

# Board Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the FBISD Board of Trustees

Friday, February 5, 2021 - Volume 1; Edition 4

## Happy Monthiversary (February 6, 2021)!

The first four weeks in the district have been extremely productive and exciting!

I've had an opportunity to visit campuses and facilities and have had the opportunity to meet our staff and students at each campus. This week I spent quality time with our Math/Science Team at the Junior High and with one of our Coastal Explorers Class at the Wetlands. This gave our students an opportunity to share their thoughts regarding these two very successful programs and a chance to get to know them on a 1:1 basis.

Behind the scenes, I've had meetings with the C&I Department to analyze where we are in regards to vertical alignment planning, academic learning loss due to COVID-19, and data analysis. In addition, we have started discussions to plan curriculum writing and staff development sessions for this current semester, the upcoming summer session, and the next academic school year.

In this issue you will find an update to COVID-19 testing for staff, you will see that we've added hours for staff to be able to get tested in the afternoon as well as in the morning. Testing occurs from 7-9 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. daily.

Have a great weekend!

My week "BUZZING" around the District!



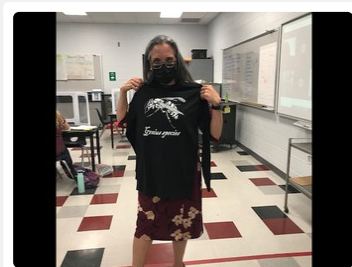
Visiting with TMSCA  
Students (Texas Math  
and Science Coaches  
Association)



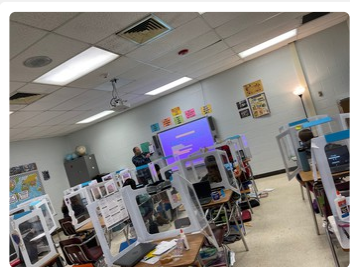
Maria McDonel's  
Science Team



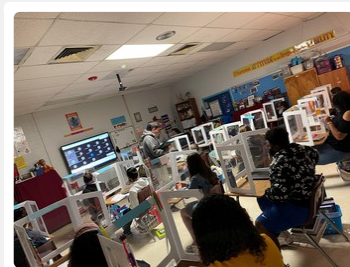
Anthony Gillespie's  
Math Team



My own Genius Species  
T-shirt!



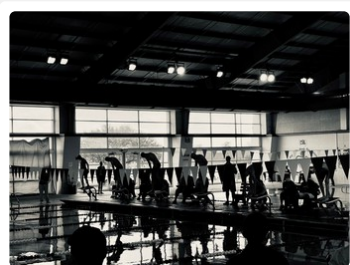
Intermediate Classroom  
Visits



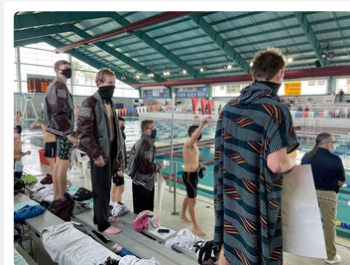
Intermediate F2F &  
Virtual Learners



District 30-5A Swim  
Meet



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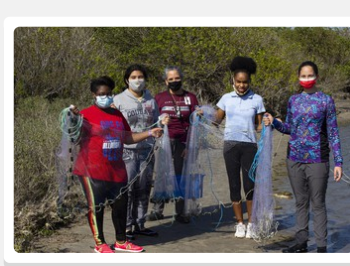
Seniors Recognized at  
the Swim Meet



FBISD "Wetlands"



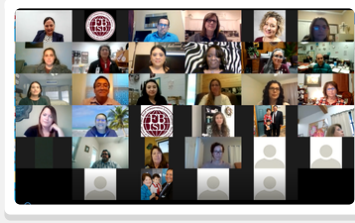
Nature and fresh air with  
the World's Greatest  
Kids!



Enjoyed casting and  
talking with these  
students



Mayor's Monthly  
Interagency Meeting



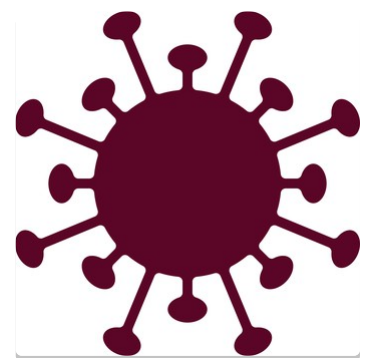
Parent Speaker Series  
with Dr. Pethick

Log into Facebook

## COVID-19 UPDATE

### **Expanded Hours for FBISD Employee Rapid Testing Center**

Beginning next week (February 9-12), the COVID-19 Rapid Testing Center will have expanded hours for employees. Currently, the Rapid Testing Center is open Monday – Friday from 7 – 9 a.m. Employees will now have an opportunity to visit the center if they exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 from 3 – 5 p.m.



