

Latest Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the Flour Bluff Community!

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Velma Soliz-Garcia, Superintendent

This week has been a week where our Hornets (Scholars, Faculty, & Staff) continue to show their grit and determination! We are surrounded by CHAMPIONS at every level!

Our faculty and staff members are to be commended for going above and beyond during this latest wave of COVID cases. We have experienced a shortage of substitutes and staff in all areas of the organization, but everyone has pulled together to keep the doors open for our students. The doors are not only open - our Hornets are learning from the BEST! We all know that our faculty and staff are one of a kind - going above and beyond is the norm at FBISD, but we all need to recognize the toll that this pandemic has had on our educators. If you see a teacher, paraprofessional, custodian, cafeteria worker, administrator, bus driver, mechanic, nurse, librarian, and all personnel, please thank them for their dedication to our Hornets!

Our Hornet Scholars should also be commended for their determination to prove to the world that everything they set their minds to accomplish, they do, and it's done with Class, Pride, and Heart! In the end, they are all CHAMPIONS! This week our students won several awards at the Nueces County Livestock Show - from Queen, Grand Champions, Reserve Champions, to Blue Ribbon winners! You name it - they earned it! Wow - Week of Winners! That was their mentality! Many of our Hornets will be highlighted Saturday morning at the Parade of Champions! I hope you will come out and join us!

There is no denying that these examples of greatness are what define us as HORNETS and set us apart as the PREMIER school district!

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

Celebrating our School Board for the month of January!

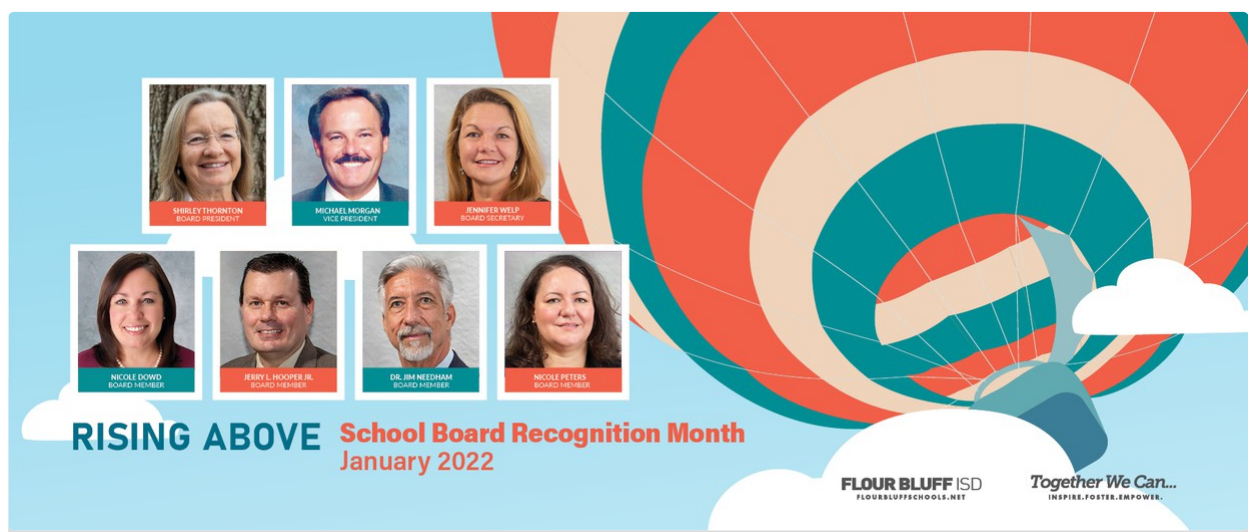
January is the month that we set aside to celebrate our School Board Members!

Our board is made up of community members that serve students and represent their communities. January is known as School Board Recognition Month to honor those individuals who exemplify being Resilient, Ready, and Relentless for all of Flour Bluff ISD and their students. These last two years have

been a testament to not just the student's abilities to adapt to their constantly changing environment but also to our school board members who work diligently behind the scenes to make the educational experience the best it can be for our students in a time where normalcy isn't always accessible. They are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing school districts and do so in a manner that illustrates what it means to be a true Hornet.

