

Latest Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the Flour Bluff Community!

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Velma Soliz-Garcia, Superintendent

HAPPY 100th Day of School!

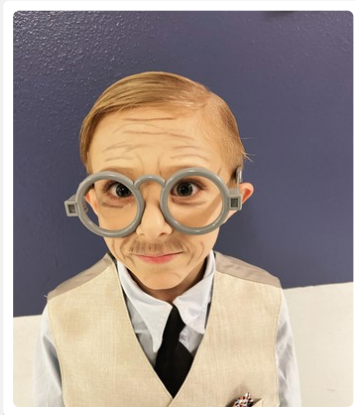
We have had several significant celebrations this week, including today's celebration of the 100th Day of School! This event allows our Hornets to dress as a centenarian or display 100 items on a shirt or poster board. It also serves as a reminder that more than half of our days of the academic year have passed! It is now a fast run to the finish line! Every day we have left is precious and valued as golden opportunities to engage our Hornets in rigorous academic experiences, and every educator embraces and utilizes each opportunity! We encourage our Hornets to attend school daily to experience a significant outcome! The Class of 2022 is preparing for graduation, and so are their parents!

We also concluded our Board Appreciation Month by presenting our Board Members with mementos from each campus to appreciate their service to our Hornet community! Although the districts across the state celebrate and recognize Boards during January, Flour Bluff ISD acknowledges and values each of our board members' year-long dedication, engagement, and support.

To see our video recognizing our board members, please click here: <https://youtu.be/xHojTyptYKc>

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





UIL Cup Update!

The UIL released updated Lone Star Cup standings and Flour Bluff ISD is 15th in Class 5A. Standings include points from the following UIL competitions; Team Tennis, Cross Country, Marching Band, Military Marching Band, Volleyball, Robotics BEST, Football, Congress, Spirit.

<https://www.uiltexas.org/lone-star-cup>



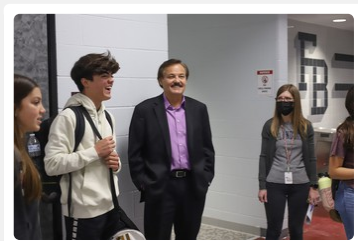
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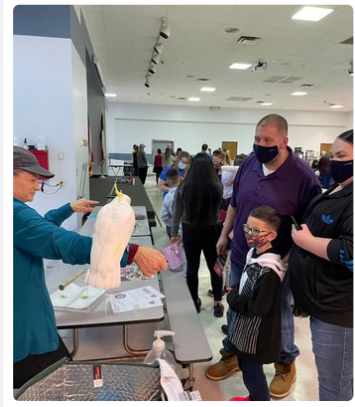
Junior High students welcome board member Michael Morgan to their campus

Wednesday, January 26, 2022, Michael Morgan visited our campus and was joined by our Junior High Student Council members and our National Junior Honor Society students for lunch. After lunch, Mr. Morgan was given a tour of our campus by the NJHS. Thank you, Mr. Morgan, for your visit.



Math and Science Night at the ECC welcomed parents and kids for some educational fun!

ECC welcomed many parents and students for an evening education and fun during the Math and Science Night! The South Texas Botanical Gardens brought reptiles, Rosy the snake, Michelangelo the 3-toed Box Turtle, and Huckleberry the White Cockatoo! Addition and Subtraction with 10-frames with Mrs. Elwood and Estimation Station with Mrs. Morgan and Ms. Jacobs were among the fun workshops for kids and parents!



Flour Bluff is excited to virtually meet you!

Flour Bluff ISD participated in the Coastal Bend Virtual Job Fair on Wednesday, January 26, hosted by Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend. Flour Bluff ISD created a virtual booth that applicants could visit through a chat feature that included links to the district's website, Facebook page, Twitter page, and YouTube videos.

Applicants were also able to submit a resume by uploading it to the booth. The jobs posted in the Coastal Bend Virtual Job Fair included Part-Time and Full-Time Cafeteria Workers, Bus drivers, Custodians, Licensed HVAC technicians, and Journeyman Plumber.

Flour Bluff ISD's Virtual Booth at the Coastal Bend Job Fair



Mrs. Schillinger's classroom would like to thank our School Board for being the best.