Monday, February 8, is a districtwide holiday. Therefore, the afternoon hours will begin on Tuesday, February 9.

### **NEW COVID-19 Rapid Testing Hours for Employees – Beginning Tuesday, February 9**

Monday – Friday (Excludes School Holidays)

7 – 9 a.m. & 3 – 5 p.m.

Former SDGC Building

The rapid testing is for employees **ONLY** who may exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 and is free-of-charge. Staff members will have the test administered inside the building and then wait in the car for test results. If the staff member has symptoms and is getting tested, they **CANNOT** return to their



campus and wait for the results. Results will be emailed/texted to the staff member and to the Texas Division of Emergency Management, which in turn will report the results to the Texas Department of State Health Services. If the staff member test positive, the school/department will follow all established protocols.

We hope this additional testing opportunity will help keep everyone safe, healthy and provide peace of mind.

## 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/>

## Superintendents COVID-19 Vaccine Meeting

I've attended three zoom sessions with Nueces County Superintendents this week as we all coordinate with our County elected officials to give our educators an opportunity to get a vaccine if they are interested in receiving one. Each superintendent would prefer to hold a vaccine clinic at each respective district, but have agreed to a central location for all educators from our districts to be held on a Saturday. I will keep you posted as we progress!



## Strategic Planning

A Consulting Agreement/Contract has been signed with Moak, Casey & Associates, School Finance & Accountability Experts. I have a Zoom meeting scheduled on February 18th for introductions and preparations to get the ball rolling. I will keep you updated on our progress.



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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



## HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

### Substitutes

- Continuing communication to Substitutes to remind them of the critical need for substitutes (Remind Ap/ Aesop – Sending message Thursdays, Fridays, Mondays)
- Send out COVID-19 safety protocol information and links to all subs routinely
- Information on District COVID-19 testing site and interest in COVID-19 vaccine shared with subs

- Addition of seven new substitutes added this week

#### Current Job Posting Information

- Pest Control Specialist
- Fleet Mechanic/ Vehicle Mechanic
- Social Worker
- HVAC Lead Maintenance Technician
- Reading and Math Tutors
- Education Aide – UP High School
- Bus Drivers
- Bus Aides
- Bus Custodians



## FLOUR BLUFF ISD PARENT SPEAKER SERIES

We launched the first **Parent Speaker Series** on Wednesday, February 3rd, with speaker, Dr. Layne Pethick. The title of his presentation was *The Brain, Behavior, and Learning: Developing our Children's Brain (and Our Adult Brains) for 2021 and Beyond*.



A total of 112 individuals registered for the event. Of the 112 participants that registered, 56 zoomed in live. In addition, we also had our campus and special education counselors on-hand to answer questions to speak one-on-one with parents after the presentation. Our goal for these parent speaker series is to provide resources for parents to help their child thrive and succeed academically, socially and emotionally.

The presentation has been recorded and will be posted on our district website.

Dr. Layne Pethick is a Behavior and Autism Spectrum Disorder Consultant for Region 10 ESC. He holds a PhD in Business/Organizational Leadership (with an earned MBA) and has a Master's degree in Special Education with concentration in Human Behavior, Emotional/Behavioral Disorders, and Autism Spectrum Disorder, along with degrees in Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, and Reading. Layne has experience as a general and special education teacher, school administrator, district trainer, program director, and in higher education as a professor of special education, assessment, early childhood and teacher education. He has had several articles published and presents at local, state, national, and international conferences. He has and continues to work with various countries in the areas of education and special education to include Mexico (2009-2011), Hong Kong (2011), Canada (currently), Vietnam (currently), and across the United States (currently).

## National Signing Day in FBISD



Wade Avery Briar-Cliff  
University for Football



Sophie Campbell -  
University of Texas-San  
Antonio for Softball



Rayden Campbell -  
University of the  
Incarnate Word for  
Football



Isaac Miles - Hardin  
Simmons University for  
Football



Stacie Jorgenson - Lenoir  
Rhyne University for  
Track & Field



Scottie Green - Tyler  
Junior College for  
Football



Cali Nims - St. Mary's  
University for Volleyball



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# Districtwide Holiday

*(Student & Staff Holiday)*

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FBISD Calendar of Events

## Special Board Meeting

When

Thursday, Feb. 11th, 6pm

Where

Virtual - Zoom

# Regular Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Thursday, Feb. 25th, 6pm

Where

FBISD Board Room



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