

Board Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the FBISD Board of Trustees

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We all breathed a sigh of relief when Tropical Storm Nicholas stayed in the Gulf of Mexico a little longer than initially announced! The decision to close schools on Monday was made out of an abundance of caution - most especially for the safety of our students and staff at dismissal when TS Nicholas was predicted that Nicholas would make landfall in our area.

We were glad to see our Hornets on Tuesday, and the rest of the week has been filled with a whirlwind of activity as we close out the first six weeks of the school year - all Hornets SWARMED to get the work done! I have taken time to visit classrooms every week and as the year progresses, so does the intensity of our academic endeavors. Many thanks to our phenomenal teachers, curriculum supervisors, our Principals (Instructional Leaders), and the curriculum department for the many hours that have been dedicated to curriculum and instructional planning and implementation - *TOGETHER, we can EXCEL to new heights!*

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



FLOUR BLUFF ROCKS!

Flour Bluff Elementary Art teacher, Nancy Tyler, has started a movement of hiding painted positivity rocks around Flour Bluff. Students, parents, teachers, and even the superintendent have taken part in finding, painting, and hiding the rocks for others to find. KRIS 6 News visited Flour Bluff Elementary this week to learn more about how these painted rocks are helping to spread kindness.

View the full story by clicking the link below.



[Flour Bluff students and...](#)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AMBASSADOR MEETING

Superintendent Soliz-Garcia met with the High School Student Ambassadors this week. Almost all the students returned to serve for a second year, including Junior High students who are now serving at the high school level as freshmen. Superintendent Soliz-Garcia kicked off the meeting by reviewing the District's newly adopted vision, mission, and goals and reviewing the strategic plan and scorecard explaining how each was developed.

Ms. Soliz-Garcia also shared the Hornet Town Square concept with the students. They were buzzing with excitement. The students had excellent ideas and significant input on how we could improve on the concept. One of the ideas that popped up the most was an honor wall that individuals could purchase tiles to honor or remember a friend or loved one.

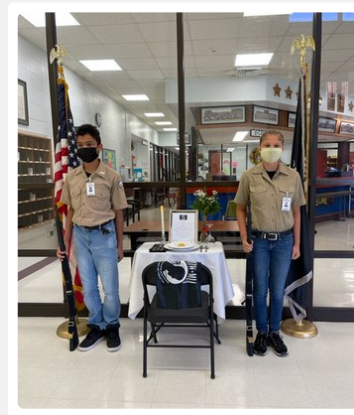
Superintendent Soliz-Garcia will meet with the Junior High Student Ambassadors next week. We'll bring a full update in next week's edition of the Board Buzz.



NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY - SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

President Biden proclaimed September 17, 2021, as National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and the Hornet ROTC and LOTC stood in honor of those who have served or made the ultimate sacrifice. President Biden proclaimed, "Along with my fellow Americans, I salute our former POWs who overcame unspeakable indignities to return home with honor. For those who made the ultimate sacrifice and never came home, America will work tirelessly to provide their families and our Nation the fullest possible measure of accounting."





UPDATE FROM SHAC

The School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) held its first meeting on September 14, 2021. There were fourteen members present. The council voted Mr. Joseph Reyes as chairman and Mrs. Shauna Fuller as co-chairman for the 2021-2022 year. Members who volunteered for the Fitness Subcommittee include Shannon Murphy, Joseph Reyes, Dawn Evans, Amanda Corpuz, and Nicole Tirado.

The council heard presentations from Yvette Chaves and Sonja Marines. Ms. Chaves, who is with Circles of Care, presented on free counseling services for students and families. Ms. Marines from American Heart Association gave a presentation on a wellness program for our staff. They both discussed resources available through their entities. After the presentations, a discussion was held about the two programs. The council voted to approve both groups as a resource for our staff, student, and families.

P-TECH LEADERSHIP MEETING

On September 14th, the P-TECH Leadership Committee had its first meeting at Flour Bluff High School. Those in attendance included Superintendent Velma Soliz-Garcia, Dr. Linda Barganski, District CTE Coordinator, Linda Medley, High School Principal, Amy Seeds, High School CTE Coordinator, Molly Parker, High School Curriculum Supervisor, Dr. Leonard Rivera, and Arnold Mendez, both from Del Mar College.