School board members come from all walks of life. They are teachers, secretaries, doctors, lawyers, homemakers, architects, professors, business owners, and real estate agents, to name a few. While they all come from different backgrounds and live different lives, these individuals come together on their school board with the common goal of helping students grow, learn, and enjoy their educational experiences.

Thank you to our school board for all you do!!! [#schoolboardmonth](#)
[#hornetpride](#)



Flour Bluff ISD Vaccination Clinic planned for Jan. 21

Flour Bluff ISD will be holding a vaccination clinic for all staff and students on Friday, January 21, from 1:00-4:00 pm.

Location: David Freeman Boys and Girls Club next to the testing clinic.

All students must bring a parent to the vaccination clinic to receive a vaccine. Moderna, Pfizer, and J&J vaccine and boosters will all be available.



Congratulations to Ava Maslyk and all winners for the Junior Livestock Show!

From all of us at Flour Bluff ISD, we want to congratulate Ava Maslyk who just won Queen for 4H at this year's Junior Livestock Show!

We are so proud of Ava and all Flour Bluff participants of this year's Junior Livestock Show. To see all winners, visit <https://www.facebook.com/ncjls>



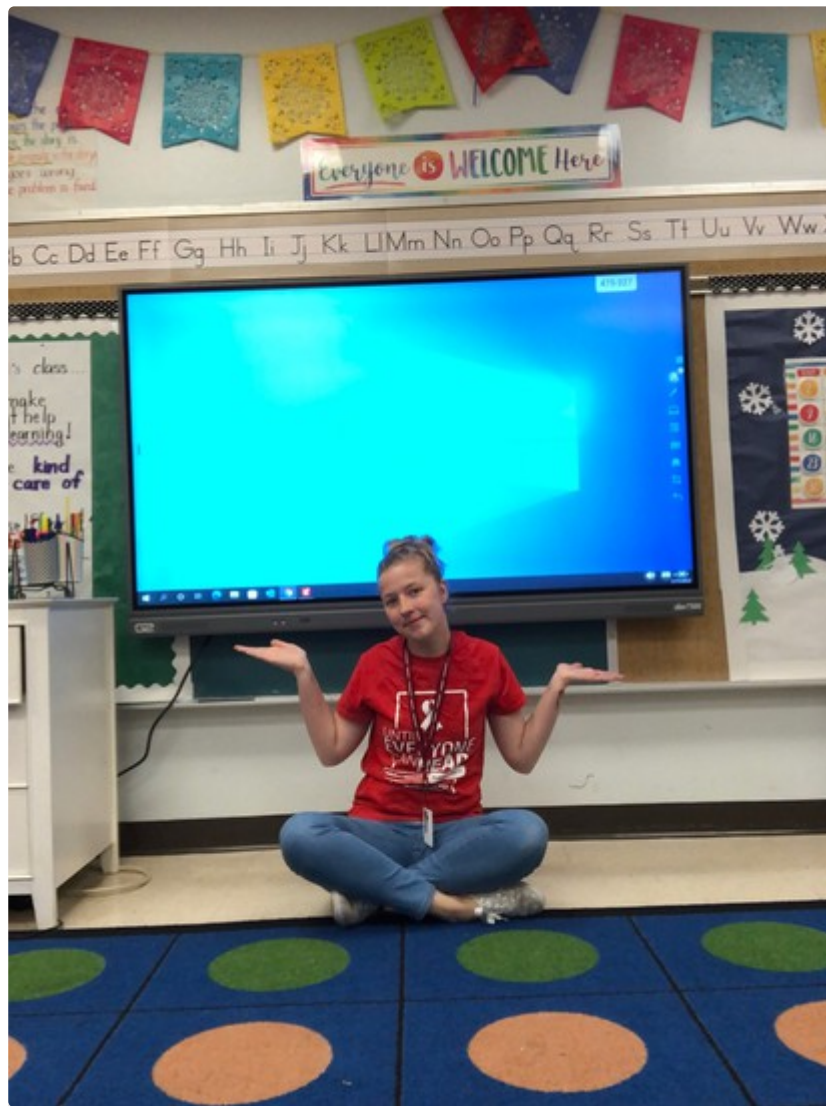
ECC Staff had a blast during a team building activity!

