rectangular box containing a black silhouette of a cheerleader in a dynamic pose. The text 'FBHS CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS' is written in a large, bold, maroon font with a white outline across the center. Below this, there are three stacked rectangular boxes with white borders. The first box is maroon with white text: 'MANDATORY PARENT MEETING', 'TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022 @ 5:30 PM', and 'FBHS TEACHING THEATER'. The second box is black with white text: 'TRY-OUTS MARCH 25, 2022 4:15 PM', 'MANDATORY CLINIC: MARCH 21-24, 2022', and 'HS CAFETERIA'. The third box is white with black text: 'COMPLETE PACKETS WITH REQUIRED FORMS AND MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE', 'AT FLOUR BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL, FB JR HIGH, & SEASHORE ACADEMY OR', and 'VIA EMAIL: LGARZA@FLOURBLUFFSCHOOLS.NET'.

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## Flour Bluff Junior High One Act play cast cleans up at recent competition!

The Flour Bluff Junior High One Act play cast and crew put on a FANTASTIC performance of The Chicago Gypsies at the competition on Saturday. We won a hard-earned SECOND place--competing against Alice, Gregory Portland, Calallen, and Tuloso Midway.

Additional awards were: Honorable Mention Cast: Jessica Hobbs All-Star Cast: Melody McCormick and Bailey Durham Tech Award: Hannah Villarreal and BEST PERFORMER: (One of only two awards): Sophia Bateson.



## Hornet Learning Academy welcomes another graduate and also learn about dating violence

The Hornet Learning Academy has another graduate! Luis Gonzalez is our latest Hornet to complete his credits. The next graduation celebration is scheduled for March 10. Way to Go, Hornets! Student Development and Guidance Center students attended a presentation on Tuesday, February 8, presented by The Purple Door addressing dating violence among teens. Students participated in a true/false quiz and were encouraged to participate with questions and feedback during the presentation. The Purple Door provided students with resources and information about who to contact if they or someone they knew was in crisis.

## Intermediate classes are sharing the love with our community!

Mrs. Czar and some of her Art students made Valentine Day cards that will be distributed between two local assisted-living facilities to help spread some cheer. Great Job, Hornets; way to Pay it Forward!!!





Junior Master Naturalists are making our community greener and cleaner!

Members of the Junior Master Naturalists spent time cleaning and sprucing up the Intermediate Pollinator Garden and surrounding grounds. Great job, Hornets!!!





## Food Service Update

### Food Service Our Behind-the-Scenes Heroes

On Friday, February 4th, weather conditions required the district to call for a delayed school day start. For most of us, it meant one more hour under the covers. It meant compressing the workload of getting breakfast to students and getting lunch ready into just a few hours for food service. With the help of campus personnel, the Food Service staff stepped up and got the job done! Thanks to our foodservice employees for going above and beyond for the students of Flour Bluff ISD.

## Welcome to the Hornet Hive Resource Closet!

We are so excited to announce the Hornet Hive Resource Closet!

The hornet hive resource closet will act as a community resource for students in need within Flour Bluff ISD. The mission is to improve the lives of students by providing them with essential needs to increase their success and enhance their learning experience.

For any questions, contact Savanna Bledsoe at 361-438-0156





Now accepting donations for NEW unopened toiletries and underwear (all sizes), backpacks, non perishable food items, and gently used clothing (free from stains and holes).

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**FIND OUT MORE!**



**TO DONATE PLEASE DROP OFF AT JH CAMPUS  
OR CONTACT THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WORKER AT:**



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Flour Bluff District Social Worker  
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(361) 438-0156

## COVID-19 UPDATE

The Flour Bluff ISD COVID-19 Testing Center reported that they tested a total of 119 students and staff members at the FBISD Testing Center from January 31 to February 3. The testing center reported 21 positive cases during this time. As of February 3, we have 114 active student and staff cases in the district.

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

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

## Assessment & Academics

[Proclamation 2022](#)

Proclamation 2022 was issued by the SBOE in April 2020 and called for the health and physical education instructional materials. The adoption of materials under Proclamation 2022 occurred in November 2021. The adopted materials are scheduled to go into classrooms in the 2022-2023 school year.

On January 24, 2022, the district held its first District Instructional Materials Committee meeting to present an overview of the instructional materials adoption process. The committee also attended the Textbook Expo 2022 at the Education Service Center (ESC) 2 on January 31, 2022. The committee members will preview the health and physical education instructional materials samples from several publishers. On February 8, 2022, the committee will meet again to evaluate the various publishers' health and physical education instructional materials. The final selection of the health and physical education instructional materials to adopt for the 2022-2023 school year will be brought to the board for approval in the spring of 2022.

