

# Latest Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for Flour Bluff ISD

The Premier District in Texas! Welcome to Hornet Country!

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Greetings from Superintendent, Velma Soliz-Garcia!

As we come to the end of this week, we recognize that behind every successful Hornet scholar is a hardworking and dedicated educator. Our educators serve this community in different roles as teachers, paraprofessionals, coaches, sponsors, administrators, custodians, transportation and maintenance workers, nutritionists, or volunteers. Our educators spend a lot of time preparing, planning, and delivering in their respective capacities, and many of those hours are beyond the school day. Our Hornet scholars have also dedicated many hours to their academic endeavors. I hope we will all take this next week and find some time to relax and spend quality time with family and friends. It will be a sprint to the finish line with end-of-year activities upon our return! We've got this!

*Together we can...Inspire, Foster, and Empower!*

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

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# Spring Break

**STUDENT AND STAFF HOLIDAY**  
MARCH 14-18, 2022

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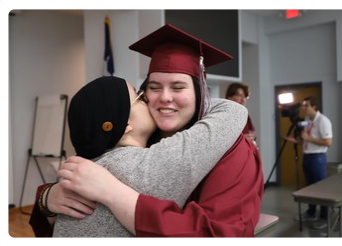
## An Incredible Day for the Hornet Learning Academy!

On Thursday, March 10th, the Flour Bluff ISD Hornet Learning Academy (HLA) celebrated five graduates. What an emotional and prideful day for these students! This program is essential to the success of our students.

The Hornet Learning Academy at Flour Bluff High School kicked off in 2021 as a drop-out prevention program. Our Hornet Learning Academy affords at-risk students a flexible school day, allowing them to complete graduation requirements and receive their diplomas.

We are so proud of our HLA Hornet Graduates!





## School Nutrition Spring Break Curbside Service

The Flour Bluff School Nutrition Department provided nutritious meals for spring break to the students of Flour Bluff today in front of the Central Kitchen – Drive through. In addition, the Child Nutrition Department provided another drive-through location at the Gateway Christian Center Church. The Nutrition Department has been working diligently on getting the word out to increase the number of students who receive meals. Today's curbside proved to be very successful! We are planning into the future and moving forward to increase the number of meals we prepare for our students next time.

We hope everyone has a safe and restful Spring Break!

# Spring Break Lunches!



**March 11/ 9-12:00 pm**

**5 days of lunches for Flour Bluff ISD students during Spring Break.**

Curbside pickup will be March 11th outside of the Central Kitchen from 9:00-12:00 pm, or until we run out. We will have a bus on site at Gateway Christian Center for those on the other side of SPID from 11am - 12pm.

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## Junior High Teachers Compete in a Friendly Chili Cook-off!

Junior High teachers enjoyed a friendly cooking competition during their teacher planning day on Friday, March 11th. The lucky Chili Cook-off winner was George Henderson. Congratulations, Mr. Henderson! Mr. Henderson received a gift basket from the Student Council and a trophy for his incredible chili!

We wish our teachers a fun and safe Spring Break!





## Junior High Lunch Bunch Creates Opportunity for Students to Make New Friends

Junior High counselors hosted a lunch bunch as a way to help students step out of their comfort zone and make new friends. On Thursday, March 10th, students met for Lunch Bunch and got to meet other students and make new friends.

A big THANK YOU to our Junior High Counselors for continuing to find fun ways for our Hornets to come together!





Intermediate Teacher Mrs. Tavie Moss Helps Students See Stars in Class!



This past week, students in Mrs. Moss's 6th grade Science class had fun learning about asteroids, meteoroids, and comets through various hands-on learning stations. Students created a word wall with pictures and phrases and utilized their sense of touch to try and figure out what was in the mystery boxes.

"Science is fun. Science is curiosity. We all have natural curiosity!" - Sally Ride



## The Oceans Program Partners with Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi!

Oceans Teacher Ms. Katie Doyle met with Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi faculty members and students at the wetlands this past week to discuss plans for a future endeavor. FBISD is proud and honored to partner with Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and Flour Bluff I.S.D.

Go Hornets!





## NJROTC Sea Hornets Finish 2nd In State Competition!

Our NJROTC Sea Hornets recently competed in the NJROTC State Competition at Texas A&M University, College Station, placing 2nd Overall in the state!

The team also received the following awards:

Academic - 1st Place

Armed Exhibition - 2nd Place

PT - 3rd Place

Armed Regulation - 3rd Place

We are incredibly proud of our NJROTC students!