The committee talked about where we are in the process of becoming an Early High School P-TECH campus, the Texas Education Agency's assigned Technical Assistant, anticipated budget,

Memorandum of Understandings, and scheduling the next meetings. We will build and grow the Construction Trades Pathway in the initial year and eventually include other CTE pathways.

STAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The South Texas Association of Schools (STAS) focuses on advocating for children attending public school districts located primarily in South Texas, particularly regarding school finance issues.

Superintendent Soliz-Garcia serves on the South Texas Association of Schools board and recently was nominated to serve as an officer on the Executive Cabinet. Mrs. Soliz-Garcia will serve as Secretary for a two-year term. The following Superintendents will serve as officers:

- Dr. Tony Lara (Superintendent - South Texas ISD), President
- Dr. Joe Gonzalez (Superintendent - McAllen ISD), Vice-President
- Ms. Velma Soliz-Garcia (Superintendent - Flour Bluff ISD), Secretary
- Dr. Randy Hoyer (Superintendent - Orange Grove ISD), Treasurer

UPDATED FROM FBISD PD

Officer Tate is attending NASRO Basic SRO Course this week. The NASRO Basic School Resource Officer Course is a forty-hour (40) block of instruction designed for law enforcement officers and school safety professionals working in an educational environment and with school administrators. The course provides tools for officers to build positive relationships with both students and staff. The course is also beneficial for educational professionals dedicated to providing a safe learning environment and provides a more in-depth understanding of the role and functions of an SRO.



MOMENTUM BEGINNING ON REESTABLISHMENT OF AN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Superintendent Soliz-Garcia, CFO Ludi Cansino, and Executive Director of Communications Kim Sneed met with community member Monette Bright on the next steps to revitalize an education foundation organization in FBISD. Education foundations are governed by a board of directors and are typically independent of the school district they serve. However, they are aligned with the vision and mission of the school system and serve as a partner to develop public and private support.

A board of directors will need to be established to begin developing by-laws and applying for tax-exempt status. Monette Bright and Kim Sneed are working to reach out to community members to serve on the board. If you know of someone interested in serving, please send contact information to Monette at monettebright24@gmail.com.

COVID-19 UPDATE

From September 9 through September 16, there was a total of 31 new, active cases in the district. This includes 25 students and 6 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://flourbluffschoos.net/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>



UPDATE FROM HORNET ATHLETICS

HORNET HIGHLIGHTS

- Tennis is undefeated in district
- Volleyball has a 21-4 record
- The Hornet of the Week is Jacob Rose
(<https://athletics.flourbluffschoos.net/2021/09/16/hornet-of-the-week-jacob-rose/>).

Next Week in Hornet Athletics

Tuesday - September 21

- FBHS Volleyball vs Carroll (JV & Freshman 5:00, Varsity 6:00)
- FBJH 7th Grade Football @ Calallen (B Team 5:30 PM, A Team 7:00 PM)
- FBJH 8th Grade Football vs. Calallen (B Team 5:30 PM, A Team 7:00 PM)
- FBHS Varsity Tennis vs. TM - 4:30

Thursday - September 23

- FBJH 7th Grade Volleyball @ Calallen (A team 6:15, B Team 5:00)
- FBJH 8th Grade Volleyball vs Calallen (A team 6:15, B Team 5:00)
- FBHS JV Tennis at GP 4:30 PM
- FBHS Freshman Football @ Victoria East (White 5:00 PM)
- FBHS JV Football vs. Victoria East (White 5:00 PM)
- FBJH/JV/9th Cross Country @ Tuloso-Midway 4:30 PM

Friday - September 24

- FBHS Swimming vs Alice/IWA at Natatorium 6PM
- FBHS Volleyball @ Victoria East (JV & Freshman 6:00, Varsity 5:00)
- FBHS Varsity Football @ Victoria East 7:30 - Video Stream - Flour Bluff Sports Information Youtube; Radio Broadcast - 1230 AM, 95.1 FM (sportsradiocc on Tunein App)

Saturday - September 25

- FBHS Tennis vs Ray 9:00 AM

[Click Here for More Athletic News](#)



