

Board Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the FBISD Board of Trustees

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Good Evening!

Sending you great vibes from San Diego, California! This has been a humbling experience! One that both Mr. Smith & I can honestly say is worth all of the time, sweat, and tears!

The Marines (as I'm sure other military branches do as well) offer many opportunities for learning, leading, and living a rewarding life for our young scholars. Darryl and I will be able to share the knowledge and experience from this week with our students, faculty, and staff. We return to Corpus Christi late Friday night and will be back in the office Monday morning. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to attend and for your continuous support! #FBISDPremiereAdventure

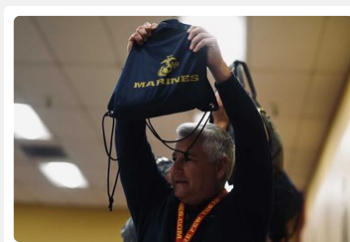
Be Safe! Be Strong! Bee a Hornet!

SUPERINTENDENT SOLIZ-GARCIA AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL SMITH SPEND WEEK AT MARINE BOOTCAMP

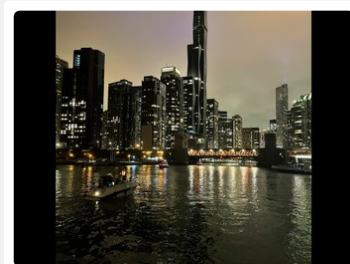
Superintendent Soliz-Garcia and FBHS Assistant Principal, Darryl Smith, have been spending this week at the Recruiting Station San Antonio's Annual Educator's Workshop in San Diego, California. The Educator's Workshop provides an opportunity for educators to experience how the Marine Corps transforms young men and women into Marines. They were hand-picked to attend this year out of more than 80 submissions.

At the week-long Educator's Workshop, attendees experience what young recruits go through during basic training as a way to provide insight into the Marine Corps and the opportunities available for students interested in a military career path. From the time the attendees hit the infamous "yellow footprints", Drill Instructors have them learn how to drill, sound-off, and move with a sense of urgency. Overall, they learn the moral, mental and physical strength it takes to become a Marine.

We're certain Mrs. Soliz-Garcia will return with some amazing stories on the experience! Stay tuned...



Dr. Youngberg loves the opportunity to learn, network, and grow with Elementary Principals from around the Nation. Not to mention, she is super proud to represent Texas and Flour Bluff ISD and the great things we do for kids here.



All students will receive one reimbursable breakfast and one reimbursable lunch daily, at no cost to the student for the 2021-22 school year. This policy is an exception due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Meal

charges may return for the 2022-23 school year.

To receive the free meals, parents will not be asked to apply for the Free and Reduced program. Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) will not allow applications to be processed if meals are provided at no charge.

In addition to the one breakfast meal and one lunch meal a student will receive free each day, students will also be allowed to purchase á la carte items using their student lunch account. Parents are asked to load funds via myschoolbucks.com.



 **nutrition**
FLOUR BLUFF ISD

9 REASONS TO TRY SCHOOL MEALS

- It saves you time grocery shopping and packing lunches.
- It saves you money and extends your household budget.
- Whole grains, protein, fruits, veggies, and milk are offered with meals.
- Meals include kid-friendly national brand name items, but with lower sodium, fat and saturated fat.
- Our delicious menus have calorie and sodium, limits, and zero grams of trans fats.
- You're helping the local school nutrition program stay financially afloat.
- Studies prove that students perform better academically with well balanced meals.
- You're helping our program and local farms use up food inventory, meaning less food waste.

It's FREE for all students through the '21-'22 School Year!

HORNET LEARNING ACADEMY MOVING FULL STEAM AHEAD

We are grateful to the Board for approving us to move forward with the Hornet Learning Academy. We submitted the application to apply for the waiver for the Option Flexible School Day with TEA and are waiting to receive the approval for the application.

In the meantime, we are setting up the classrooms and technology for the Hornet Learning Academy and identifying students who will benefit from this program. We've met with the technology department and our team is prepared to check out Chromebooks and hotspots to the students who

need WIFI at home in order to complete their coursework. In addition, we are creating a caseload of students for our staff to ensure students successfully complete this program.

Thank you for allowing us to provide a gateway to graduation and employment to students who had once lost hope.

CAMPUS STAFF BACK 2 SCHOOL

Campus principals, administrators, secretaries, and other staff are back on campus! They took off running on Tuesday creating master schedules, classroom rosters, staff lists, maps, calendars and tackling the 'to-do list' to get ready for the new school year.

Welcome Back!



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE - FUNDING RECEIVED

Funded!!! We have received notification that our district-wide network/wireless upgrade has been approved for funding 60% of our project. This project will upgrade the wireless infrastructure which includes access-points, network switches, and new cabling. The total project cost is \$598,461.71 with E-rate committing \$356,561.96 towards the total.

We have started working with the vendor to order the equipment. Once we have an estimate as to when the equipment will be received, we will schedule the services.

We are hoping to schedule the wireless infrastructure upgrade for the Thanksgiving or Winter Holiday.

Funding Commitment Decision Letter

Funding Year 2021

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Application Nickname: Flour Bluff ISD - C2 - FY 2021

Totals

Total Committed	\$356,561.96
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POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Police Secretary interviews were held this week.

HIGH SCHOOL PAINTING AND PIZZA PARTY

Flour Bluff High School is hosting a poster painting, pizza party for our students and their families to paint spirit and club posters. We want to line the walls of the high school with FB spirit and pride. You're invited to attend!

FBHS Painting & Pizza Party

Tuesday, July 27

3 - 7 p.m.

FBHS Cafeteria



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

Special Session is continuing. Several of the items are education-related and include:

- Family Violence Prevention
- Youth Sports
- Thirteenth Check for TRS Retirees
- Critical Race Theory
- Appropriations

Updates on the Special Session will be provided via future Board Buzz editions.





COVID-19 UPDATE AND 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/>

Staff members and students continue to follow all protocols put in place for COVID-19 at the campus and district facilities because of this we continue to see minimal cases of COVID-19. At this time, we have no reported positive cases.

FBISD Calendar of Events

Special Board Meeting

When

Monday, July 26th, 5:30pm

Where

Flour Bluff Independent School District, TX, USA TX

Special Board Meeting

When

Tuesday, July 27th, 5:30pm

Where

Flour Bluff Independent School District, TX, USA TX

Regular Board Meeting

When

Thursday, July 29th, 6pm

Where

Flour Bluff Independent School District, TX, USA TX

More information

Administration Building Board Room



CONTACT INFO

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