## ECC Campus Welcomes Special Guests!

On Monday, March 7th, the ECC campus welcomed special guests, the Corpus Christi IceRays. The IceRays stopped by to read to our Kindergarten classes and walked through the campus to say hello to our Pre-K students! During their visit, the team signed autographs and answered questions from students.

A huge THANK YOU to the Corpus Christi IceRays for taking time out of their day to come and spend the afternoon with our Little Hornets!



## Elementary Principal, Dr. Youngberg Gets Slimed!

Thursday, March 10th, was a slimy day at our Elementary campus as Dr. Youngberg got slimed!!

It was all in celebration of raising \$50,000 in pledges from our recent Fun Run! The Fun Run is a fundraiser that the Elementary campus puts on to raise funds for the PTO. The funds will purchase playground & recess equipment and classroom technology.



## One-Act Play Cast and Crew Advancing to District Competition!

**FBISD One-Act Play Cast and Crew of "Dearly Departed" have Advanced to the District Competition. The competition will take place on March 16th in Victoria, Texas.**

We are proud of our cast and crew listed below:

All Start Technician- Ariya Gerbert (Lights)

Honorable Mention All-Star Cast: Salvatore Whitt and Sitarra Whitt

All-Star Cast: Xavier Pon, Chase Hunter, Lourdes Sosa

“Dearly Departed” Cast and Crew

Raynelle.....Sitarra Whitt

Ray-Bud.....Xavier Pon

Lucille.....Kaili Doble

Junior.....Chase Hunter

Suzanne.....Nora Wold

Marguerite.....Kate Campbell

Royce.....Ben King

Delightful.....Jorge Velez

Rev Hooker.....Kodi Bradford

Veda.....Lourdes Sosa

Norval.....Salvatore Whitt

Juanita.....Alexis Adame

Student Director.....Landon Alaniz

Stage Manager.....Zoe Saldana

Lights.....Ariya Gerbert

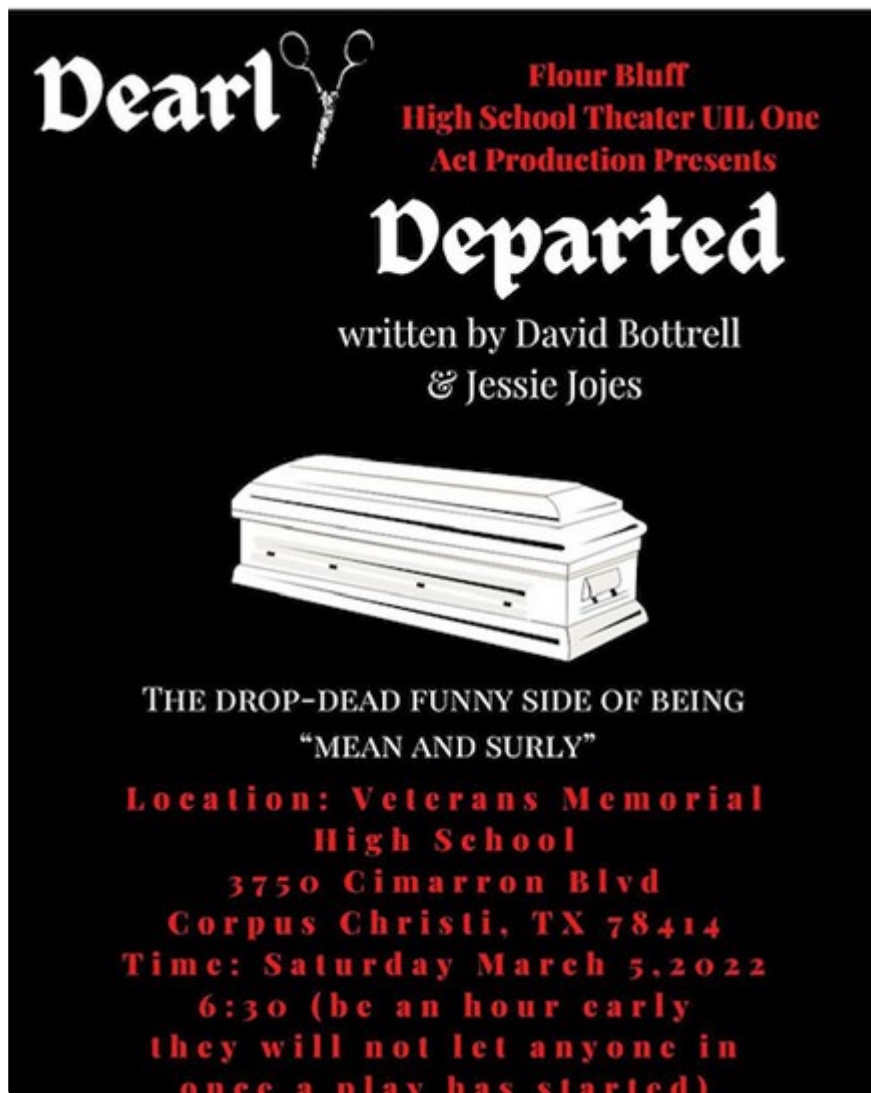
Sound.....Payton Myers

Crew.....Nick Scheerer

Costumes.....Allie Evans

Alternates: Emily VanDerostyne, Landon Knauss, Joshua Stuart, Emilee Grosse, Oliver Sanchez