### **UIL Academic Meets**

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:

- 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

### **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 Thursday, February 10, 2022. As of February 10, 2022, 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; this occurs through Special Education. 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). You can download the [Dyslexia Handbook 2021 Update here](#).

### **Assessment Information**

- 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
- Upcoming Assessment Dates:
  - TELPAS/TELPAS Alt
    - February 21 - April 1, 2022
  - STAAR Alt
    - Preview Window: March 14 - April 29, 2022
    - Assessment Window: March 28 - April 29, 2022
  - STAAR
    - April Assessments
      - English I (paper & online): April 5, 2022



- English II (paper & online): April 7, 2022
- May Assessments
  - Algebra I, Biology & US History (paper): May 3 - May 6, 2022
  - Algebra I, Biology & US History (online): May 3 - May 13, 2022
  - 8th Science (paper): May 5, 2022
  - 8th Science (online): May 5 - May 20, 2022
  - 8th Social Studies (paper): May 6, 2022
  - 8th Social Studies (online): May 6 - May 20, 2022
  - 3-8 Math (paper): May 10, 2022
  - 3-8 Reading (paper): May 11, 2022
  - 5th Science (paper): May 12, 2022
  - 3-8 Math, Reading & 5th Science (online): May 10 - May 20, 2022
- June Assessments
  - English I (paper & online): June 21, 2022
  - English II (paper & online): June 23, 2022
  - Algebra I, Biology, US History (paper): June 21 - July 2, 2022
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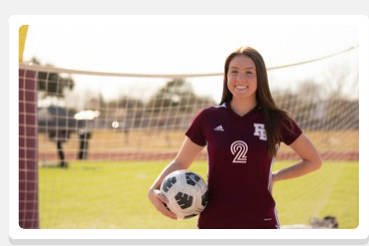
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## Flour Bluff Soccer is in the first round of district today!

Girls soccer is in district play! We are so proud of our Lady Hornets, tonight, they go up against Victoria East Titans tonight, we wish them good luck! Also, the boys soccer happens tonight at 7:00 pm against Victoria East. Go Hornets!



# UPDATES FROM HORNET ATHLETICS

## Flour Bluff Athletics February 14 - February 19

### **Monday February 14 –**

- Boys' basketball vs Gregory Portland (9th and JV 5:00 pm, Varsity 6:30 pm)

### **Tuesday February 15 –**

- Girls' basketball playoffs vs La Joya Palmview 6:30 pm in Falfurrias
- Softball vs Santa Gertrudis Academy (JV 5:00 pm, Varsity 6:30 pm)
- Varsity Baseball home scrimmage vs Tuloso Midway Varsity 6:00 pm
- 9th and JV baseball scrimmage at Tuloso Midway (9th 5:00 pm, JV 6:45 pm)
- JV golf at Sinton 8:00 am

### **Thursday February 17 –**

- Varsity Softball tournament at Calallen (Feb. 17-19)

### **Friday February 18 –**

- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Ray Varsity 8:00 pm
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Ray 6:00pm
- Girls basketball area playoffs TBA

### **Saturday February 19**

- UIL State swim and Dive meet in Austin
- JV soccer home vs Ray (girls 9:00 am, boys 10:30 am)
- Track meet at Ingleside

Sports Update: Go Hornets!

Click Here for More Athletic News

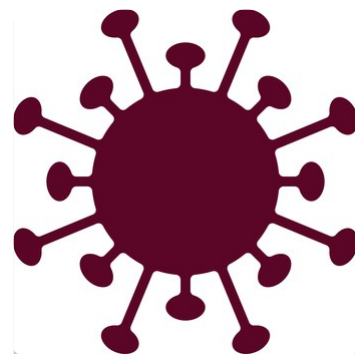
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

African-American History Month

Career & Technical Education Month

February 21: Presidents' Day/ District Holiday

## Winter Olympic Games Beijing 2022 February 4-20, 2022



## Stay Connected with your Campus!

Get social with Flour Bluff ISD!

We have Facebook pages for each campus, so hit LIKE and stay updated on all things happening in Hornet Country!

ECC: <https://www.facebook.com/FlourBluffECC>

Primary: <https://www.facebook.com/fbprimary>

Elementary: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Flour-Bluff-Elementary-School>

Intermediate: <https://www.facebook.com/FlourBluffIntermediate>

Junior High: <https://www.facebook.com/FlourBluffJuniorHigh>

High School: <https://www.facebook.com/flourbluffhs>

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FBISD Calendar of Events

## Special Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Thursday, Feb. 17th, 6pm

Where

Administration Building Board Room

More information

2505 Waldron Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78418



# Regular Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Thursday, Feb. 24th, 6pm

Where

Administration Building, Board Room

More information

2505 Waldron Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78418



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