

Latest Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the Flour Bluff Community!

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Determination. Perseverance. Commitment.

These are the words that come to mind when we describe our Hornets - ALL Hornets. This month campus administrators invited our Trustees to visit campuses and participate right alongside our Hornets to witness what I've described in every issue of the Latest Buzz. Our Hornets excel in academia, the arts, and athletics - many thanks to our educators who serve in multiple roles as faculty members, sponsors, and coaches.

This week our Board and Administrative team met at a Special-Called Board meeting to participate in a budget/facilities workshop. Our administrative team will present recommendations to our trustees at our regularly scheduled board meeting this coming week. As this month comes to an end, we will celebrate the 100th day of this year's academic calendar.

Enjoy reading all of the significant Hornet events from this week!

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

January is Board Recognition Month

Board appreciation month continued this week as Board President Shirley Thornton and Board Member Nicole Dowd visited our high school Thursday! They got to join our audiovisual class to learn about how these incredible students keep us all up to date on the campus news, and they both were able to complete the segment in the first take!

Our board members are true naturals in front of the camera!

They got to get in front of the camera and record the morning announcements!

Great job, ladies, way to be a Hornet!

See their announcement segment in the link below:

<https://youtu.be/uZWTyqVfpDQ>



ECC Classes have fun and enjoy National Popcorn Day!

Some of our ECC classes celebrated National Popcorn Day with dancing and popcorn on the playground!



Flour Bluff ISD Vaccination Clinic planned for Jan. 21

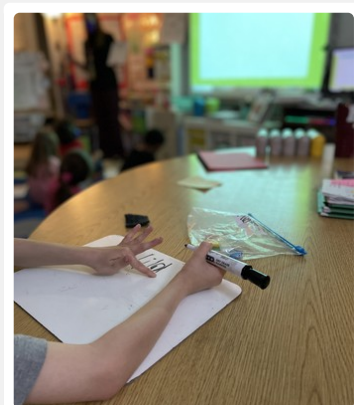
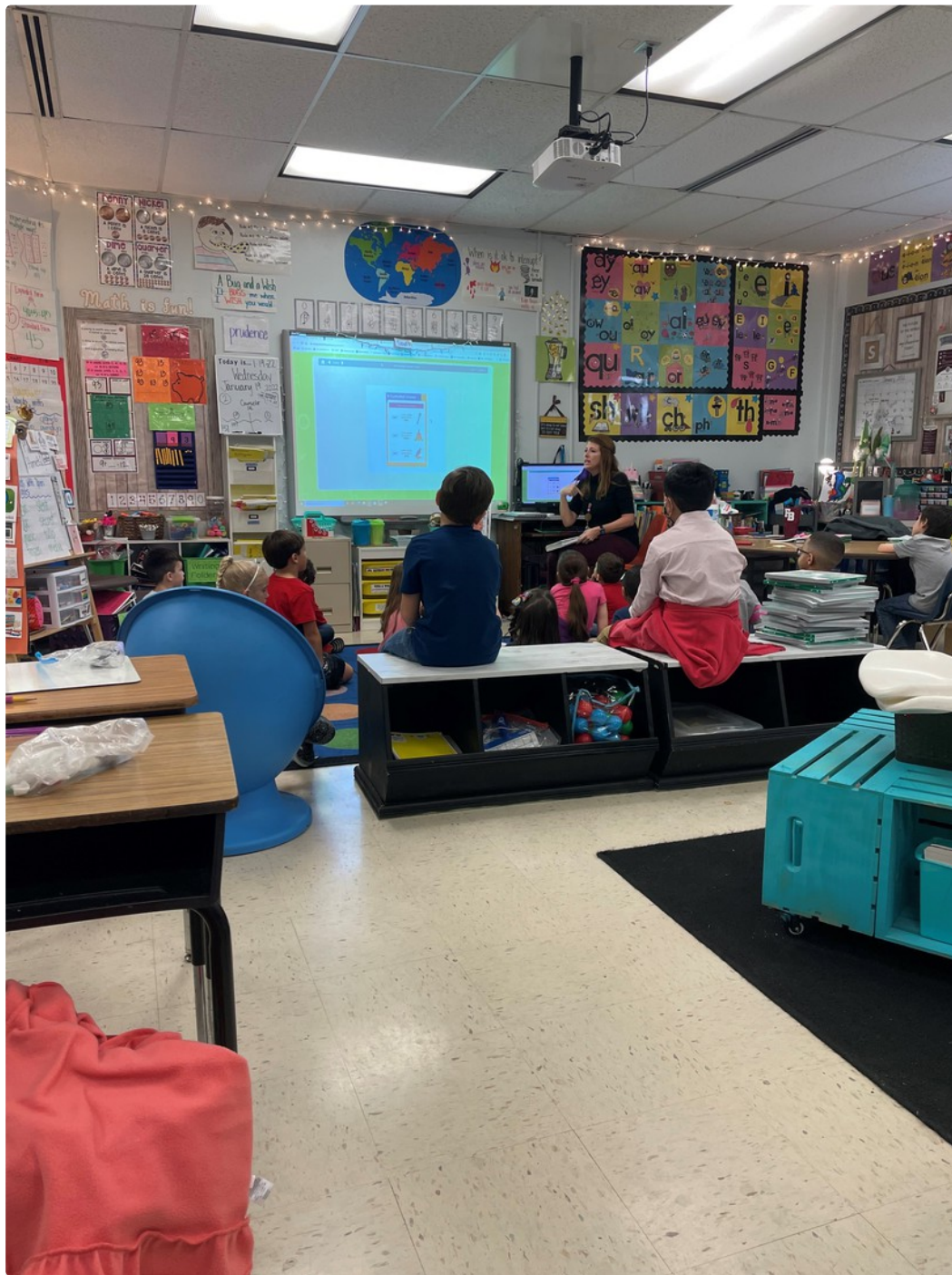
Flour Bluff ISD will be holding a vaccination clinic for all staff and students on Friday, January 21, from 1:00-4:00 pm.

