

Board Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the FBISD Board of Trustees

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GOODBYE WINTER! HELLO SPRING!

One more test and tribulation...but in the end we will succeed! There is a proverb that rings true in our lives..."Fall down seven times, stand up eight!" Our team is strong and determined to succeed! As I mentioned at our board meeting, we have several employees that work behind the scenes to ensure that all is fully operational. We will continue to recognize them for their dedication to our district - most especially our students.

As we close out this month, I want to thank you for your dedication to our district and community as well. I admire each and every one of you! You all have great vision and focus on excellence for our children and for their future! The work that we will engage in the next few months will help us bring all that you envision to the table. It will also give us an opportunity to work as a team to listen and learn from our students, teachers, administrators, parents, and community members! These are exciting times! The *BEST* is yet to come!

My Week "Buzzing Around the District"



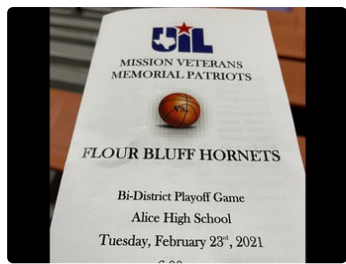
Special Visitors from FB Elementary

Emily & Levi presented me with a special copy of the book I read at their most recent Reading Night! The book had a special message and pictures of us during the zoom session!



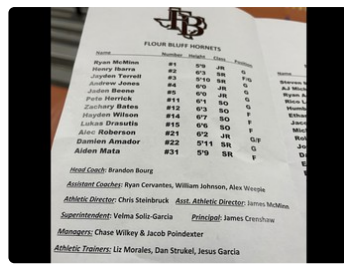
Emily & Levi

Emily & Levi spent time with me in my office and also toured the Board Room! They were so impressed with the Board Room and referred to it as "Presidential"! Our lil' Hornets are aspiring leaders!



Attended the Bi-District Boys' Basketball Playoff Game

...and what a game it was! Our boys truly demonstrated what #cph is all about at this game!



Next round!

Regional Quarterfinals!
Saturday, February 27
FB vs McAllen at Alice HS
7:30 p.m.

Hope to see you there!



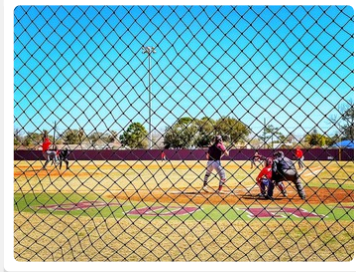


Intermediate Scripps Spelling Bee

Intermediate held their Scripps Spelling Bee Tuesday, February 23. I served as a judge! Very impressive scholars!

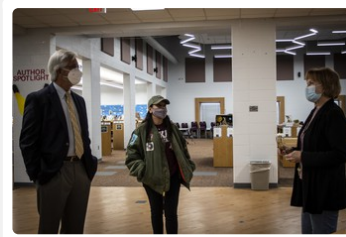


Elementary UIL Oral Reading



Hornet Baseball!

Board Members Visit Campuses During Texas Public Schools Week



STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE - MOAK CASEY & ASSOCIATES

The first two sessions with Moak, Casey Associates have officially been scheduled! The first meeting will be the Team of 8 and the Evaluating and Improving Student Outcomes Session on Wednesday, March 17. The following evening, Thursday March 18 we will host our first Community Advisory Committee. Please invite four parents/community members to this session. Our Senior Cabinet Members (Administrators) will join us that evening.

- Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – Team of 8 Training – Board Room
- Thursday, March 18, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – Community Advisory Committee – High School

Looking forward to the outcomes!

#TEAMWORK = #SUCCESS

UPDATE ON WINTER STORM DAMAGE

As of today, there have been no significant leaks detected or damage to facilities from original inspection.

We currently have 16 directly related work orders.