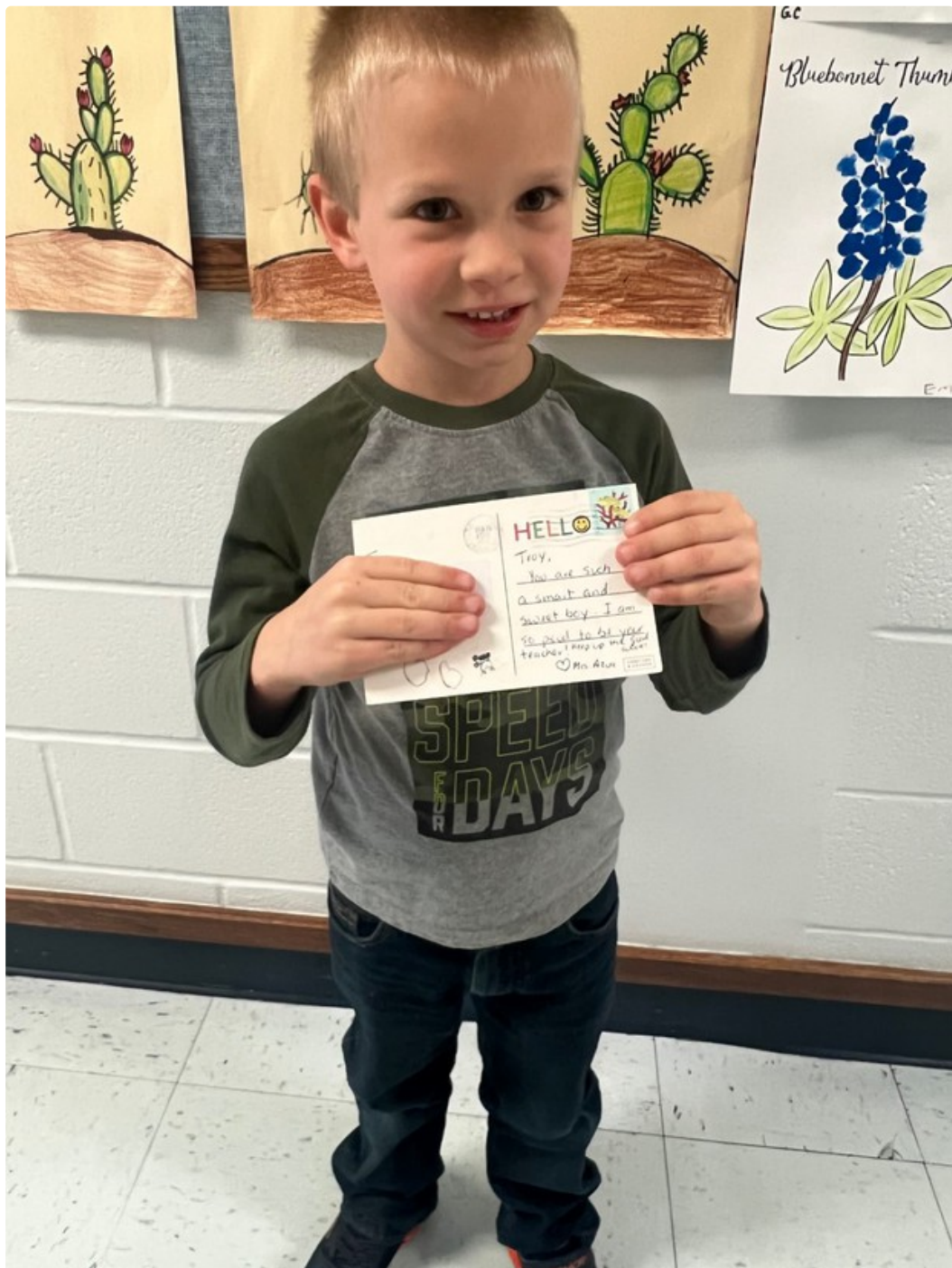


## Hey, ECC Students, "You've Got MAIL!"

Positive mail is making a positive difference at the ECC! Students are receiving postcards from their

ECC Staff began a postcard writing initiative that provides every student a postcard delivered directly to them. These postcards are filled with positive words and encouragement from their teachers.