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.

Reading Phonics program offered in Primary classes!

Really Great Reading Phonics Program in Action in Mrs. Tanya Schillinger's 1st Grade Classroom!



Maintenance Department updates Elementary outdoor swing sets

We are enjoying our new swings! Thank you, Maintenance, for installing our equipment! :)



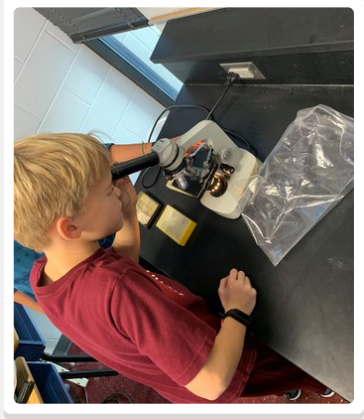
Elementary science lab gets up close with our nature friends!

The Elementary Science lab gets visitors from the Living Materials Library at the Education Service Center. This week's visitors...HISSING COCKROACHES!



Oceans Ambassadors host Elementary Oceans fans!

Intermediate Oceans Ambassadors hosted the Elementary Oceans Club!



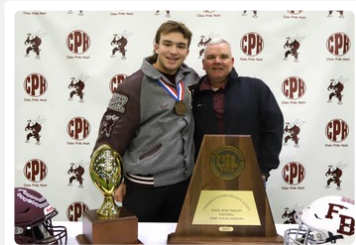
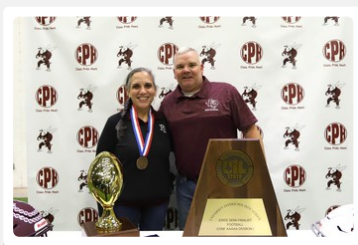
Hornet Learning Academy News!

Hornet Learning Academy (HLA) is expanding to a second classroom. The academy currently serves 54 students, including our first Junior High student. We have several students close to completing their credits to graduate, and we anticipate having 5 – 6 Hornet graduates in March at our next graduation celebration!

This spring, the Student Development, and Guidance Center (SDGC) and Hornet Learning Academy will host several face-to-face and virtual guest speakers. Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend shared information about their Youth Program and services available in their Career Centers on Tuesday, January 18, to our high school's students. We have scheduled a virtual presentation with Job Corps. We plan to arrange presentations with the Corpus Christi District Attorney's Office, Corpus Christi Police Department, Corpus Christi Fire Department, and Craft Training Center of the Coastal Bend.

Congratulations to our Hornet Football team on a great season!

Flour Bluff Football players received their State UIL Semi-Final medals! They had a fantastic season, and we are so proud of all our football team and staff! Way to be a Hornet! Congratulations to Athletic Director Chris Steinbruck, our fantastic coaching staff, and athletes for a historic season!