Our ECC staff got together this week for a fun team building exercise! Our teachers work so hard for all of our students and we are so thankful for our educators!



Technology Department is upgrading classrooms and bringing learning to life!

The Technology Department has received fifty-four 75" interactive displays. Early Childhood, Primary, Elementary, and Intermediate classrooms utilize interactive displays for instruction. Most of these classrooms still use a computer wired to a projector which projects an image to a whiteboard. After campus technology meetings and testing different option upgrades, we have agreed on this wireless interactive tv display. This option is all-inclusive and will replace the projector, whiteboard, speakers, and wires. We are excited to start this upgrade process, and so are the teachers.



Superintendent Mrs. Soliz-Garcia filling in at lunch duty this week!

Thank you to our Superintendent, Mrs. Soliz-Garcia for lending a hand to help us with lunch duty this week! We appreciate all of our staff that is willing to jump in and lend a hand!



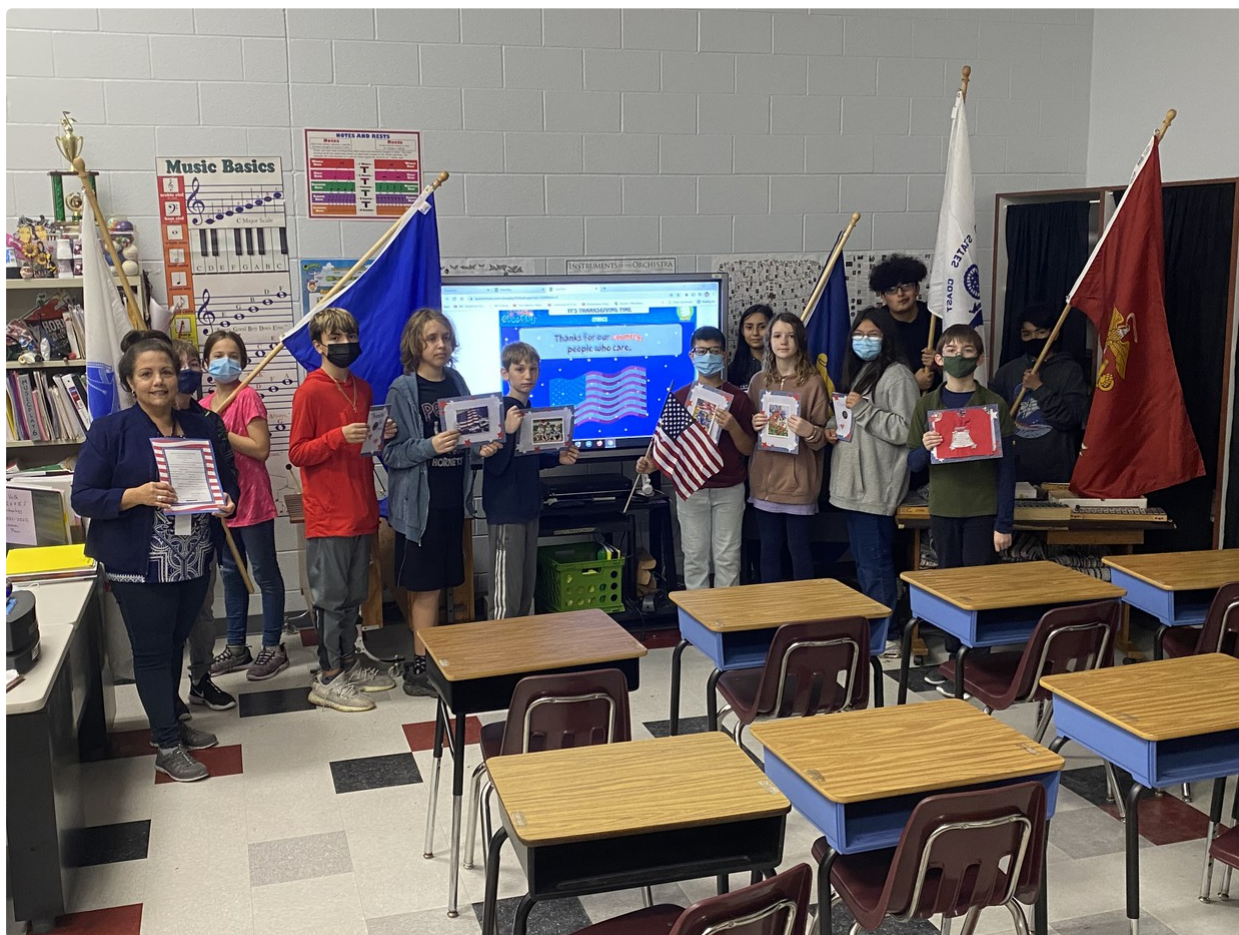
Let's give a big Hornet welcome to Mrs. Leslie Balerio-Houck!

