

Latest Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the Flour Bluff Community!

Friday, February 4, 2022 - Volume 2; Edition 24

Greetings from Superintendent, Velma Soliz-Garcia!

Mr. Snow (Freeze) Miser is in town! We didn't see snow but felt the freezing temps overnight and early this morning. The two-hour delay helped our students and staff arrive at school safely, and we were off and running as usual immediately after that! Many thanks to all for supporting us this week while we monitored the weather and made adjustments to our schedule as deemed necessary to ensure the safety of our Hornets.

As I have mentioned on many occasions, our Hornets are busy in all aspects of their academic endeavors - co-curricular and extracurricular. This week we celebrated our High School students who received scholarships on National Signing Day! These students are exemplar Hornets that embody the meaning of grit, determination, and commitment to academics and their passion for athletics, leading them to excellent post-secondary education opportunities. We extend our gratitude to the Hornet community (parents, faculty/coaches, staff, and administrators) that support our students throughout their educational career at FBISD!

This week I had the honor and privilege of attending the 2022 Texas Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony, where Mrs. Jeana Banta was recognized as the Region 2 Elementary Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Banta is a phenomenal teacher and inspirational leader in education! This recognition was well-deserved! Congratulations, Mrs. Banta!

The Community Advisory Committee will be meeting with our School Board Thursday, February 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the Primary/Elementary Cafeteria. Agenda items to be discussed include a recap of the latest Budget Facilities Workshop and the formative evaluation of our Balanced Score Card. This special-called meeting is an open community meeting, and we encourage you to join us!

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

Hornet Learning Academy will celebrate another graduation on March 10!

Hornet Learning Academy will celebrate another Hornet graduate in March. Lana Whinton has completed her credits and will attend our graduation celebration on March 10.



Hello Freshman! High School Hornets welcomed area schools to learn all about Flour Bluff High School

Flour Bluff High School was buzzing with excitement to host area schools for our Hello Freshman event this past Thursday! 8th-grade students learned all about our high school, met our incredible teachers and coaches, and learned about being a Hornet!

We want to thank our High School campus Principal, Linda Medley, counselors, our students, and the transportation department for helping make this event a success! Together we can!

We want to thank all of the students and parents that joined us from other schools, and we look forward to welcoming you all to Flour Bluff ISD!





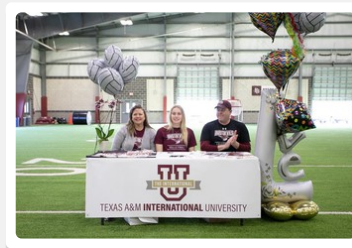
National Signing Day brings pride to FBISD!

Flour Bluff ISD is so proud to announce the Hornets that are moving on to advance their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level!

Katy Geurin – Volleyball – Texas A&M International
 Lauren Fuller – Volleyball – Western Texas College
 Carlos Slayden – Football – Tyler Junior College
 Kilah Athey – Girls Soccer – Dallas Christian College
 Chris Gisewhite – Football – Sul Ross State University
 Cade Dowd – Football – Hardin Simmons University
 Kylee Hutchinson - Swim - Trinity University
 Sydney Salinas – Softball – Tyler Junior College
 Brenna Gordon – Tennis – Hardin Simmons University
 Jacob Rose – Football – Mary Hardin Baylor

From all of us here at Flour Bluff ISD, we are so proud of you, Hornets!

