

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!

Happy Earth Day! Flour Bluff educators know how to plan activities that engage our Hornets daily, but they go all out for Earth Day! We are blessed to have phenomenal educators that have strong passions and dedication to our Hornets! Please join me these next few weeks as we celebrate our teachers' service to our children and this community!

The countdown begins - 3 Fridays left this school year! Enjoy every minute of the next few weeks!

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



MAY 2-6TH
TEACHER
APPRECIATION WEEK
2022



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Raising Cane's wants to help our teachers!

In honor of Teacher Appreciation week coming up, Raising Cane's reached out to Flour Bluff ISD to let us know about a great opportunity for teachers! They will be giving away Raising Cane's gift baskets and \$500 for the 2022-2023 school year! To enter, visit raisingcanestasweepstakes.com!



In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week,
Raising Cane's is giving Teachers the
opportunity to win a Raising Cane's Gift Basket
and \$500 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Enter between 5/2/22 - 5/8/22

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Flour Bluff ISD Teacher Appreciation Spotlight!

Robert Stegall – 19th year of teaching Government & AP Government at Flour Bluff High School

What I love about teaching: "I love teaching because we are giving rise to our future leaders and we owe it to them and ourselves to ensure they have the most skills possible to take those reins of leadership."



Tracey Ritchie – 18th year of teaching English IV at Flour Bluff High School

What I love about teaching: "What I like most about teaching is the students. They make my heart smile every day."



Teena Jones – 25th year of teaching English on ramps/AP English lit at Flour Bluff High School

What I love about teaching: "Being with the kids and helping them be successful in every which way!"



Jennifer Pshigoda – 27th year of teaching English Dual Credit/Advanced English II at Flour Bluff High School

What I love about teaching: "Is my student's sense of humor."



Carol Quintanilla – 14th year of teaching U.S. History at Flour Bluff High School

What I love about teaching: "The kids and showing love."



Flour Bluff ISD's mascots help make Hornet Country a clean and beautiful place for everyone on Earth Day!

Earth Day has been so fun that even Buzzy and Buzzette joined in!

They helped pick up trash at some of the campuses, check on our Town Square trees, and headed over to the Wetlands to enjoy some time in nature! Thank you, Buzzy and Buzzette, for joining us today!



Flour Bluff ISD celebrates Earth Day and the Intermediate Campus welcomes local presenters for a day of fun and learning!

It's Earth Day! Today, we are celebrating this wonderful planet, learning about the environment and how we can protect our earth! Our Intermediate campus is holding a fantastic interactive Earth Day event for all students! We want to thank all of the presenters today and Corpus Christi Army Depot for partnering with us!

South Texas Master Naturalists

Corpus Christi Geological Society

Fish and Wildlife Services

City of Corpus Christi Storm Water

University of Texas, Marine Science Institute/Amos Rehabilitation Keep

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Forest Service

Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve

Thank you all for coming and showing our Hornets all about our wonderful world and how we can protect it! We also want to thank our Intermediate Principal, Sal Alvarado, and the excellent staff that helped make this day a success! Together We Can!