Earlier this week, Mrs. Schillinger's classroom went out of its way to say thank you to the board for all of their continued support and hard work. They had a fun afternoon of making artwork for the board members to appreciate. Way to go, young Hornets!



Elementary school hosted UIL Project Art!

Flour Bluff Elementary hosted UIL Project Art on Tuesday, January 25th. Below are the Elementary students that participated and their coach, Nancy Tyler.



Mrs. Harris' class writes letters of appreciation to our School Board.

We want to thank Mrs. Harris' class for writing letters of kindness and appreciation for the school board. The letters were displayed in the gift bags to the board members at this month's board meeting.

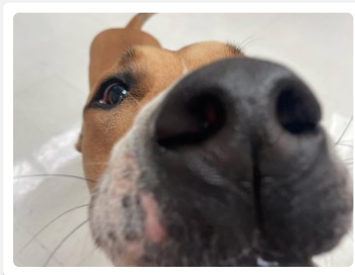


Pet Therapy comes to Flour Bluff ISD

As part of the newly re-vamped Wellness Program for Flour Bluff ISD, teachers were treated to some much-needed pet therapy this week! The Gulf Coast Humane Society came by with

Rocky, Holly Berry, and Buster to bring some smiles and pup kisses to our incredible teachers.

There will be much more pet therapy to come for our educators, and we want to thank Gulf Coast Humane Society for making this day possible! All pups are currently up for adoption, so head over to GCHS to help give them a forever home!