Welcome, Mrs. Leslie Balerio-Houck! She is our new Assistant Principal at the Flour Bluff Intermediate campus. We are excited to have Mrs. Balerio-Houck on board as a member of Flour Bluff I.S.D.



Intermediate KII class sends smiles to Veterans

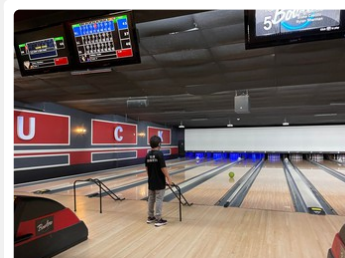
Flour Bluff Intermediate KII Music teacher Ms. Marti Veith and her students prepared greeting cards for Veterans, thanking them for their service earlier this school year. The greeting cards were part of a mission project that provided meals to about 80 local veterans and their caseworkers. Great Job, Hornets!!!



Flour Bluff students participate in Special Olympics Bowling Competition!

Approximately 30 students with disabilities from all grade levels participated in a Special Olympics Bowling Competition at Bolero this week! There was much support from parents and the Special Olympics booster parents group. Medals were received by all students who participated.

Unfortunately, there will not be a regional competition due to Covid restrictions. However, Judges will compare today's scores to other bowling competitions occurring in different areas of the state. Congratulations to all the students who competed!





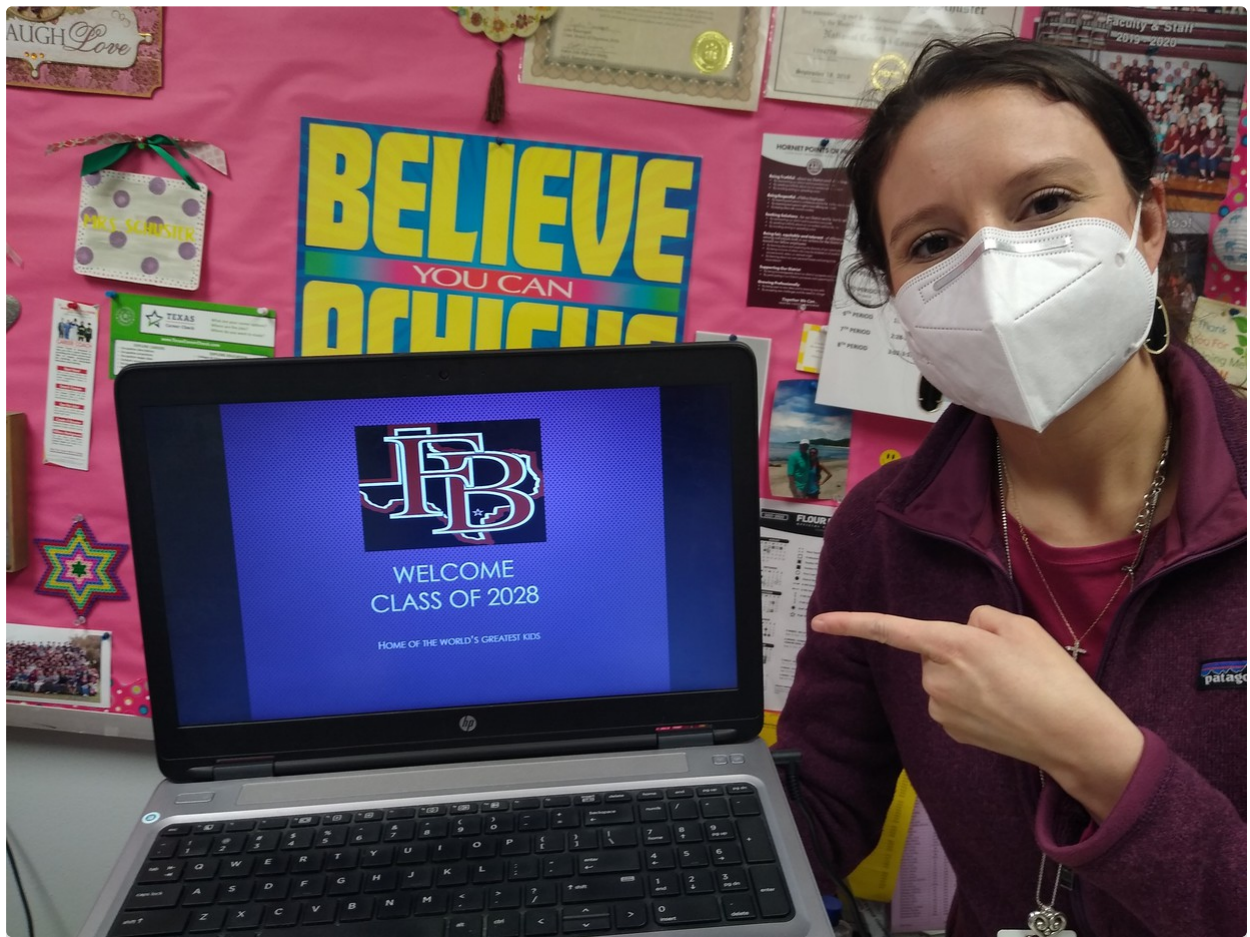
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- 2nd through 8th Grade Project Based Art: January 25, 2022
- Jr. High One Act Play: February 5, 2022 (location - Tuloso-Midway)
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- High School Zone One Act Play:
 - Zone A – March 5, 2022
 - Zone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

