

Latest Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for Flour Bluff ISD

The Premier District in Texas! Welcome to Hornet Country!

Friday, April 8, 2022 - Volume 2; Edition 32

Greetings from Superintendent, Velma Soliz-Garcia!

I'm sure I'm not the only one feeling like time is going by too fast! We have 5 Fridays left this school year! Treasure every moment! Love on our Seniors - Class of 2022! Go, Hornets, Go! We've got this!

Many great things are happening in our district - led by some outstanding educators and leaders! This publication has some examples of some exceptional accomplishments this week and dedicated educators that we've celebrated! We hope that you will enjoy the read!

Please note that this week's publication will cover this week and next week - there will be a holiday break next week! You can find updates to all events on our webpage and social media posts. Have a wonderful weekend!

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

Great things are happening here at Flour Bluff ISD!

Many thanks to our Board of Trustees for joining us Friday, April 8, to tour current construction and maintenance projects! While in the district, they had an opportunity to visit with staff - we appreciate their support and vision!



At the recent TMSCA State Championship, the Flour Bluff Intermediate and Junior High Math/Science Team continued their rich history of success

On April 2nd, the Flour Bluff Junior High and Intermediate Math/Science Team traveled to San Antonio for the TMSCA State Championship and won for the 37th consecutive year. From information gathered, Flour Bluff won their first TMSCA Championship in 1985, and our fabulous Hornets have been winning the state champion every year since.

Our Hornets won the Team championship by almost 900 points winning Team Number Sense, Calculator, and Science and 2nd in General Math by 3 points. They were the individual state champion in 8 out of 12 events, winning 48 out of a possible 90 top 10 individual events in math and 10 out of 30 top ten individual events in science. The 8th grade Hornets had 3 of the most challenging years dealing with Covid. Even when no one knew what would happen, our Hornets continued to work and led this team through difficult times.



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	2	Cross Timbers	4481		2	Cross Timbers	955		
	3	Pine Tree	4173		3	Pine Tree	794		
	Place	Team Calculator	Points		Place	Team General Math	Points		
	1	Flour Bluff	1447		1	Cross Timbers	856		
	2	Alamo Heights	1178		2	Flour Bluff	853		
	3	Pine Tree	1168		3	St Marks	782		
	Place	Team Science	Points						
	1	Flour Bluff	805						
	2	Cross Timbers	729						
	3	Hutchinson	728						
	Place	Number Sense 6th Grade			Place	Number Sense 7th Grade		Place	Number Sense 8th Grade
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	2	HU, KAITLYN			2	XU, KAYLEE		5	EVANS, MASON J.
	3	SU, TOM			3	LIU, JOEY		6	XIAO, REYNA D.
	5	MURPHY, BRENDON			4	SHELTON, JAMES		10	OLAES, JOURDAN A.
	6	LEE, ANNALISA			7	JORDAN, ETHAN D.		14	ILUSTRISIMO, EVEY DOMINIQUE B.
	7	THACKER, ROBERT			9	LANE, LAURYN E.		23	FISHER, LOLA
	14	HUNT, SHELBY			10	EDWARDS, DAVIN K.			
	25	BELL, DUNCAN			11	SMITH, MICAH J.			
	28	GARCIA, MATTHEW			13	GALINDO-BURNETT, ISABELLA M.			
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Place	Science 6th Grade	Place	Science 7th Grade	Place	Science 8th Grade
6	WEBSTER, NOAH	3	HARRIS, GLORIA	1	CHEN, WILLIAM
10	CASEY, KYRA	5	LIU, JOEY	3	EVANS, MASON J.
10	HU, KAITLYN	8	HALL, CODI	5	SMITH, JESSA
16	LEE, ANNALISA	13	MARTINEZ, AARON	6	MENDOZA, FERNANDA
20	FENG, JOHN LUN	22	CUTSHALL, JEFFERY C.	14	KALBACH, RUDY
24	THACKER, ROBERT	42	SOTELO, NOAH	17	MCCORMICK, MELODY
41	SU, TOM	43	PSHIGODA, VIVIAN	28	KNAUSS, LOGAN
		49	KAPAVIK, EDWARD	36	PALM, IAN

Flour Bluff ISD celebrates our Paraprofessionals and their commitment to our growing Hornets!

On Wednesday, we celebrated Paraprofessional Day!