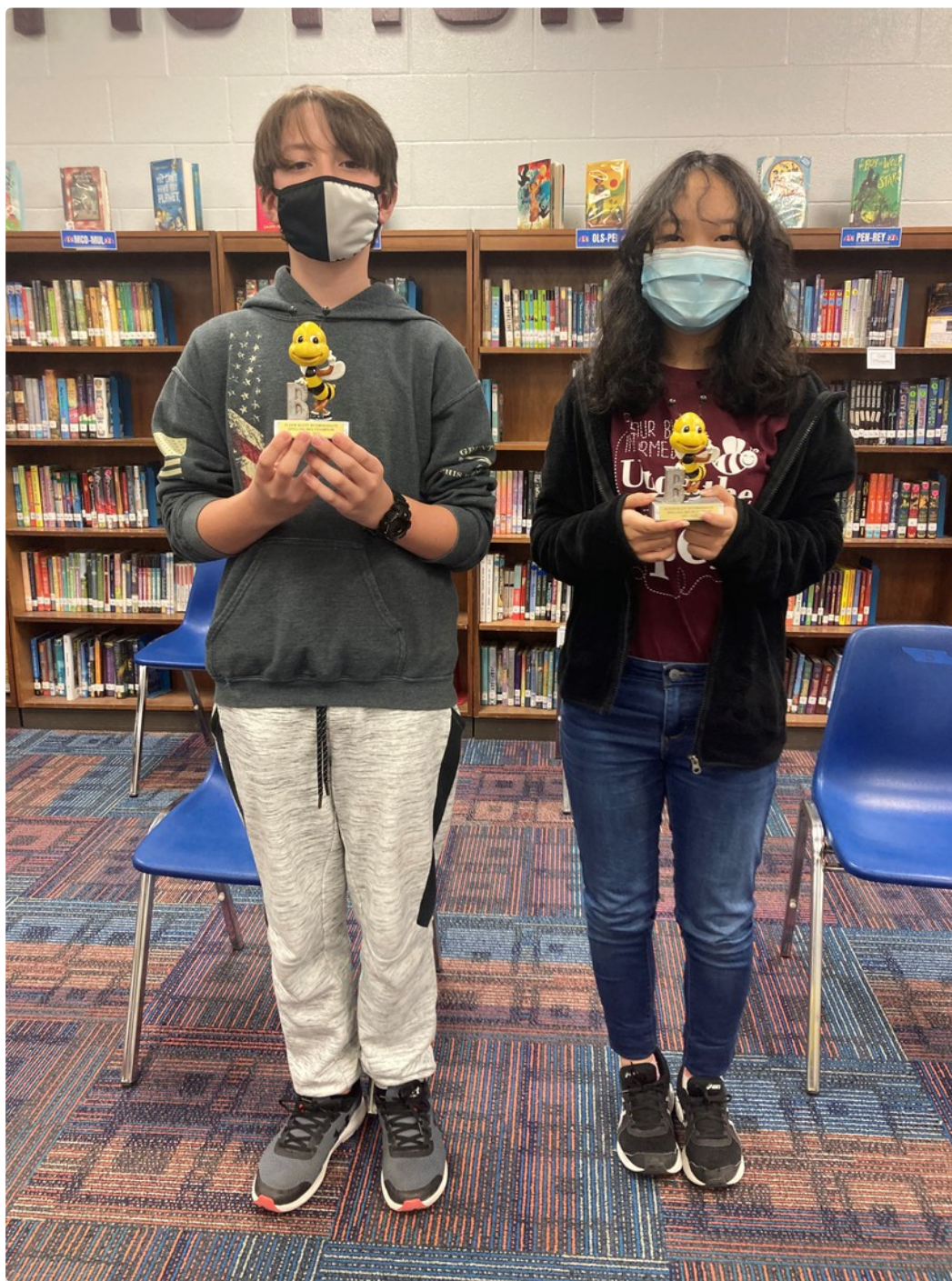


Intermediate Spelling Bee Competition

The Flour Bluff Intermediate Spelling Bee took place this past Wednesday. We had twenty-one excited competitors. Nakoa Messenger (pictured on the left) is our Spelling Bee winner, and Annalisa Lee is our

runner-up. Nakoa will represent the Intermediate campus at the regional competition on March 26th. Congratulations to all our Spelling Bee participants.

GO HORNETS!!!



Congratulations, Ms. Doyle - Toshiba America Foundation Grant Recipient!

Congratulations to Ms. Doyle for being awarded a grant from the Toshiba America Foundation. The grant funding will be used to purchase equipment to monitor and sample water quality, which Ms. Doyle and her students will use to check the water quality at the wetlands.



Flour Bluff Academic Team heads to Houston and takes home several awards.

Last Saturday, the Flour Bluff Academic Team traveled to Houston to battle against some of the best teams in the state.

Three of the top four 6A teams in the state were at this contest. We are proud to say our Hornets beat the competition. Hornets won the sweepstakes, Team Number Sense, and Team Calculator. Also of note, we got 2nd in Team Science and 5th in Team General Math. It was tough competition all around, but they won many awards.

The team brought home nearly 50% of all top team math medals (25 out of 60). It was a great day all around. If you see Jeffrey Cutshall, give him a high five for winning first place in two separate events!



Place	Sweepstakes	Points
1	Flour Bluff	5322
2	Fort Settlement	5147
3	Quail Valley	4738
Place	Team Calculator	Points
1	Flour Bluff	1483
2	Quail Valley	1282
3	Fort Settlement	1252

Place	Team Number Sense	Points
1	Flour Bluff	1197
2	Fort Settlement	1076
3	Quail Valley	963
Place	Team General Math	Points
1	Fort Settlement	1000
2	Quail Valley	978
5	Flour Bluff	936

Place	Team Science	Points
1	Fort Settlement	762
2	Flour Bluff	715
3	Tays HS	696

Place	Number Sense 7th Grade
1	CUTSHALL, JEFFERY C.
3	LIU, JOEY
4	SHELTON, JAMES
7	SMITH, MICAH J.
8	JORDAN, ETHAN D.
9	EDWARDS, DAVIN K.
10	GALINDO-BURNETT, ISABELLA M.
18	LANE, LAURYN E.
19	CORPUZ, TOBY L.

Place	Number Sense 8th Grade
4	MINNERS, JOHN G.
5	XIAO, REYNA D.
7	EVANS, MASON J.
8	OLAES, JOURDAN A.
12	FISHER, LOLA
14	LIZCANO, DALLAS A.
19	ILUSTRISIMO, EVEY DOMINIQUE B.
28	WANG, JINYI

Place	Calculator Application 7th Grade
1	CUTSHALL, JEFFERY C.
3	JORDAN, ETHAN D.
4	SMITH, MICAH J.
5	LIU, JOEY
8	EDWARDS, DAVIN K.
8	SHELTON, JAMES
11	LANE, LAURYN E.
14	GALINDO-BURNETT, ISABELLA M.
17	CORPUZ, TOBY L.

