

Board Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the FBISD Board of Trustees

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Never Forget - Patriot Day

Our Hornet community is AMAZING - that is a fact that has never changed all these years! Our students, faculty, and staff pour their hearts, sweat, and sometimes tears into all they do to excel in the classroom, court, or field! They show the ultimate level of CPH - Class, Pride, and Heart! I know I speak for many of you when I say that I am EXTREMELY proud of our Hornets!

I know that September 11 will forever be etched in our memory - many can tell you exactly where they were at the very moment that the news hit the airwaves. I recall coming into the Flour Bluff Administration Building that day after visiting campuses and walking past the Board Room. The administration had set up the TV with the news broadcasting the events occurring across our nation. We stood in shock watching the first few minutes and then dispersed back out to campuses to ensure that all of our Hornets were safe. The instinct to protect our own and those we serve is always on but is heightened when we know that there is a threat close by or has reached our borders.

This week and weekend, we've carried the memories and the pain of the loss we felt that year, and every year for that matter, of the innocent Americans who lost their lives not only protecting and serving our country but living in this wonderful country we call home. We lost many heroes that day - may we never forget their ultimate sacrifice.

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

The Flour Bluff HS chamber singers ensemble, Notabilis, recording to honor the 20th anniversary of September 11th.

Flour Bluff HS Choir America Notabilis



FBHS Choir Notabilis: Emery Tremlett, Caitlyn Edwards, Paige Dwyer, Abby Wiginton, Agnes Garcia, Alaina Featherby, Sheira Capol, Lisette Torres, Josh Garcia, Clayton Loy, Hunter Henne, Myles Puumala, Abel Valdez

FBHS Choir Director: Fernando Fernandez

FBHS NJROTC RECEIVES 9/11 WTC ARTIFACT

The Flour Bluff High School NJROTC received an artifact from the fallen World Trade Center towers. A marble piece of the stair was retrieved from ground zero following the attack on the Twin Towers at the World Trade Center. The artifact was donated by the family of Mr. & Mrs. Dan Pipkin during a presentation with the NJROTC students.

The campus will house the artifact with the additional artifacts the District has acquired. Flour Bluff ISD received pieces of the interior steel of the World Trade Center in 2011 in remembrance of the 10th anniversary of 9/11. The interior steel pieces are housed at Flour Bluff High School, Junior High, and the Administration Building.



Special Thank You to FBHS PTO who donated the flags placed along
Waldron by NJROTC students



Update on FBISD Town Square



FBISD Town Square
Rendering 1



FBISD Town Square
Rendering 2

The vision of the FBISD Town Square is to create a shared space for the community and FBISD to enhance outdoor learning experiences, family time, and a safe place for students to gather. The utilization of this space is limitless. Superintendent Soliz-Garcia began discussion this summer with our School Board and various committees within the community. We are now eager to begin sharing this vision with students and staff to ensure the inclusiveness of all stakeholders.

Hector Zapata, FBISD Graphic/Web Design Specialist, spent some time with Superintendent Soliz-Garcia recently discussing the plans and vision for the FBISD Town Square. Hector then took photos

and drone footage and created the renderings for the town square. These renderings capture Phase I of our plans. This information will be shared with Superintendent Committees in the coming weeks to get feedback from faculty, staff, students, parents, FBISD Board of Trustees, and community members.

We look forward to sharing updates and feedback regarding information gathered from our community and staff as we move to Phase II of our Town Square Project!

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE COASTAL BEND TEEN CENTER RIBBON CUTTING

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Bend held a ribbon-cutting for the new Dr. David Freeman Teen Center in Flour Bluff ISD earlier this week. The program was a vision of former superintendent Dr. David Freeman and was named in his honor. A group of Flour Bluff High School students attended the event and enjoyed participating in the many activities the Center offers students daily.

The new Teen Center is especially for teens, filled with activities they love to do, including foosball, pool table, Xbox, and Netflix. BGCCB staff is also available to assist students with homework needs, and the Center has laptops available for students to use.

The Teen Center is open for Flour Bluff ISD students from ages 13-18, Monday through Friday from 4 – 7 p.m., near the Hornet Spirit Shop and SDGC facilities. Parents can register their teen for the program via the [Boys and Girls Clubs of the Coastal Bend website](#), by calling 853.2505, or by emailing Elisa Amador at eamador@bgccb.org. The cost is \$50 per teen per semester.



I.T.CARES! - UPDATE FROM TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Student ID Cards

With this week being suicide prevention, Flour Bluff's Information Technology Department would like to showcase how we help. Senate Bill 279 requires contact information for suicide prevention to be printed on all public school student ID cards for grades 7-12. Below is a picture of the back of our Junior High and High School student ID cards.

Gaggle

Gaggle actively monitors all student email and Google Drive content. When a student chats, emails, or saves a document in which the contents indicate the student has thoughts of self-harm, the report is immediately sent to the campus principal, who ensures a welfare check is done.

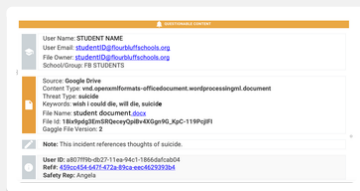
Lightspeed

All district devices are filtered and monitored by LightSpeed Systems. If a student does an Internet search indicating thoughts of self-harm, this report is immediately sent to the campus principal, who ensures a welfare check is done.