These postcard deliveries continue to make a positive difference at the ECC Campus. Students look forward to their mail delivery! We want to thank our ECC teachers for taking time out of their days to remind their students how special they are.



## FBISD Dyslexia Spotlight

Nancy Quesada is an FBISD Dyslexia Teacher serving students at Flour Bluff Elementary. She has worked as a teacher for 34 years, 19 for CCISD and 15 for Flour Bluff ISD. Nancy has supported students and staff across the district through curriculum writing and professional development as a presenter and consultant. She also helped develop a literacy book for the district titled, Celebrating Literacy. Nancy has been nominated for Humanitarian of the Year in FBISD and Teacher of the Year in



CCISD. Her most precious privilege has always been teaching students who struggle with Reading and Writing. Nancy is truly a teacher leader and asset to our dyslexia program.



## FBISD Police Department Welcomes Officer Martin Tamez

FBISD is excited to welcome Officer Martin Tamez to our Police Department. Officer Tamez brings many years of experience to our district. We are excited to have him join our team and look forward to working with him as the Flour Bluff Police Department continues to protect the welfare, safety, and security of our students, employees, parents, and community.

Welcome to Hornet country Officer Tamez!





## Women of the Coastal Bend Join Together to Celebrate International Women's Day!

On Tuesday, March 8, our Superintendent gathered with some incredible women to celebrate International Women's Day! On this day, women of the Coastal Bend and worldwide are reminded to support and uplift one another and continue doing great things!





# Assessment & Academics

## Assessment Information

- 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

## Upcoming Academic UIL Meets - FBHS

Flour Bluff ISD will host several Academic UIL Meets, for 2nd Grade through High School, which will occur on various dates throughout January, February, and March. The contest dates are as follows:

- High School District One Act Play: March 20, 2022
- High School Academic Contest: March 25-26, 2022

## UPDATES FROM HORNET ATHLETICS

### Flour Bluff Athletics March 14 – March 19 (Spring Break)

#### **Monday, March 14th**

JV girls soccer at Victoria East - 11:00 a.m.

JV Boys Soccer at Victoria East - 12:30 p.m.

Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Victoria East - 11:00 a.m., Victoria Memorial Stadium

Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Victoria East - 1:00 p.m., Victoria Memorial Stadium

Varsity Baseball vs. Gregory Portland - 8:00 p.m., Corpus Christi Hooks' Whataburger Field

### **Tuesday, March 15th**

JV Baseball - 6:00 p.m., Gregory Portland

Freshman Baseball - 6:00 p.m., Hornet Field

### **Wednesday, March 16th**

Varsity Softball vs. Veterans Memorial - 4:00 p.m., Cabaniss Stadium

JV Softball at Veterans Memorial - 2:00 p.m.

### **Friday, March 18th**

Varsity Softball vs. Carroll - 2:00 p.m., Cabaniss Stadium

JV Softball at Carroll - 11:00 a.m., Carroll High School

Baseball vs. Ray - 7:00 p.m., Hornet Field

### **Saturday, March 19th**

Baseball vs. Calallen - 2:00 p.m., Wildcat Field

JV Baseball vs. Ray - 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Hornet Field

Freshman Baseball vs. Ray - 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Ray HS

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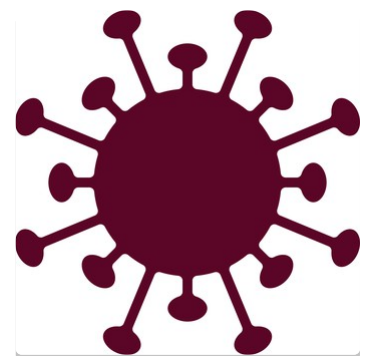
## COVID-19 UPDATE

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The Flour Bluff ISD COVID-19 Testing Center reported from March 4 to March 10, they tested a total of 8 students and staff members at the FBISD Testing Center. The testing center reported 1 positive case during this time. As of March 10, we have 1 active case 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

March 14-18: Spring Break

April: School Library Month

April 4- 8 - National Library Week

April 5 - National Library Workers Day

April 18 - 22 - Public School Volunteer Week

April 20 - Administrative Professionals' Day



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## FBISD Calendar of Events

### Regular Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Thursday, March 31 st, 6pm

Where

Administration Building, Board Room

More information

2505 Waldron Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78418



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