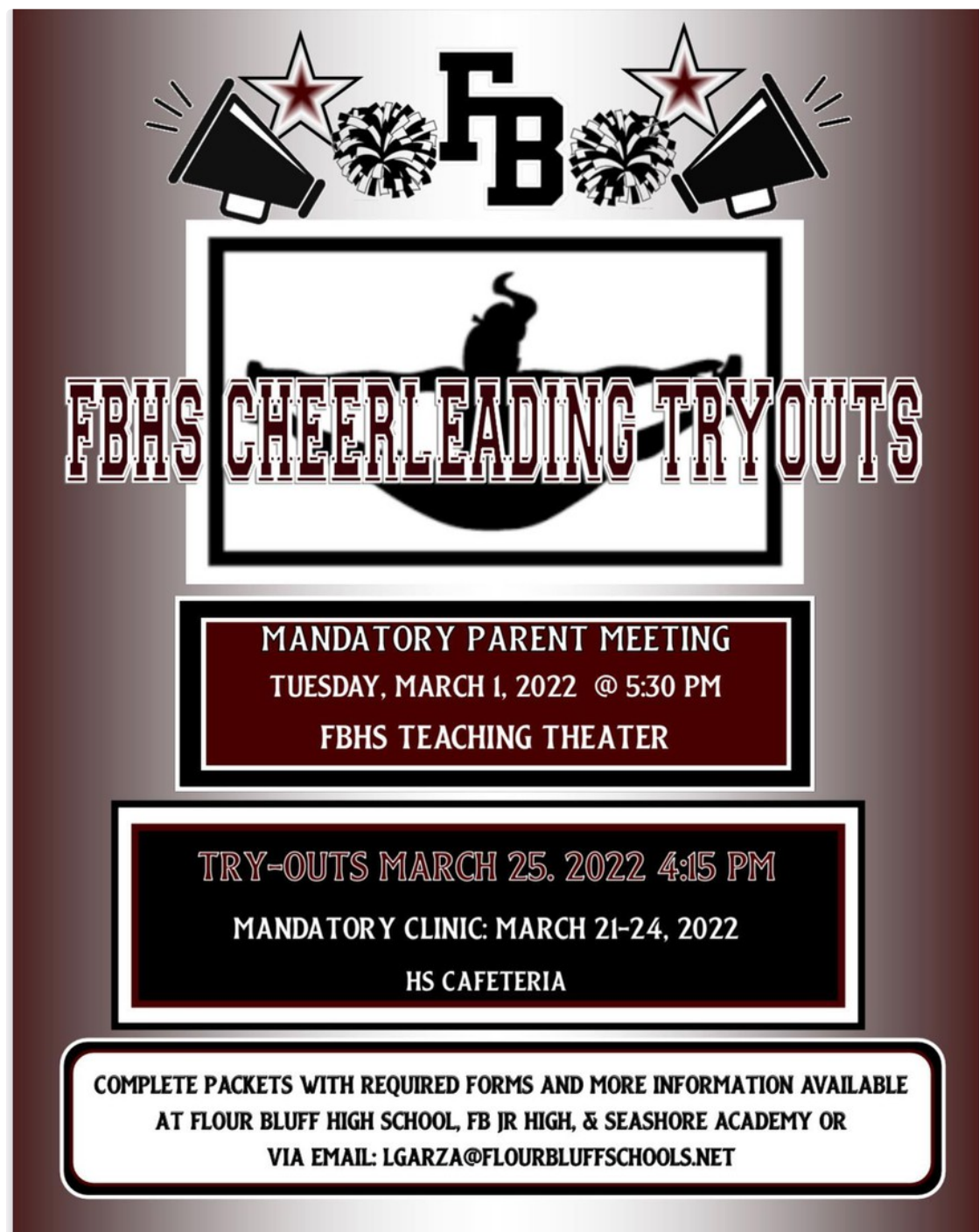




Come be apart of the FB High School Cheerleading Team!

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 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 silhouette of a cheerleader in a dynamic pose, with the text 'FBHS CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS' overlaid in a large, outlined, maroon font. Below the silhouette, there are three stacked rectangular boxes with white borders. The first box is maroon with white text for a parent meeting. The second box is black with white text for tryouts and a clinic. The third box is white with black text for where to get packets.