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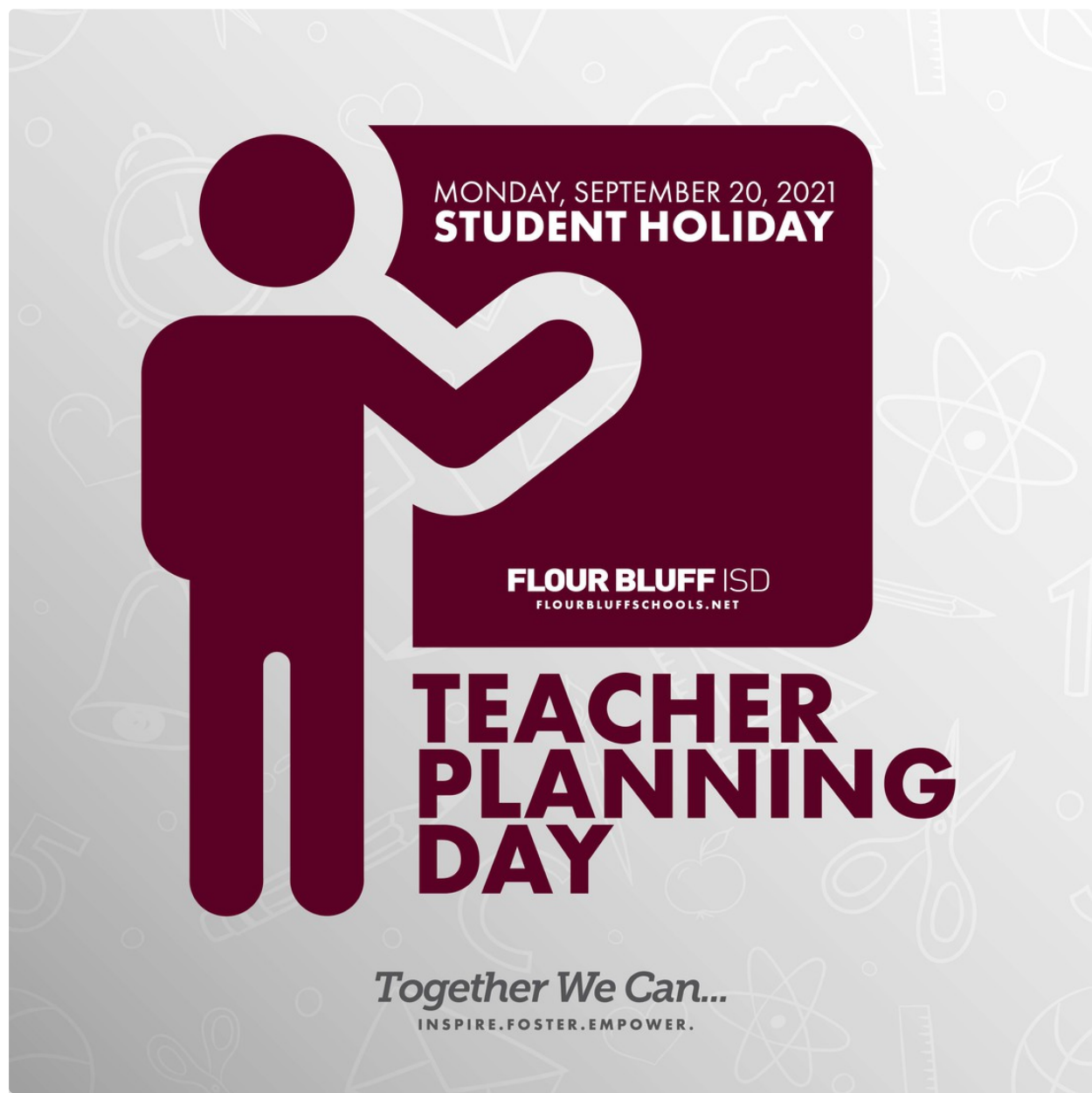
HOMECOMING 2021

PARADE - MONDAY, OCT. 11

6:00 PM

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[FBISD Calendar of Events](#)

Regular Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Thursday, Sep. 30th, 6pm

Where

Central Office, Board Room



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