Flour Bluff Junior High 2022-2023 Registration

The Flour Bluff Junior High will be having the STEP 7 Pre-registration for incoming 7th graders on January 18th from 5:30 to 6:00 pm. Then from 6:30-7:00 pm. on the same night, 8th grades will have their pre-registration. All meetings will be held at the Junior High Cafeteria. Counselors will discuss and give information about Junior High courses.



Assessment & Academics Update

Curriculum & Instruction

UIL Academic Meets

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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
- 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](#).

Transportation Update

On the Transportation Front

The Transportation Department has added new bus routes solely for our ECC students. The domino effect of these new routes decreased the time for all in the afternoon. Students are waiting less time at the schools and are arriving home much earlier. We plan to add more routes as we hire new drivers. Way to go, Transportation!

UPDATES FROM HORNET ATHLETICS

Sports Update: Go Hornets!

Tuesday January 18 –

- First day of track
- JV Boys' and girls' soccer at Ray (Boys 6:00 pm / Girls 7:30)
- Boys' and girls' soccer vs Ray at Cabaniss (Girls 6:00 / Boys 8:00)
- Girls' basketball at Gregory Portland 6:15 pm
- Boys' basketball at Victoria East 6:30 pm

Friday January 21 –

- Boys and Girls soccer vs King at home (Girls 6:00 / Boys 8:00)
- First day of softball
- Girls and Boys Basketball at King (9th 7:30, JV 5:00 pm, Varsity Girls 6:15 / Boys 9th 6:15, JV 5:00pm, 7:30 pm)
- First day of baseball

Saturday, January 22 –

- JV Boys and Girls soccer at King (Boys 9:00 am / Girls 10:30 am)

[Click Here for More Athletic News](#)

COVID-19 UPDATE

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The Flour Bluff ISD COVID-19 Testing Center reported from January 7 to January 13; they tested a total of 346 students and staff members at the FBISD Testing Center. The testing center reported 102 positive cases during this time. As of January 13, we have 281 active student and staff cases in the district.

[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

January: School Board Recognition Month

January: National Mentoring Month

January 18: Special-Called Meeting Budget & Facilities Workshop

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, 6pm

Where

Central Office, Board Room

Regular Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Thursday, Jan. 27th, 6pm

Where

Central Office, Board Room



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