We have some outstanding paras here at FBISD. These smiling faces are always ready to embrace what the day has in store. Paraprofessionals are essential members of our team of educators, and they do important work every single day, helping students of all abilities to learn, grow, and succeed.

We couldn't do it without the hard work and dedication these individuals bring every day. A huge thank you to all of our Paraprofessionals! Thank you all for Inspiring, Fostering, and Empowering!



We are buzzing about our Assistant Principals this week! Thanks for all you do, Assistant Principals!

We have recognized our FBISD Assistant Principals throughout this week at each campus.

Our Assistant principals ensure high student performance standards in a safe learning environment. Their leadership helps ensure that our campuses operate smoothly daily and that our students receive high-quality learning experiences.

Thank you to these outstanding individuals who are there for our students, whether giving a high five in passing or lending a listening ear. They help instill confidence in our students and encourage them to chase their dreams.



Jessica Philomeno



Jessica Gutierrez



Joanna Breazeale



Jeanine Hoover



Veronica Cristan



Leslie Balerio-Houk



Tracy Dennis



Heather Bervinkle



Sonja Edwards



Amy Seeds



Darryl Smith



Kelly Boswell

Don't forget parents! April 14th is a half day

We are getting close to Easter weekend! Don't forget, parents, on Thursday, April 14th. It will be a half-day with a student's early dismissal. ECC, Primary, and Elementary campuses will be dismissed at 11:30 am. Intermediate, Junior High, and High School campuses will be dismissed at 12:45 pm.



THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022

HALF DAY

**STUDENT
EARLY DIMISSAL**

**ECC
PRIMARY
ELEMENTARY**

11:30 A.M.

**INTERMEDIATE
JUNIOR HIGH
HIGH SCHOOL**

12:45 P.M.

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Mental health matters: Join us for our Parent Support Meeting on April 21st

Today, our students face mental health challenges that affect them academically, socially, and emotionally. These challenges include anxiety, depression, and sometimes trauma.

We invite parents and guardians in the Flour Bluff ISD district to join us for our monthly parent support meeting, which is open to all parents and guardians in the district. Join us as we recognize mental health concerns and find ways to regulate and communicate our concerns with others. Refreshments will be provided.

We are chasing curiosity with CARE.

Compassion

Awareness

Response

Experience

The event will be held in the Flour Bluff High School Teaching Theater.



PARENT SUPPORT MEETING

APRIL 21, 2022

PRESENTER:

V. FAWN COLBURN

M.S., LPC-S, IPT-CST, Credentialed
Mediator, Therapist, Bayview's
Women's Intensive Outpatient Program

HOSTED BY FLOUR BLUFF ISD

CHASING CURIOSITY WITH C.A.R.E. WAYS TO IDENTIFY AND MANAGE DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY

Join us for a presentation on recognizing mental health concerns and finding simple ways to regulate ourselves and communicate our concerns with others.



5:30 PM - 6:30 PM



TEACHING THEATER
FLOUR BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL

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A little kindness goes a long way. Thank you FBHS students for this wonderful reminder!

Mrs. Medley, our High School Principal, found a surprise for our students and staff. This makeshift scale was made for all to step on and find a friendly word of encouragement! We can all use some form of kindness and uplifting words every day. Way to be outstanding Hornets FBHS!

"Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you." —*Princess Diana*



The Coastal Bend is buzzing about Flour Bluff ISD's Oceans Program!

Last week, KRIS 6 News came to Hornet Country to learn about the Ocean's Program.

Our students took KRIS 6 staff on a kayak trip, demonstrated how they catch and care for marine life, and introduced them to our reptiles in the classroom. Please see the link below for the whole story. We want to thank KRIS 6 News for helping us tell our story.

See the full story here: <https://bit.ly/3xgWJ6G>



Show Me My Future event welcomes current and new high school students to explore their future!

Attention, all current and incoming Hornets!

Join us on Tuesday, April 12, for our Show me my future event! Happening in the Flour Bluff High School cafeteria, students and staff will be highlighting academic and athletic programs, college and career opportunities, and more!

Local community businesses will also be on-site to help with college applications and resumes and help provide internship opportunities.



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SHOW ME MY FUTURE.