Place	General Math 7th Grade
3	CUTSHALL, JEFFERY C.
4	LIU, JOEY
15	EDWARDS, DAVIN K.
21	JORDAN, ETHAN D.
25	SMITH, MICAH J.
27	GALINDO-BURNETT, ISABELLA M.
28	LANE, LAURYN E.

Place	Science 7th Grade
3	CUTSHALL, JEFFERY C.
13	HARRIS, GLORIA
15	MARTINEZ, AARON

Place	Calculator Application 8th Grade
2	ILUSTRISIMO, EVEY DOMINIQUE B.
3	EVANS, MASON J.
6	LIZCANO, DALLAS A.
7	XIAO, REYNA D.
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18	EVANS, MASON J.
25	FISHER, LOLA
29	LIZCANO, DALLAS A.
36	OLAES, JOURDAN A.

Place	Science 8th Grade
4	EVANS, MASON J.
4	MENDOZA, FERNANDA
7	SMITH, JESSA
13	MCCORMICK, MELODY
35	MINNERS, JOHN G.

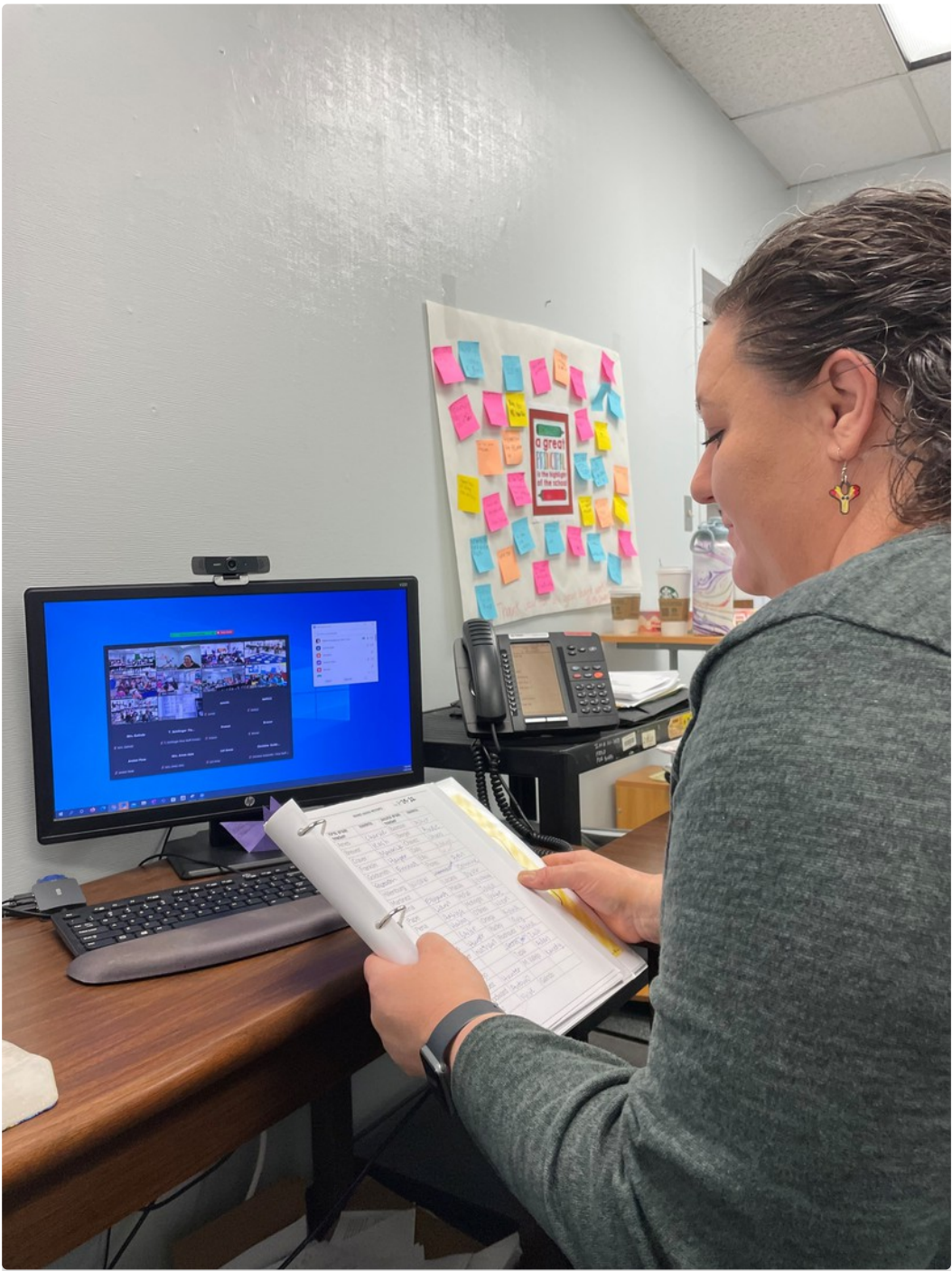
Pep Band makes its debut in 2022 at Flour Bluff High School!

