

Board Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the FBISD Board of Trustees

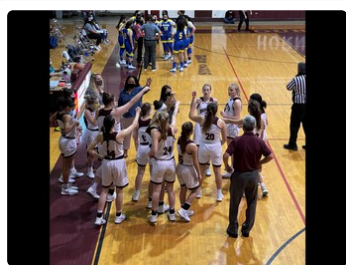
Friday, January 29, 2021 - Volume 1; Edition 3

WOW, what a way to end the month of January!!! We have been blessed to see our students back in classrooms and continue virtual learning for our families that choose to continue to receive that method of instruction. COVID Mitigation plans are working! We have been able to keep case numbers low! Kudos to our students, teachers, administrators, and our COVID Task Force who have been following the protocols we have in place. COVID rapid testing for staff started Wednesday and already we have tested ten employees. Next week we will offer testing after school, as well. (Read more information below).

We were able to celebrate not only the athletic accomplishments of our Hornet athletes but their academic accomplishments as Hornet Scholars at our January Board meeting! We celebrated YOU and your many years of service to the FB community as School Board Members! Thank you for all that you do to support our organization to serve our students!

We are surrounded by GREATNESS and truly blessed to be living in Flour Bluff America!

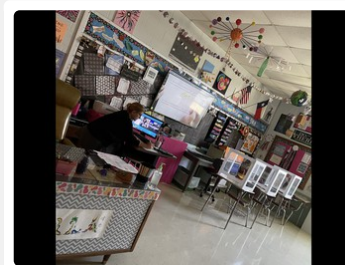
My week "BUZZING" around the District!



Lady Hornets vs. Moody
for WIN!



Varsity Boys Soccer vs.
Veterans for a WIN!



Virtual Teaching &
Learning

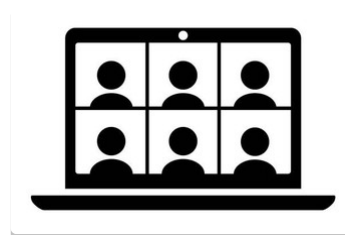


Primary Hornet Love is in the air!

COVID Safety Protocols in place

TASA Mid-Winter Conference

The Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) Virtual Mid-Winter Conference was held this week. The convenience of virtual conferences is that all of the sessions are made available to registered participants after the conference. I was able to drop in to a few sessions throughout the conference and will continue to view other sessions as they are made available.



Flour Bluff ISD Police Department Update

Chief Duke Canchola organized a meeting held on Wednesday morning with neighboring law enforcement jurisdictions which included Chief Kirby Warnke (CCISD PD), Chief Mark Cory (Portland PD), and Sheriff John Hooper (Nueces County). Discussion included operational collaboration, experiences in the field of school-based law enforcement, and best practices.

The goal is to continue this collaboration with surrounding agencies on a regular basis.

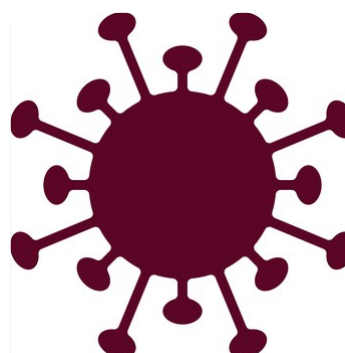


COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Rapid Testing for Employees

The District began COVID-19 rapid testing for employees on Wednesday, January 27th. The rapid testing is for employees **ONLY** who may exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 and is free-of-charge.

The rapid test will be conducted at the former SDGC building (located across Waldron Road from Flour Bluff High School and next to Domino's



Pizza) Monday through Friday (excluding school holidays) from 7 – 9 a.m.

The rapid test kits are provided by the state of Texas. The state is using Abbott BinaxNOW Ag Card Tests. The test is administered through a nasal swab and results are delivered within 15 minutes. The antigen test identifies the virus by detecting the proteins from the virus. This is **NOT** a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test which detects the virus' genetic materials.

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.

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/>

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 with our plan to try to have more substitutes hired and to share with them all the safety protocol that we have in place for all students and staff
- 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
- Working with Kim Sneed and Ronnie Robles to get a sign advertising the need for substitutes placed on a parked bus
- Seeking out colleges and organizations to post flyers

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

Contracts

- February 2021 – Administrator Contracts
- April 2020 – Teacher Contracts

Other Information

- Google Form to collect information from staff members to see who is interested in receiving a COVID vaccine –this will go out next week. It was decided to wait until after the District COVID-19 testing information was shared.

"THANK YOU" from the Coastal Bend Foodbank

Dr. Sal Alvarado received this email . . .



Thanks again for letting us be a part of last night's school board recognition.

The students and staff did an outstanding job along with Two Men & a Truck!

On behalf of the Coastal Bend Food Bank, we want to express our sincere gratitude for your efforts.

The 5200 pounds of food collected provides for the nutritional needs of many residents in the Coastal Bend area facing turbulent times.

To put this food poundage into greater perspective, the quantity of items collected provides for approximately 4,300 meals.