FBHS CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

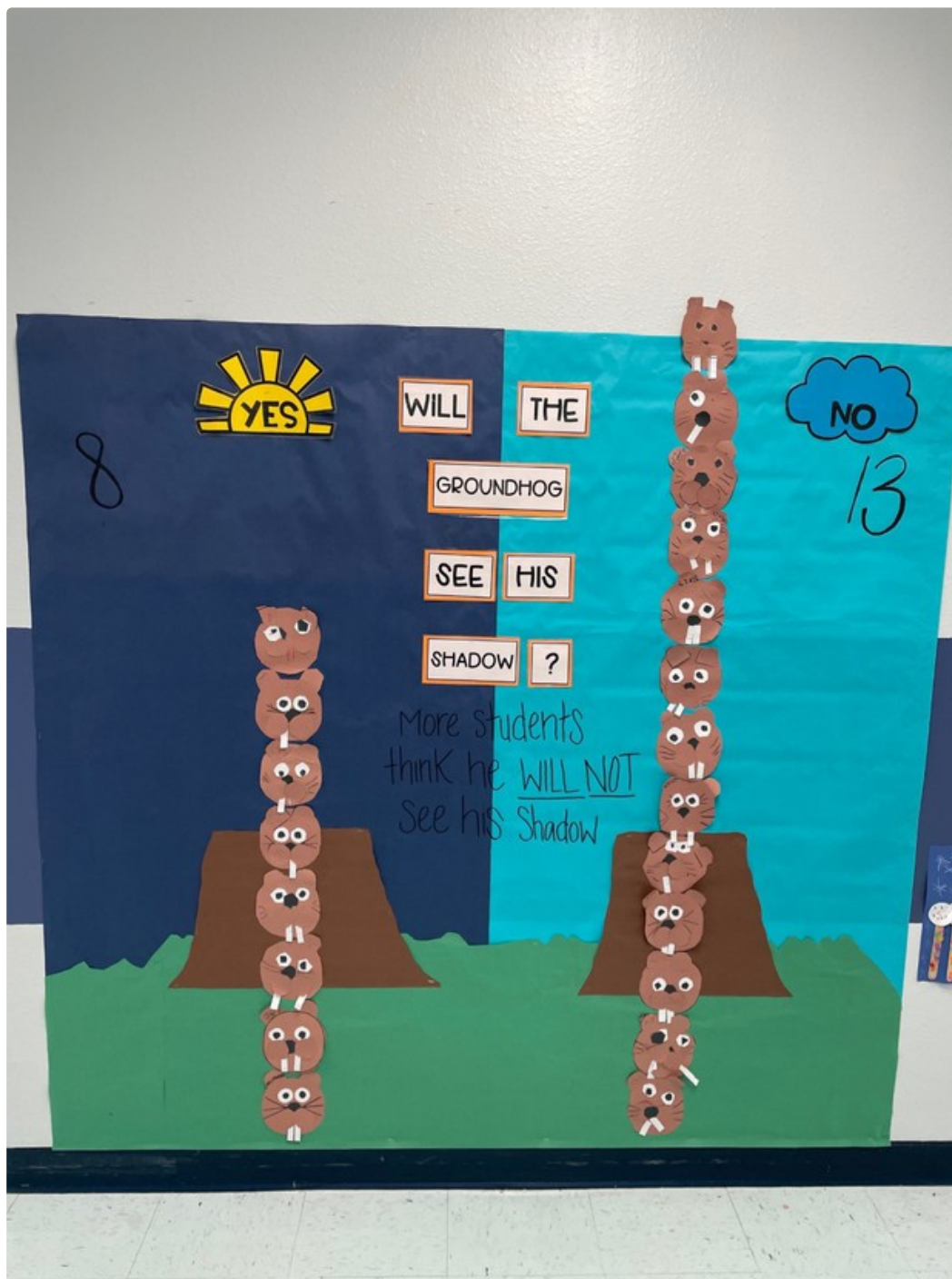
MANDATORY PARENT MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022 @ 5:30 PM
FBHS TEACHING THEATER

TRY-OUTS MARCH 25, 2022 4:15 PM
MANDATORY CLINIC: MARCH 21-24, 2022
HS CAFETERIA

COMPLETE PACKETS WITH REQUIRED FORMS AND MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE
AT FLOUR BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL, FB JR HIGH, & SEASHORE ACADEMY OR
VIA EMAIL: LGARZA@FLOURBLUFFSCHOOLS.NET

ECC GROUNDHOG DAY ACTIVITIES!

Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow?!? Students predicted, graphed, and interpreted their results! Our ECC students are scholars and enjoyed the Groundhog's Day activities!



World Read Aloud Day - Primary Campus

On Tuesday, February 2, 2022, we celebrated World Read Aloud Day. Two of our unique visitors were NCJLS Queen Ava Maslyk (pictured reading to a 1st-grade class) and FBISD Information Technologist Tyler Bills (shown reading to a 2nd-grade class which also happens to be his brother's classroom!)



School Board Members Visit Campuses!