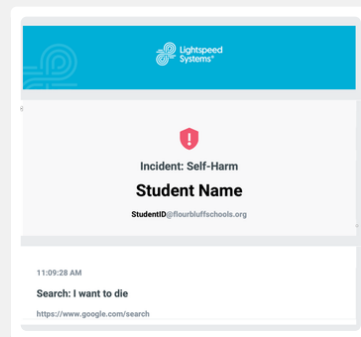
We are fully committed to helping our students in any way we can. Yes, we care; yes, our students matter!!!



Student ID Card Suicide
Prevention Info



Gaggle Report



LightSpeed Report

HATS OFF TO THE DISTRICT TECHS FOR THEIR WORK ENSURING THE BGCCB TEEN CENTER IS TECHNOLOGY READY



OCEANS PROGRAM MEETING

Thursday evening, we held our first Oceans Committee meeting of the school year. The purpose of the committee was reviewed, as well as each campus's current Oceans program offerings/clubs.

All campuses will integrate Oceans curriculum and activities this school year. Additionally, each campus shared other possible ideas for implementation during the 21-22 school year, and many Oceans committee members volunteered to help make several of the ideas come to fruition. Dr. Larisa Ford and Joe Holder will be assisting with contacting local businesses and community members to present to our ECC on topics relating to their unit on Ocean Animals in the Spring.

Committee members Katie Doyle, Nikki White, Jennifer Norman, and Joe Holder will be reaching out to the Texas State Aquarium and Texas Parks and Wildlife to inquire about Touch Tanks and Aquariums for our ECC students. Ms. Doyle and Ms. Biggerstaff will be joining forces to increase and enhance the Bird Club at both the Elementary and Intermediate campuses.

The Intermediate and High School plans to partner for Underwater Robotics. Mr. Steven Dial plans to work with local community businesses, Copeland's and the Texas General Land Office, to add Dive

Science and Environmental Emergency Response to the Oceans curriculum. Furthermore, Dr. Ford plans to contact Texas Parks and Wildlife to see about adding fish to the stock tanks. Several other ideas were shared and discussed; we look forward to enhancing the Oceans Program this school year!

UPDATED FROM FBISD PD

We encourage students to keep their bicycles locked at the bicycle racks.

Individuals driving to school please keep vehicles locked and valuables out of plain site.



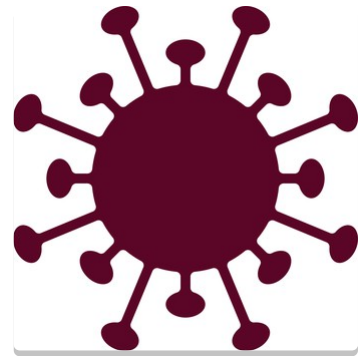
COVID-19 UPDATE

From September 2 to September 8, Flour Bluff ISD tested a total of 75 students and staff members at the Flour Bluff COVID Testing Center. Fifteen positive cases were reported during this time. From September 1 to today September 8, we have a total of 119 active cases in the district. This includes 106 students and 13 staff members.

[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/>

Superintendent Soliz-Garcia released a video to FBISD families and the community providing an update on our response to COVID-19.



COVID 19 Update Sep 2021



UPDATE FROM HORNET ATHLETICS

HORNET HIGHLIGHTS

- Tennis is undefeated in district
- Volleyball has a 20-3 record
- The Hornet of the Week is Katy Guerin

<https://athletics.flourbluffschoools.net/2021/09/09/hornet-of-the-week-katy-geurin/>



THIS WEEK IN HORNET SPORTS

- Monday - September 13
 - FBJH 7th Grade Volleyball vs. Tuloso-Midway (A team 6:15, B Team 5:00)
 - FBJH 8th Grade Volleyball @ Tuloso-Midway (A team 6:15, B Team 5:00)
- Tuesday - September 14
 - FBHS Volleyball @ Moody (JV & Freshman 5:00, Varsity 6:00)
 - FBJH 7th Grade Football @ Grant (A team only 5:30)
 - FBJH 8th Grade Football vs. Grant (A team only 5:30)
 - FBHS Varsity Tennis vs. King - 4:30
- Thursday - September 16
 - FBHS JV Tennis vs. Tuloso-Midway 4:30
 - FBHS Freshman White Football vs. Tuloso-Midway 5:00 PM
 - FBJH/JV/9th Cross Country @ Tuloso-Midway 4:30 PM
- Friday - September 17
 - FBHS Volleyball vs. King (JV & Freshman 6:00, Varsity 5:00)
 - FBHS Varsity Football vs. King 7:30
 - Video Stream - Flour Bluff Sports Information Youtube
 - Radio Broadcast - 1230 AM, 95.1 FM (sportsradioc on-Tunein App)
- Saturday - September 18
 - FBHS Varsity Tennis vs. Victoria East
 - Cross Country at TAMUCC Islander Splash

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[Click Here for More Athletic News](#)

[FBISD Calendar of Events](#)

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Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need clarification on any items presented on the weekly Board Buzz. Board, faculty, staff, and parents can reach me at 361.438.0160.



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