PERFORMING ARTS VISUAL ARTS HEALTH SCIENCE SPORTS MARKETING CONSTRUCTION ATHLETICS NJROTC

HORNET HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS... FLOUR BLUFF ISD
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JOIN US!
We will have staff and students highlighting our academic programs, college and career opportunities and our athletic programs. We will also have local community businesses available that provide services on how to complete college applications, resumes, and provide Internship Opportunities.

APRIL 12, 5:00PM-7:00PM
HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
ALL CURRENT & INCOMING HORNETS

OUR PARTNERS:
DEL MAR COLLEGE Dreams. Delivered.
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY CORPUS CHRISTI
U.S. MILITARY

Month of the Military Child kicks off with a new episode of the Horne't's Nest Podcast!

The month of April is the Month of the Military Child! It is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices and the challenges they overcome. Join us for Spirit Week from April 11-14!

Spirit Week dates will include the following:

April 11th: Proud to be an American. Wear Red, White and Blue day.

April 12th: Military Branch Day. Show you military branch pride.

April 13th: Military Kids are superheroes. Wear your best superhero shirt.

April 14th: Purple Up Day. Wear purple to show support for military kids.

Flour Bluff ISD is proud to kick off our new Horne't's Nest Podcast season by welcoming Joe Holder, our School Military Liaison, to the show! Listen and learn about Joe's role as a school liaison, Flour Bluff's rich history with our local military, and learn about our many resources for our military families! Click the link here: <https://anchor.fm/flourbluffisd/episodes/S3E1--Military-Families-e1gtu51>



Intermediate campus teacher Katie Doyle receives high honor as Texas Environmental Educator of the Year!

Congratulations to our Intermediate Oceans Teacher, Ms. Katie Doyle, for being named the Texas Environmental Educator of the Year!

Ms. Doyle takes her love of nature and science to another level with her students, opening their eyes to endless waves of learning, passion, and curiosity. What a great honor to win this prestigious award; thank you, Ms. Doyle, for all you do for your students and environmental preservation.

Inspire, Foster, Empower!



Intermediate Running Club is having a great time while also staying healthy!

Members of the Intermediate Running Club were seen this week having fun during one of their warm-up activities. There are so many benefits of running, such as establishing a life-long exercise habit, teaching children perseverance, and running independently AND as a team!

The Intermediate Running Club sponsors, Mrs. Kelly Neri and Mr. Scott Groza do an excellent job promoting physical fitness and challenging their students to strive to do their very best.

GO HORNETS!!!



Flour Bluff Junior High Swim and Dive take home the wins at their recent Invitational!

This past Friday the Flour Bluff Junior High swimming and diving teams competed at the final Junior High Invitational. The girls finished with another first-place showing and the boys came in second to Alice. The following swimmers and divers placed first in their events:

Medley Relay Girls- G Robinson, M Stolley, A. Orta, K Steinbruck

Medley Relay Boys- L Wende, I L Younger, K Stahl, J Story

100 Free -Keegan Stahl

25 Free -Alexandria Orta

50 Fly -Alexandria Orta

50 Fly -Keegan Stahl

200 Free- Katelyn Steinbruck

100 Free Relay Girls -S Creswell, G Susik-Lascano, A Musfeldt, C Parra

50 Back- Elizabeth Conlton

50 Back- Keegan Stahl

50 Breast- Mia Stolley

200 Free Relay Girls- M Stolley, E Colton, G Robinson, K Steinbruck

Diving- Jess Hobbs



Integrated Oceans Program update

PreK through 4th Grade students are starting to begin the study of Oceans throughout the content areas! To enhance these units of study, Captain Whitney Curry of the Texas Floating Classroom will provide Touch Tanks for our Prekindergarten through 4th-grade classes. Touch tanks are shallow water tanks containing animals and plants from a local aquatic environment that students can touch and/or pick up to examine. The Touch Tanks schedule is below:

- April 19th - All 3rd Grade Classes
- May 2nd - All 4th Grade Classes
- May 3rd & 13th - All 1st & 2nd Grade Classes
- May 6th - All PreK and Kindergarten Classes

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FBISD Dyslexia update

On March 31, 2022, the Texas Education Agency announced [Dyslexia Handbook 2021 Training and Communication Requirements in a "To The Administrator Addressed Correspondence."](#) FBISD Staff will be attending training at the Education Service Center (ESC) 2 this month in order to be in compliance and support dissemination and implementation of the updated handbook requirements. Additionally, updated dyslexia information will be placed on the FBISD website, under both the Curriculum & Instruction and Special Education webpages, in the coming weeks.