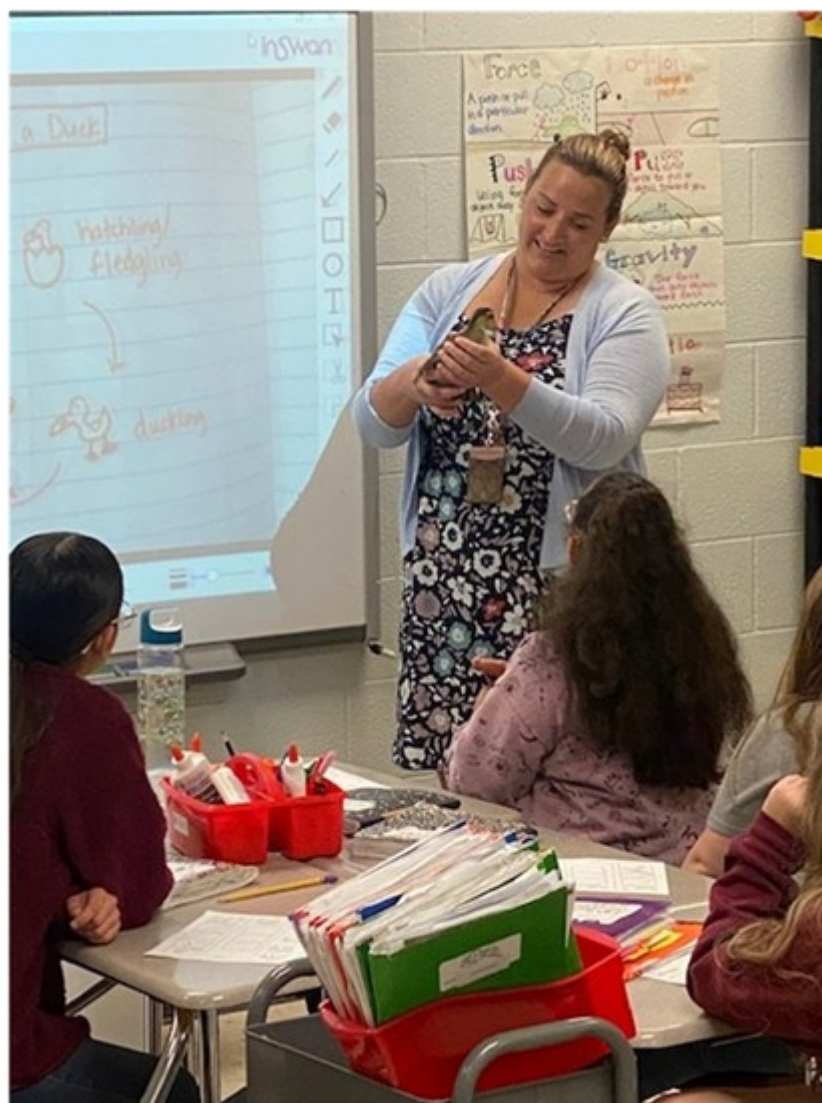




In her 11th year of teaching, Intermediate teacher Sophie Ruefle makes learning interactive and inspires her students!

Mrs. Sophie Ruefle's 5th-grade science class students are studying adaptations and inherited traits; they are getting hands-on experience by raising four mallard ducklings. Students learn how the duckling's webbed feet make them fast swimmers, how their beak shape allows them to eat their food, and how their oily coating keeps them warm and dry.

Mrs. Ruefle has been teaching for 11 years, with the past two and a half years at Flour Bluff. She has a deep passion for teaching science and does an excellent job encouraging her students to strive to do their best in school. Thank you, Mrs. Ruefle, for all you do for your students; it is greatly appreciated. GO HORNETS!!!



Visionarios Art Contest welcomes Flour Bluff Hornets as winners and teacher Sarah Czar helps to grow students' creativity!

The Visionarios Art Contest at the Art Museum of South Texas was held recently. The contest was open to all students within the Coastal Bend region. Two of Flour Bluff's 5th-grade students placed in the top 3 in the 3rd grade through the 5th-grade section of the competition. Valarie Celis (pictured on the left) placed 3rd, and Emily Lozano placed 2nd (shown on the right) respectively.

Intermediate Art Teacher Mrs. Sarah Czar (pictured in the middle) promotes creativity, focus, and self-discipline with her students. Mrs. Czar has taught a wide array of subjects throughout her 13-year teaching career, with the past three years at Flour Bluff. Congratulations, Valarie and Emily, and THANK YOU, Mrs. Czar, for always going the extra mile for your students.

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Junior High Swimming and Diving take first place for the sweep!

The Girls and Boys Swimming and diving teams competed in the Coastal Bend MS Championships on Friday, April 8th, at Tulosso-Midway. Both teams captured first place for the sweep. Below are the first place finishers.

We want to thank our coaches Ali Hutchinson and Erin Steward for their hard work and dedication to our Hornets!

200 Medley Relay Girls- G Robison, M Stolley, A Orta, K Steinbruck

100 Freestyle- Katelyn Steinbruck

100 Freestyle- Keegan Stahl

25 Freestyle- Elizabeth Colton

50 Butterfly- Alexandria Orta

50 Fly- Keegan Stahl

50 Freestyle- Katelyn Steinbruck

200 Freestyle- Katelyn Steinbruck

100 Freestyle Relay Girls- Y Djilali, L Minton, M Wang, E Colton

50 Backstroke- Alexandria Orta

200 Freestyle Relay Girls- K Steinbruck, M Stolley, G Robinson, A Orts





ECC Science Fair welcomes innovation and creativity! Congratulations to our winners!

ECC campus recently held their Science Fair and these are our top 5 projects chosen!