Jerry Hooper, FBISD Board Member, visited the Elementary campus to celebrate School Board Appreciation Month!



Board Member, Jerry Hooper welcomed by Elementary staff members, Crystal Elliott (3rd Grade Teacher) & Veronica Cristan (Assistant Principal)



Special greeting by Mrs. Williams' Recorder Club with a special tune called "School Board Rocks!"



Board Member, Jerry Hooper participating in a 4th Grade science lesson



Board Member Jerry Hooper visiting classrooms at the Elementary Campus



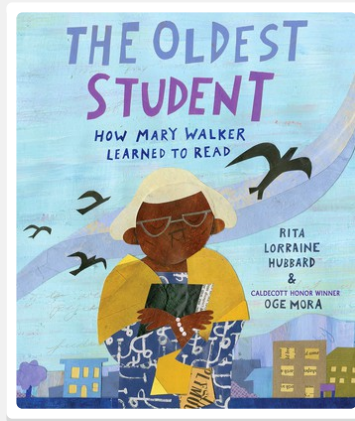
Board Member Jerry Hooper helping students with an engineering challenge



Board Member Jerry Hooper experiencing Text Feature "Surgery" in Mrs. Alvarado's English Language Arts and Reading Class



Board Member Jerry Hooper ends his visit at the Elementary campus by announcing the Elementary Choice for Blue Bonnet Book Winner!



It was almost every class' favorite book...The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read by Rita Hubbard and Oge Mora. An amazing true story about Mary Walker born into slavery and learned to read at 116.

2022 Coastal Bend Regional Science Fair

Congratulations to all our Intermediate 2022 Coastal Bend Regional Science Fair participants. Harmony Flaherty (pictured on the left) placed 3rd in the Earth and Environmental Sciences category, Blake Castillo (middle) placed 3rd in the Energy: Sustainable Material and Design category and Eugene Walker placed 2nd in the Earth and Environmental Sciences category. Harmony Flaherty also received a special NASA Earth System Science Project Award. Harmony, Blake, and Eugene are all moving on to compete at the State Science Fair on March 6th. Again, congratulations to all our Regional Science Fair participants. GO HORNETS!!!



2022 Region 2 Elementary Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Jeana Banta (Pictured on the right) and Superintendent Mrs. Velma Soliz-Garcia attended a luncheon in Austin this past Wednesday, honoring teachers from around the state for being selected Teachers of the Year in their respective regions. Mrs. Banta was chosen as the 2022 Region 2 Elementary Teacher of the Year. Congratulations, Mrs. Banta, on this well-deserved honor, and thank you for all you do for your students.



Wear Orange Day is February 8!

Our Student Mental Health Awareness Club, Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), FBISD Social Worker, and the Purple Door are joining forces to increase student awareness on healthy dating relationships. Students expressed a need for more information on a variety of topics. As always, our FBISD staff delivered! All flyers and videos were created, recorded, and edited by students. Let's Talk About it!!! Empowering our Youth! #YOUmatter

**FEBRUARY IS TEEN DATING
VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WEAR ORANGE
DAY IS FEB.8!**

SPEAK UP AGAINST VIOLENCE AND RAISE AWARENESS!

Brought to you by your
FBHS Student Mental
Health Awareness Group

STEP #1: WEAR ORANGE
STEP #2: TAKE A PIC
STEP #3: POST AND TAG
#ORANGE4LOVE & #DVSSP
STEP #4: REPEAT STEPS
1-3 WITH A FRIEND