Scuba diving education comes to Flour Bluff ISD!

This past week, Elementary teacher Mrs. Jaime Woodard and her Oceans Club students, Intermediate teacher Ms. Katie Doyle and her Oceans Ambassador student members enjoyed the scuba diving presentation at the Natatorium. A special thank you goes to Ascuba Venture for the excellent presentation.



Pre-athletics program continues to shine!

Thank you to all our Intermediate coaches (pictured are Coach Victoria Salinas and Coach John Diaz) who are doing an AMAZING job with our Pre-Athletics program. GO HORNETS!!!



Junior High Tournament Welcomed Teams from Local Area

On January 15, Flour Bluff Junior High hosted the 7th and 8th grade B Team Tournament. Many teams from the area attended, with Flour Bluff 8th grade B Team winning their tournament and Bishop ISD winning for the 7th grade. Congratulations Boys! You played with CPH!



Clinical (Student) Teachers Update

Flour Bluff ISD hosts 19 Clinical (Student) Teachers for the Spring 2022 semester from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMUCC). Currently, we have three clinical teachers at the Primary, five at both the Elementary and Intermediate campuses, four at the Jr. High, and two at the High School. We are thrilled so many aspiring educators requested FBISD to complete their field-based experience! A special THANK YOU to all of the FBISD Cooperating Teachers who are sharing their time, energy, and expertise with the clinical teachers from TAMUCC: Karleen Pape, Julie Rolf, Rebecca Samuels, Deb Selman, Erin Steward, Angela Clark, Christine Jones, Michelle Atkinson, Brigette Fordyce, Ashley Watson, Lorri Dow, Cathy Graham, Jeana Banta, Taylor Worthington, Brian Chambers, Karen Gilson, Brooke Zepeda, Kyle Sorrows, Michael Perez, Shannon Gillespey, Erin Samuels, and Angela Fries.

Congratulations to our Junior High Band!

Congratulations to our Flour Bluff Junior High Band students that traveled to Gregory Portland on Saturday, January 15th, to compete in the Junior High/Middle School All-Region Band Contest. Twenty-eight of our talented FBJH band students made the All-Region Band, with **four students earning 1st Chair in their section!** We are very proud of all the band students that auditioned.

A big thank you goes out to Mr. Kyle Sorrows, Ms. Julia Briley, and Mrs. Virginia Hernandez for their help guiding these students to the amazing young musicians they have become today.

The Junior High Region Band Concert will be held on April 9th at 4:00 pm at Veterans Memorial High School Auditorium (CCISD).

JH REGION BAND MEMBERS:

Section	Student	Chair	Organization
Flute	Emily Gonzales	3	Symphonic Band
Flute	Genavieve Aguilar	4	Symphonic Band
Flute	Kaylee Xu	5	Symphonic Band
Flute	Zoey Gamez	6	Symphonic Band
Flute	Kashlyn Simmons	12	Symphonic Band
Oboe	Beatrice Ivascu	1	Symphonic Band
Bb Clarinet	Diego Ortiz	1	Symphonic Band
Bb Clarinet	Jourdan Olaes	4	Symphonic Band
Bb Clarinet	Cyana Edwards	5	Symphonic Band
Bb Clarinet	Lilianne Sustaita	7	Symphonic Band
Bb Clarinet	Emma Gamez	9	Symphonic Band
Bass Clarinet	Illyana Moreno	2	Symphonic Band
Alto Saxophone	Matthew Hernandez	5	Symphonic Band
Alto Saxophone	Cole Story	6	Symphonic Band
Tenor Saxophone	Gavn Christensen	1	Symphonic Band
Cornet/Trumpet	Cory Lichtenberger	1	Symphonic Band
Cornet/Trumpet	Luke Ruiz	3	Symphonic Band
Cornet/Trumpet	Ty Sanchez	4	Symphonic Band
Cornet/Trumpet	Aaron Martinez	11	Symphonic Band
F Horn	Megan Panknin	2	Symphonic Band
F Horn	Daniel Holmes	4	Symphonic Band
F Horn	James Porter	5	Symphonic Band
Tenor Trombone	Zane Root	4	Symphonic Band
Tenor Trombone	Andrew Longoria	7	Symphonic Band
Tenor Trombone	Davin Edwards	8	Symphonic Band
Tenor Trombone	Arianna Rodriguez	10	Symphonic Band
Euphonium	Mariella Pina	3	Symphonic Band
Tuba	Ryan Pfeffer	2	Symphonic Band



Congratulations to our High School Choir!