- PVC pipe cracks. This is a combination of staff and vendor.
- Brass ball valves cracking attached to backflow preventers. Internal repair
- Exterior drinking fountains inside the water fountain itself lines cracking not supply lines leading to fountain. Internal repair
- Bus shed where cleaning and disinfectant water based dispensers supply lines cracked. Internal repair
- Baseball / Softball restrooms supply line within wall cracked water coming out between walls. Staff had to remove brick to repair. Internal repair
- Air Handler coils freezing causing cracks. Some will be re – soldered and we will have to replace one coil. The quote was for \$14,000. Internal and vendor repair
- Well at Natatorium pipe cracked at pump. Internal repair
- Central Plant water lines feeding the towers has some major breaks. Repair in process



RECONSIDERING FULL-DAY PRE-K FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Last year, Flour Bluff ISD applied for the Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten exemption waiver, which delays the requirement to offer full day Pre-Kindergarten through the school year 2021-2022. By the 2022-2023 school year, FBISD will be required to offer full-day Pre-Kindergarten, under House Bill 3. Initially, the district had considered offering Pre-Kindergarten for this school year. At the beginning of last year, Dr. Barganski and Dr. Schaum met several times with Mrs. Seeds, ECC Principal, to discuss the possibility of full day Pre-k and toured the campus to determine if space was available for four additional Pre-K classes. It was concluded that the ECC did have space to add four Pre-K classrooms, with minor rearranging of classes to keep grade levels together.

In the process of planning, they also solicited for quotes to fully equip these additional classrooms. Funding for these additional Pre-K classrooms would come from various sources such as the PreK funding or Early Education Allotment, to pay for teacher salaries, and State Comp Fed funds to purchase classroom supplies. However, due to COVID-19, the district opted not to offer Pre-Kindergarten for the school year 2020 -2021 and applied for the three- year exemption waiver (2019-2020; 2020-2021; 2021-2022) through TEA.

While we do have an exemption waiver for one more year (2021-2022) school year, the district is now reconsidering offering full-day Pre-K next year. At this time, we are currently planning a Pre-Kindergarten Roundup and revisiting plans. We will keep you updated throughout the process.

CALENDAR COMMITTEE UPDATE

On February 24, 2021, the district calendar committee met for the second time at the HS teaching theater. At the meeting, three calendar options were handed out to committee members. Each calendar was reviewed, and committee members had an opportunity to provide feedback on each calendar option. After much discussion, and feedback (pros and cons) from committee members, it was decided that a few adjustments would be made to each calendar option and resent to all committee members by Friday.

Many committee members wanted more information on the 9-week grading period. Dr. Schaum recommended to the committee members to email their questions and she would reach out to school

districts that were on a 9-week grading period and/or on an intercessional calendar to help answer their questions.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2021. Committee members will discuss information gathered from other districts on a 9-week grading period and/or intercessional calendar and hopefully, have two calendar options to begin surveying teachers, staff, parents and other community members.



COVID-19 UPDATE

New Hours for COVID-19 Testing

Monday – Friday (Excludes School Holidays)

8 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Noon)

Former SDGC Building (2606 Waldron Rd.)

Student COVID-19 Testing

Our COVID-19 Rapid Testing Site will begin testing students on Monday, March 1st. The rapid testing is for current students (remote and face-to-face) who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. The testing is free-of-charge. Students 18 years of age and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and parent permission is required for the student to be tested. All students must bring their school ID or ID number with them at the time of the COVID-19 rapid test.

COVID-19 Online Tracker

The Online Tracker is updated each day as new cases are received and students/staff recover from COVID-19. To review the COVID-19 Online Tracker and Re-Opening Plan, click the link below...

<https://flourbluffschoools.net/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL NOTICE

We are continuously working to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. Flour Bluff ISD families may have plans to travel abroad during the upcoming Spring Break holiday. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has specific requirement for all air passengers traveling internationally ([click here to review the requirements](#)). Please remember that any member of our school community (students or employees) must report international travel to the student's campus nurse or department lead and self-quarantine for 10 days beginning on the date of return. Students will be allowed to attend school via remote learning for the duration of the self-quarantine.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[Click here](#) to keep up-to-date on progress of all House and Senate Bills and other legislative activity.



FBISD Calendar of Events

Regular Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Thursday, March 25th, 6pm

Where

FBISD Board Room



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