DVSSP
Domestic Violence Services
of Southwestern PA

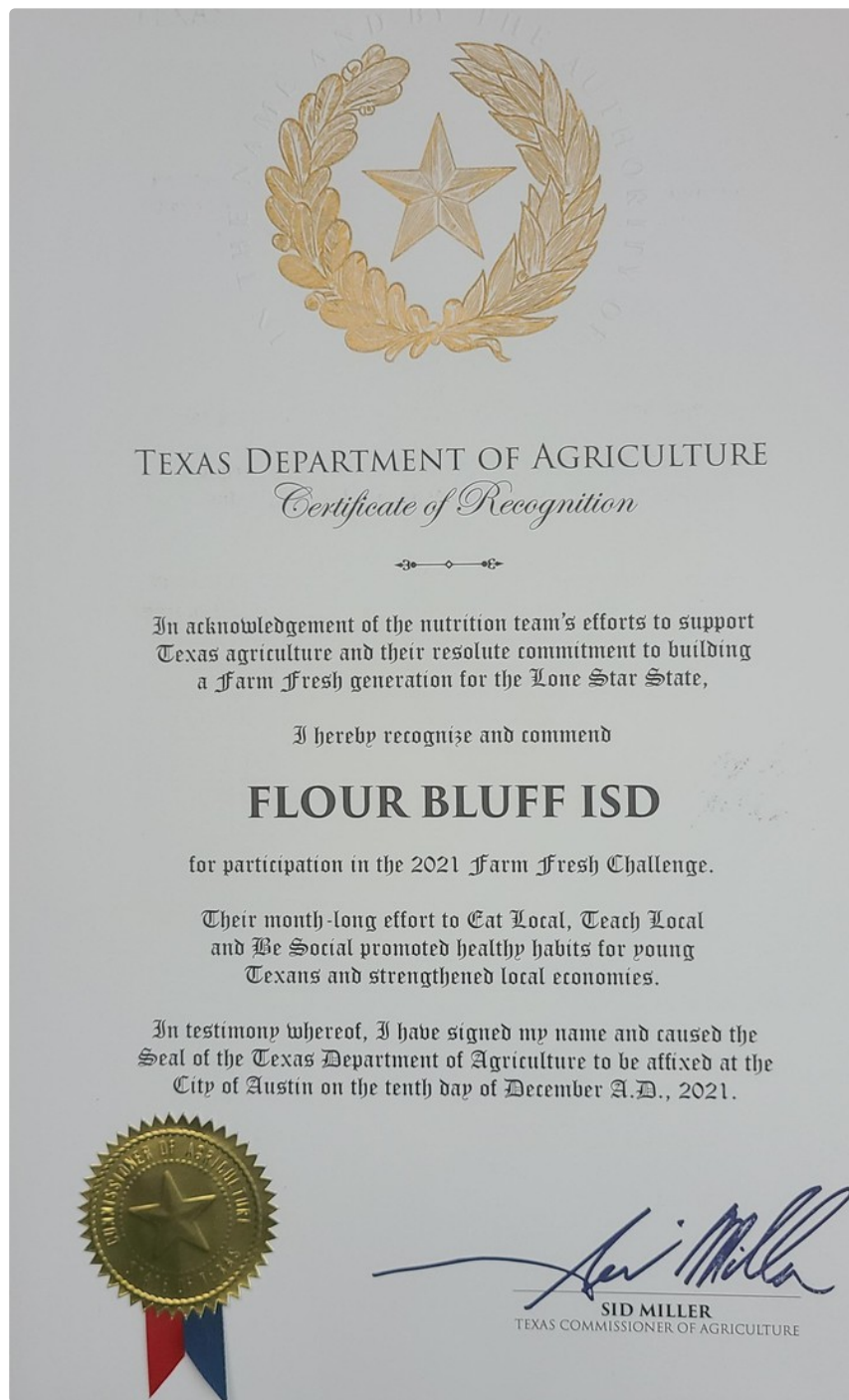
A young woman with long dark hair, wearing an orange t-shirt, is smiling and pointing her right index finger upwards. She is standing against a yellow background.

You Matter Monday - 2/7/2022



Food Service Update

The FBISD Nutrition Department received special recognition from the Texas Department of Agriculture's Commissioner for their Fall Farm Fresh Challenge efforts. Way to go, team, focusing on eating local, teaching local, and being social!



Meet our Junior High and High School Military Counselor, Mrs. Baik.

Due to unique challenges military members face and the impact on their families, the Office of Military Community and Family Policy provides Child and Youth Behavioral Military and Family Life Counselors (CYB-MFLC). The CYB-MFLC supports the needs of children by partnering with parents, faculty, counselors, and staff to foster healthy growth and social skills development.

A Child & Youth Behavioral Military and Family Life Counselor (CYB-MFLC).

Services include but are not limited to:

- non-medical counseling for military children
- Conduct individual sessions to address unique challenges of school-aged military children and youth
- Facilitates group counseling
- Develop strategies for supporting positive behaviors
- Linking families with community resources or military family programs
- Observing, participating, and engaging in classroom activities.