Because of the Hustlin Hornet spirit and efforts, a tremendous impact has been made in our fight against food insecurity.

You are truly FOOD BANK HEROES!

Look forward to working with you again.

With great appreciation,

Robert Morales & Michael Rodriguez

Robert Morales

Coastal Bend Food Bank

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Corpus Christi, TX 78408

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COMING UP . . .

FLOUR BLUFF ISD TO LAUNCH PARENT SPEAKER SERIES

First Series Set for February 3rd

Flour Bluff ISD is launching a parent speaker series that will address various topics geared at providing resources to ensure student success. The Parent Speaker Series is launching on February 3rd with speaker, Dr. Pethick, who will be conducting an online presentation about the brain, behavior and learning. Dr. Pethick is a Behavior and Autism Spectrum Disorder Consultant for the Education Service Center, Region 10.



"We're excited to launch the parent speaker series program," said Dr. Allison Schaum, Chief Academic Officer for Flour Bluff ISD. "Our goal is to provide resources for parents to help their child thrive and succeed. We look forward to having more parent speaker sessions in the coming months."

At this time, all parent speaker sessions will be held during the evening and online via Zoom. The District plans to provide additional speaker sessions with varying topics periodically throughout the school year. Sessions will be recorded and hosted on the District's YouTube channel for parents who are unable to attend the event.

Parents interested in hearing from Dr. Pethick are asked to register for the event. The February Parent Speaker session will be held via Zoom. Once you register for the event, you will be emailed the Zoom meeting information. Following Dr. Pethick's presentation, Dr. Pethick and FBISD campus counselors will be on-hand to speak with parents one-on-one, answer any follow-up questions and provide additional information.

Parent Speaker Series

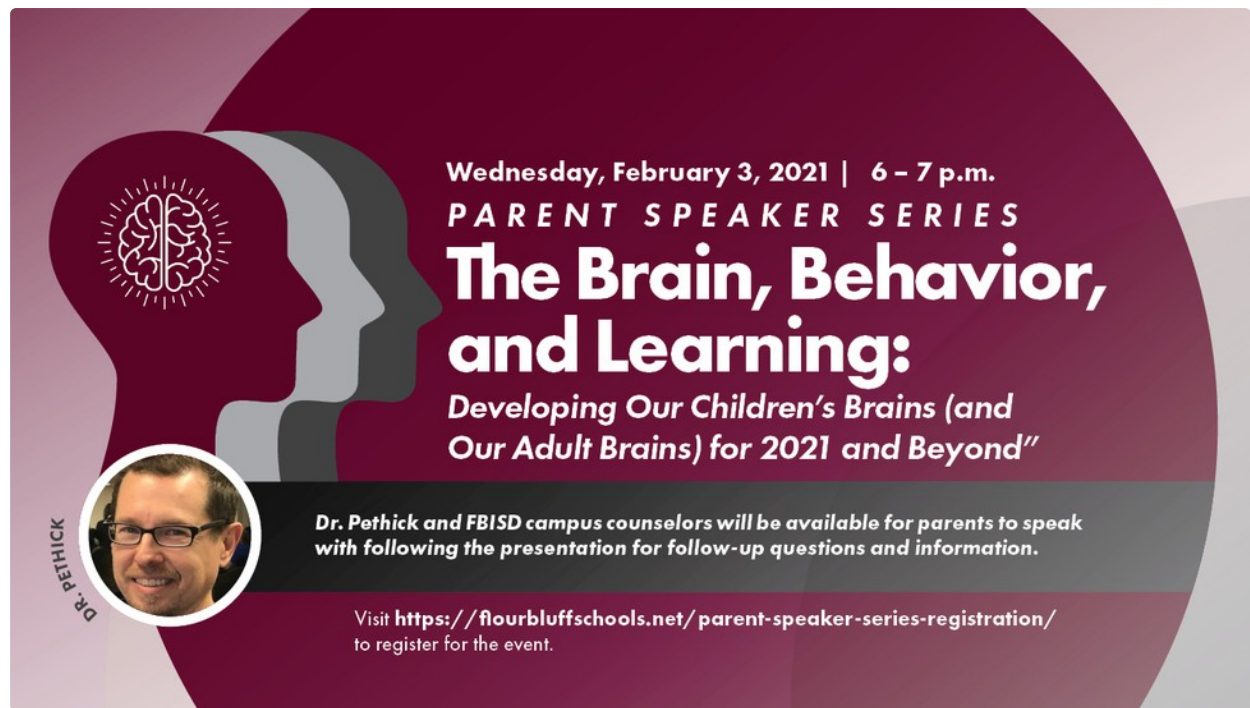
Dr. Pethick

"The Brain, Behavior, and Learning: Developing our Children's Brains (and Our Adult Brains) for 2021 and Beyond"

Wednesday, February 3

6 – 7 p.m.

[Click here to register](#)



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Visit <https://flourbluffschools.net/parent-speaker-series-registration/> to register for the event.

FBISD Calendar of Events

Regular Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Thursday, Feb. 25th, 6pm

Where

FBISD Board Room



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