Peyton Castillo

Ella Hambrick

Nalan Karthick

Mackenzie Perez

Group project winners: Amias Lopez & Rhettson Resendez

All of the projects were amazing and the judges were very impressed with our ECC students' usage of correct science vocabulary and their ability to articulate their projects.

Way to go, Hornets! We are so proud of all of you!



Meeting our goal of reaching 1:1 devices for our Hornets!

This week, the Flour Bluff Junior High campus was able to deliver a Chromebook cart to Mrs. Sivils. Flour Bluff ISD has been working for the last eight years to give every ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies teacher a class set of Chromebooks for students to use. This cart marks this accomplishment for the Junior High campus, and we look forward to seeing all of the great things our Hornets will be learning!



The Coastal Explorers introduce Primary campus students to the wonders of nature at the Wetlands!

Our Junior High Coastal Explorers Wetlands Ambassadors collaborated with Mrs. Pena's class from the Primary campus this week. Our little Hornets took an informative nature walk, did some birding and kayaking, and got to see some of the aquatic organisms they collected in the push nets. Our students had a wonderful time and cannot wait to go back!

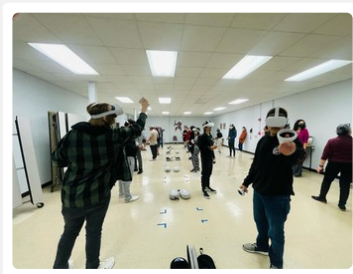


Workforce Solutions visits SDGC students for an unforgettable virtual experience for their future!

On April 12, Hornet Learning Academy and Student Development and Guidance Center students participated in a virtual career exploration activity facilitated by Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend representatives Luis Rodriguez and Samantha Smolik.

Students could explore careers in Manufacturing, Automotive, Public Safety, Skilled Trades, Warehousing/Storage, Hospitality/Tourism, and engage in a virtual experience for the job they chose to explore. Many of our students expressed that the virtual experience allowed them to engage in a career they may not know much about, and it changed their minds about a possible career in that area.

Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend are scheduled to return for another virtual career exploration session on April 27, 2022. They will present resumes and financial literacy training to our students on May 19, 2022.



Integrated Oceans Program update

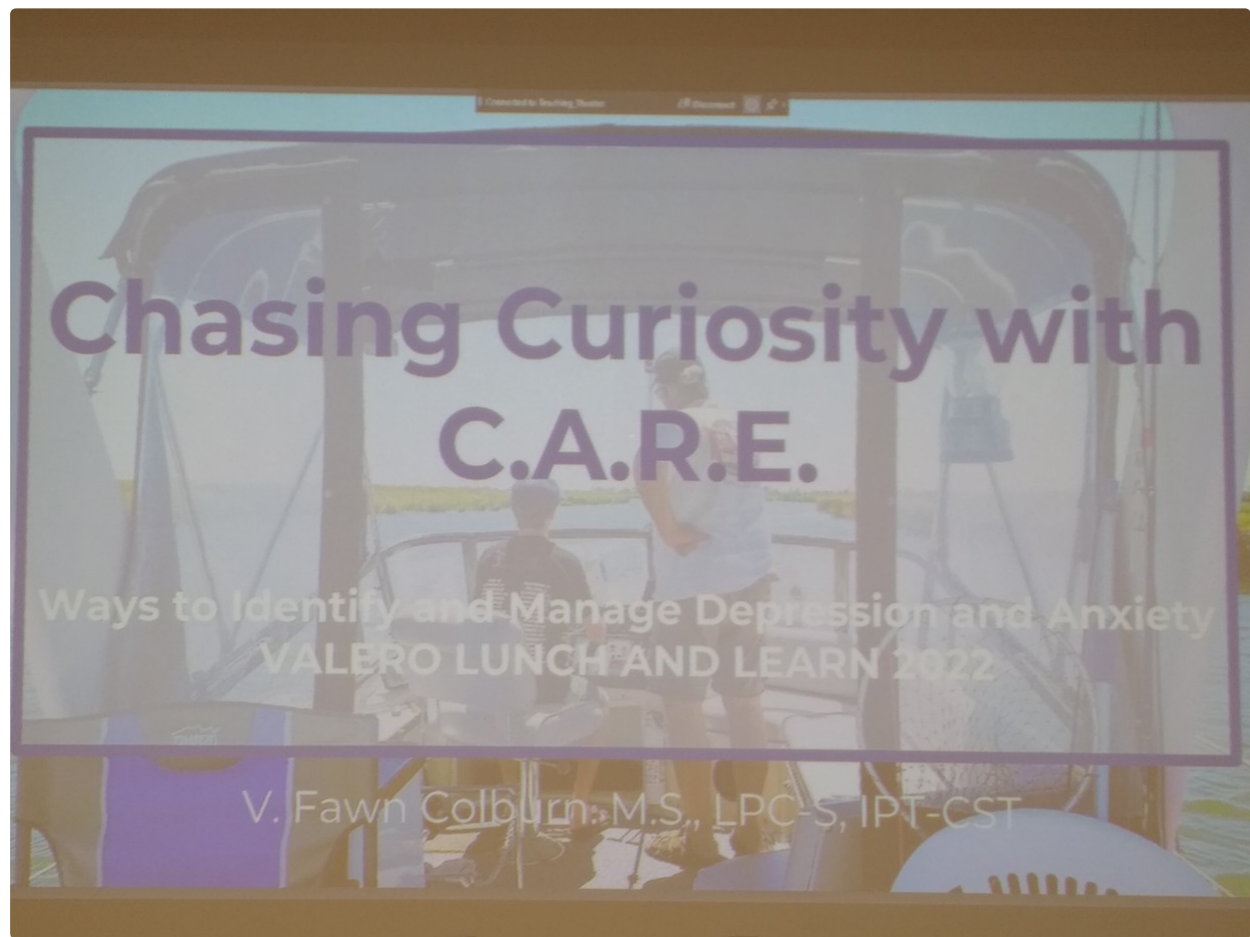
This week, the ocean came to Flour Bluff Elementary! Our 3rd Grade students and staff welcomed Captain Whitney Curry of the Texas Floating Classroom. Captain Whitney and her team brought in Touch Tanks, which introduced students to aquatic science and gave them a one-on-one look at our local marine life in a fun and memorable way. Captain Whitney and the Touch Tanks will also be visiting:

- 4th Grade on May 2nd
- 1st & 2nd Grades on May 3rd & 13th
- PreK & Kindergarten on May 6th



Parent & Guardian support group meetings give a safe and caring outlet to both adult and student

The last parent/community support meeting was held for the school year on April 21 at the High School Teaching Theater. Thank you, parents, and community members, for joining us each month and participating in each program. We will start up our parent and community support presentations again in September.



Dyslexia Teacher Spotlight: Catherine Clark

After graduating summa cum laude from Southwest Texas University, Catherine Clark began teaching Art to elementary children in San Antonio. She has also taught middle school Math, Physical Education, and Special Education.

Currently, she is a Foundations English teacher at Flour Bluff High School. Mrs. Clark feels her sophomore and senior students are amazing! She has been a Hornet for eight years, and her daughters were Hornets, too. She enjoys hiking, biking, camping, dancing, cooking, and kayaking with her daughters in her free time.



UPDATES FROM HORNET ATHLETICS

Flour Bluff Athletics April 25 - 30

Monday, April 25

· **Varsity Baseball vs Veterans Memorial 8:00 pm** *Cabaniss Field*

Tuesday, April 26

· **JV baseball vs Veterans Memorial 6:00 pm** *Cabaniss Field*

· **Freshman Baseball vs Veterans Memorial 6:00 pm** *VMHS baseball Field*

Friday, April 29

· **Region IV track meet** *Heroes Stadium*

Saturday, April 30

· **Region IV track meet** *Heroes Stadium*

**Lady Hornet Softball playoffs will begin April 28th-30th. More details on an opponent, location, and time to be announced.*

Go Hornets!

[Click Here for More Athletic News](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 27 - Administrative Professionals' Day

April 28- Board of Trustees Meeting

May 2-6- Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6 - School Lunch Hero Day

May 9-13- National School Nurse Week

May 11- National School Nurse Day

May 11 -Texas Public School Paraprofessional Day

May 15-National Peace Officers Memorial Day

May 16-20-National Educational Bosses Week

FBHS Graduation: Class of 2022

Date: Thu May 26, 2022 6pm – 8pm

Location: American Bank Center, 1901 N Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, TX 78401

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FBISD Calendar of Events

Regular Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Thursday, April 28th, 6pm

Where

Administration Building, Board Room

More information

2505 Waldron Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78418




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