Located at the Junior High and High School

- Received a list of military students that she can potentially work with
- Parent consent is required
- Phone Number 361-585-7467



Special Olympic athletes to receive state medals!

In October, several Special Olympic athletes who competed in the Texas Athletics Champions League received State Medals. The following students earned medals acknowledging their achievements.

100 Meter Run:

HIGH SCHOOL JR. HIGH

H. Connelly-- 1st place S. Rojas --3rd place

Z. Fletcher --4th place

M. Martinez--7th place

50 Meter Run:

ELEMENTARY

C. Mireles --1st place

AT Softball Throw

HIGH SCHOOL JR. HIGH ELEMENTARY

H. Connelly--4th place S. Rojas --4th place S. Brodie --2nd place

Z. Fletcher --2nd place C. Mireles --3rd place

M. Martinez --6th place

The Special Education Department will hold a special ceremony to present the athletes with their medals. Congratulations to our outstanding athletes!

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.

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

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Proclamation 2022

The State Board of Education (SBOE) issues a proclamation to call for new instructional materials. The proclamation lists the subject areas scheduled for review. It contains a schedule of adoption procedures, requirements, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), and instructions for providing electronic files for braille and large type materials. Proclamations are named for the year the materials are available in the classroom.

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.

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- 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

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
 - Algebra I, Biology, US History (online): June 21 - July 1, 2022

LADY HORNET BASKETBALL TEACHER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Our Lady Hornet Basketball players hosted a Teacher Appreciation Night before their basketball game. Each Lady Hornet recognized a teacher who has made a lasting impact on them. We love our FB teachers!



Flour Bluff Athletics January 31-February 5

Monday January 31 –

- Varsity Boys and Girls Golf at Alice Municipicle golf course 8:00 am
- Bluff Tuff tennis tournament freshman only

Tuesday February 1 –

- Girls Basketball home vs Carroll (Freshman 7:30 pm, JV 5:00 pm, Varsity 6:15 pm)
- Boys Basketball home vs Carroll (Freshman 6:15 pm, JV 5:00 PM, Varsity 7:30 pm)
- Girls Soccer at Victoria West (JV 7:30 pm, Varsity 6:00 pm)
- Boys Soccer at Victoria West (JV 6:00 pm, Varsity 8:00 pm)
- Softball scrimmage at Bishop (5:00 pm, Varsity 6:30 pm)

Friday February 4 –

- Girls Basketball at Veterans Memorial (Freshman 7:30 pm, JV 5:00 pm, Varsity 6:15 pm)
- Boys Basketball at Veterans Memorial (Freshman 6:15 pm, JV 5:00 PM, Varsity 7:30 pm)
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Moody 6:00 pm Hornet Stadium
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Moody 8:00 pm Hornet Stadium

Saturday, February 5 –

- Swim and dive Region VIII championship meet 10:15 am
- JV Girls soccer vs Moody 9:00 am
- JV Boys soccer vs Moody 10:30 am
- Softball scrimmage vs Alice and Rockport 10:00 am
- Baseball scrimmage vs Calallen (Freshman 11:00 am, JV 1:00 pm, Varsity 12:00pm)

Sports Update: Go Hornets!

[Click Here for More Athletic News](#)

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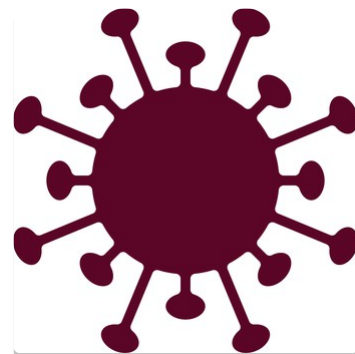
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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

African-American History Month

Career & Technical Education Month

February 7: National School Counseling Week

February 21: Presidents' Day

Winter Olympic Games Beijing 2022 February 4-20, 2022



FBISD Calendar of Events

Special Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees (Community Advisory Committee Meeting)

When

Thursday, Feb. 10th, 6pm

Where

Primary/Elementary Cafeteria

More information

537 Hustlin Hornet, Corpus Christi, TX 78418

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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