2022 marks the year that Flour Bluff High School has officially created the district's very first Pep Band. Our Pep Band is comprised of members from the Varsity Marching Band. Our goal is to continue to foster CPH by empowering students to support students by playing at extracurricular events and football. Go, Band Go!!



Board members visit our campuses for Board Appreciation Month!

Nicole Peters, FBISD Board Member, visited the Primary campus and got to see our students and teachers. She also got to do our Golden Buzzy Shout Outs on announcements that morning. The board members visiting our campuses were part of our Board Appreciation initiative for January.





You Matter Mondays is coming to Flour Bluff High School

To address the Mental Health of our students and staff, we have created "You Matter Mondays"! Our first episode will air this Monday on morning announcements! Each Monday, viewers will be equipped with tools to improve their emotional health. We will address topics compiled by our Mental Health Awareness Club, leadership groups, counselors, teachers, and administrators. All videos will be filmed, created, and edited by students. Together WE Can!

https://youtu.be/RK6R_o7Hho8



Career and Technical Education (CTE) finds it's way to Flour Bluff ISD

Junior High, High School, Central Office, Del Mar College, and parents work together to increase and promote CTE participation for students. Our goal is to increase recruitment at the Junior High, so parents and students know the excellent programs we have to offer.

Choose Flour Bluff!



SDGC Updates!

Exciting news! Zoie Russell and Carter Santana completed their course credits and will be on the list for our next Hornet Learning Academy graduation celebration on March 10, 2022. Congratulations Hornets!



Flour Bluff ISD participates in Project-Based Art Competition

On Tuesday, January 25th, our Elementary, Intermediate, and Jr. High hosted and participated in the Project-Based Art competition. 2nd-8th grade students from Flour Bluff ISD, Calallen ISD, Tuloso-Midway ISD, Gregory-Portland ISD, Kingsville ISD, Robstown ISD, and Seashore Learning Academy competed by creating an original art piece drawn from a still life.

This year's still life pieces involved Mardi Gras-themed décor. Artwork will be evaluated, and awards will be given at the District Academic UIL meet on February 12th. Best of luck to all FBISD students and staff!



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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

Food Service department says farewell to Maria Catalan after 18 years with FBISD!

Food Service staff from across the district took time this Thursday to celebrate Maria Catalan's retirement. Maria has served Flour Bluff ISD students for the last eighteen years. Thank you, Maria, for all your hard work and dedication to Flour Bluff ISD.



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

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
- 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

Flour Bluff Athletics January 31-February 5

Monday January 31 –

- Varsity Boys and Girls Golf at Alice Municiple 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](#)

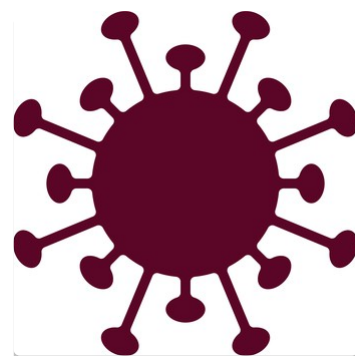
COVID-19 UPDATE

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The Flour Bluff ISD COVID-19 Testing Center reported from January 24 to January 27, they tested a total of 154 students and staff members at the FBISD Testing Center. The testing center reported 49 positive cases during this time. As of January 27, we have 195 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

FEBRUARY

African-American History Month

Career & Technical Education Month

February 7: National School Counseling Week

February 21: Presidents' Day

[FBISD Calendar of Events](#)

Regular Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Thursday, Feb. 24th, 6pm

Where

Central Office, Board Room



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