Dyslexia Teacher Spotlight: Christina Ehlen

One of our amazing Jr. High English Language Arts teachers, Christina Ehlen, also serves students with dyslexia during advisory period. She received her undergraduate in Social Work from UW-Oshkosh and her Master's Degree in Psychology from Pepperdine University. She has been an educator for 20 years and is certified in English, ESL, Health, and Special Education. She joined the Hornet Family in 2015, and she is here to stay! Thank you, Mrs. Ehlen, for your commitment to Flour Bluff ISD students and staff!



Assessment & Academics

Assessment Information

- Upcoming Assessment Dates:
 - 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

Instructional materials approved on March 31, 2022, for Health & PE beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.

Print copies of the Goodheart-Willcox textbooks are available at Central Administration for public

Quaver Ed is a digital-only resource (no print copies are available).

Click here to view the [Health TEKS Adopted in November 2020 \(effective August 2022\)](#).

The following instructional materials were approved on March 31, 2022, for Health & PE beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.

PUBLISHER	PERTINENT INFO	DIGITAL RESOURCE LINKS
GOODHEART-WILCOX	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grades 6-8, Health 1 & 2Meets 100% of Health TEKS in Grades 6-Health 2 and 100% of the PE TEKS in Grades 9-12.SBOE Approved after removing significant instructional content on condoms and HIV prevention medication.Contains both digital and print components for Health and digital-only for PE.	Go to: https://www.g-wonlinetextbooks.com/ Username: texas22health Password: 2022!health@texas
QUAVER ED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grades K-5thMeets 100% of the new K-5 Health TEKS and PE TEKS.Rejected by SBOE; reason for rejection was not clearly stated <p><i>*SBOE approved no publisher for K-5th Health/PE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">K-5 online curriculum combines both Health and PE into one platform	Go to: https://www.quavered.com/txhealthpe/ Username: FlourBluffHealth Password: review2022

UPDATES FROM HORNET ATHLETICS

Flour Bluff Athletics April 11 – April 14th

Monday April 11

- **Baseball vs Gregory Portland 7:00 pm Wildcat Field**
- **JV baseball vs Gregory Portland 7:00 pm Hornet Field**
- **Freshman baseball vs Gregory Portland 5:00 pm Hornet Field**
- **JV track district track meet 8:45 am Cabaniss Field**

Tuesday April 12

- **Softball vs Ray 7:00 pm Lady Hornet Field**
- **JV Softball vs Ray 5:30 pm Lady Hornet Field**

Wednesday April 13

- **Track and Field Day one district track meet at 8:30 am Gregory Portland's Ray Atkins Wildcat Stadium**

Thursday April 14

- **Track and Field Day two district track meet at 9:30 am Gregory Portland's Ray Atkins Wildcat Stadium**
- **Baseball vs Ray 5:30 pm Cabaniss Field**
- **Softball vs Moody 7:00 pm Lady Hornet Field**
- **JV softball vs Moody 5:30 pm Lady Hornet Field**

Go Hornets!

[Click Here for More Athletic News](#)

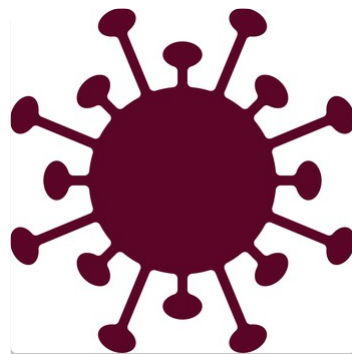
COVID-19 UPDATE

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The Flour Bluff ISD COVID-19 Testing Center reported that from April 1 to April 7, they tested a total of 10 students and staff members at the FBISD Testing Center. The testing center reported 1 positive case during this time. As of April 7, we have 3 active cases 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

April: Month of the Military Child

April 14 - Purple Up! Wear your purple in support of our military students and families

April: School Library Month

April 12 - National Library Workers Day

April 18 - 22 - Public School Volunteer Week

April 27 - Administrative Professionals' Day

April 22 - Earth Day

FBHS Graduation: Class of 2022

Date: Thu May 26, 2022 6pm – 8pm

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

SOCIAL MEDIA



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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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