5 TMEA area choir candidates and two alternates traveled to Rowe HS in McAllen for the final round of auditions in the All-State process. Over 3,200 young musicians auditioned at the start in our area, and the top 20 per section earned the right to be at the audition. There was 160 total competing for nine chairs in girls and seven chairs in boys voice sections.

Congratulations to Caitlyn Edwards! All her intense practice hours, incredible audition, and her sight-reading skills earned her the honor of singing in the TMEA All-State Treble Choir! She is our Choir President and now also our only FBHS Musician All-Stater!

Our four other area candidates did not earn a seat this weekend, but we are still so very proud of them and all the hard work they dedicated to these auditions. The day saw our young musicians doing what they do best... supporting each other and others, loving unconditionally, and singing with all their heart and soul. It was also a day of awakenings for them- as they saw what the best of the best sound like when they audition. They will be very ready to get those state seats next year!

Many thanks to Mr. Fernando Fernandez, Lorraine Dow, and Michael Perez for being the best of the best Choir team in South Texas and raising these student musicians up in our program together!

In February, Caitlyn will attend the TMEA All-State Choir week alongside our annual director's convention. Please congratulate her when you see her! And I wouldn't say no to any cupcakes that may end up in the choir room either. 😊 Thank you ALL for supporting the arts in our schools and the FBISD Choir Programs. We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams. Thank You For the Music!



Flour Bluff ISD central kitchens receive perfect scores by Nueces County Health Department!

Kudos to the Primary/Elementary, Intermediate, Junior High, and Central Kitchens. The health inspector visited all, and they received perfect scores on their county health inspections. The dedicated men and women who work in our kitchens consistently go above and beyond for our students and staff. Don't forget to thank your food service staff for all their hard work.



Flour Bluff ISD will host several Academic UIL Meets for 2nd Grade through High School in 2022!

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:

- High School District Cross-Examination Debate: January 18, 2022
- 2nd through 8th Grade Project Based Art: January 25, 2022
- 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

Special Education News

Flour Bluff's Ready Set Go 18+ Transition Program was featured in a transition newsletter through TEA-Texas Transition Network. The network will share it with all the transition coordinators in Texas. Meghan Jones, our Transition Coordinator, is part of this committee (Community of Practice-Transition) which help create this newsletter. Please check out the newsletter.

Click the link to see the article:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:4c0b3548-3b40-490f-8711-9b459caf9323>

Assessment & Academics Update

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](#).

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

UPDATES FROM HORNET ATHLETICS

Sports Update: Go Hornets!

Monday, January 24 -

- JV golf at River Hills Tournament 8:00 am
- JV Boys' and Girls' soccer at Veterans Memorial (Boys 6:00 pm / Girls 7:30 pm)
- JH Boys' basketball vs. GP (7th grade home, 8th grade away) 5:00 pm / 6:15 pm

Tuesday, January 25 -

- Girls and Boys basketball vs Ray at home (9th 7:30, JV 5:00 pm, Varsity Girls 6:15/Boys 9th 6:15 pm, JV 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm)
- Girls and Boys soccer vs. Veterans Memorial at Cabaniss Field (Girls 6:00 pm/Boys 8:00 pm)

Thursday, January 27 -

- Junior High Girls basketball vs. Tuloso Midway (7th grade away, 8th grade home) 5:00 pm / 6:15 pm

Friday, January 28 -

- Varsity boys golf tournament at Municipal Golf Course
- Boys and girls basketball at Moody (9th 7:30 pm, JV 5:00 pm, Varsity Girls 6:15 / Boy's 9th 6:15 pm, JV 5:00 pm, 7:30pm)
- Girls and Boys soccer vs. Gregory Portland at home (Girls 6:00 pm / Boys 8:00 pm) Saturday

January 29 -

- Swimming District Meet at CCISD natatorium (10:15 am) • JV Boys and Girls Soccer at King High School (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 14 to January 20, they tested a total of 342 students and staff members at the FBISD Testing Center. The testing center reported 92 positive cases during this time. As of January 13, we have 246 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 27: Board Meeting

FBISD Calendar of Events

Regular Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Thursday, Jan. 27th, 6pm

Where

Central Office, Board Room



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