

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!

Have you heard the latest buzz? Our Hornets have "8" days left this school year! We are at warp speed now! Ceremonies, banquets, and celebrations for the Class of 2022 are in full swing, BUT our Hornets aren't finished competing! Our Hornet scholars are in the midst of STAAR testing and competing in athletics across the state! Go, Hornets, Go!

We continue our series of Educator Highlights in this issue of the "Latest Buzz"! In addition, this week and next, we highlight additional staff members that work behind the scenes to keep our Hornets safe, our facilities clean, and our grounds maintained. These dedicated employees are also critical members of our TEAM! If you see them, please help extend our gratitude for their assistance in creating the best environment for our Hornet scholars, educators, and community! We are the premier district due to their hard work and dedication to FBISD!

I hope you and your families will treasure every moment of the following weeks as we gather to enjoy the end-of-year activities and celebrate our Hornets' accomplishments! We are incredibly proud of each Hornet we serve!

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

Attention parents and community members! Join us for our last Listening
& Learning Sessions of the year!

SUPERINTENDENT'S LISTENING & LEARNING SESSIONS

VELMA SOLIZ-GARCIA, SUPERINTENDENT

PARENTS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS DATES:



MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022
COFFEE WAVES FLOUR BLUFF
7:30-9:00 AM



THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022
ISLAND JOE'S COFFEE
7:30-9:00 AM



MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022
FLOUR BLUFF ISD ATHLETIC FILM ROOM
6:00-8:00 PM



Together We Can...
INSPIRE. FOSTER. EMPOWER.

Thank you to all of our Nurses! We appreciate all that you do!

It's Nurses Week! From all of us at Flour Bluff ISD, we want to recognize and thank the nurses here at FBISD and our community for their hard work and dedication!

Nursing is a profession full of challenges, and we want you all to know how much we appreciate all that you do!

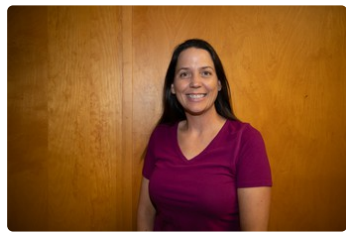


FBISD ♥'S OUR NURSES!



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**Dawn Evans,
Intermediate**

Registered nurse 16 years.
I love coming to work each day and interacting with the students. They inspire me daily to be a better person. Being a school nurse is the most fun and rewarding job!



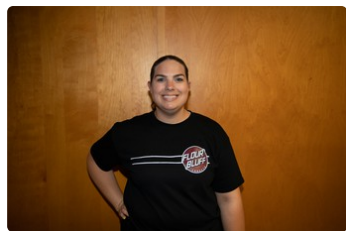
Elisha Laird, High School

Registered nurse for 6 years.
I love being a school nurse because I love being able to help all of the children with all of their needs and I love watching them grow. Each and every day I go to work it's a different adventure.



**Kristen LaBaume, Early
Childhood Center**

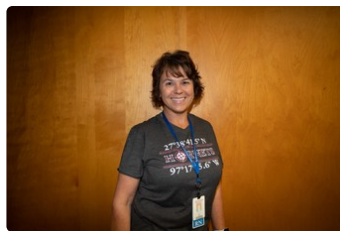
Registered nurse for 37 years.
The best part of being a school nurse is caring for all the students and seeing them successful and healthy throughout the school year!



**Mallory Caraway,
Junior High**

Registered nurse for 2 years.

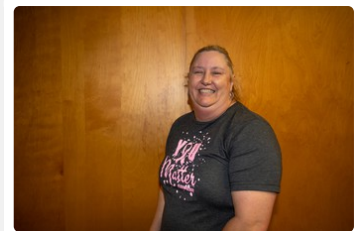
I love school nursing because it gives me an opportunity to interact with the youth of Flour Bluff and to get to know students individually.



**Mary Boles Barnett,
Elementary**

Registered nurse for 32 years.

The best part of being a school nurse is the hugs in the morning from students as I walk in the door and they enter my office! I think I'm ready to be a grandma...haha. Also, I get to talk to the kids without my supervisor telling me to turn my bed over and get the next patient in. Health education starts in elementary school. It is wonderful to talk with children about self-care and prevention in a relaxed atmosphere.



**Misty Romo, COVID
Clinic**

Registered nurse for 26 years.

I love being a nurse at the school because our students are the future, and seeing them develop into the future men and women they will become makes me proud to know, in some small way, we were a part of it.



Tiffany Spencer, High School

Registered nurse 16 years.
I love supporting my students and parents in what are sometimes difficult situations. The students at FBHS are amazing kids!

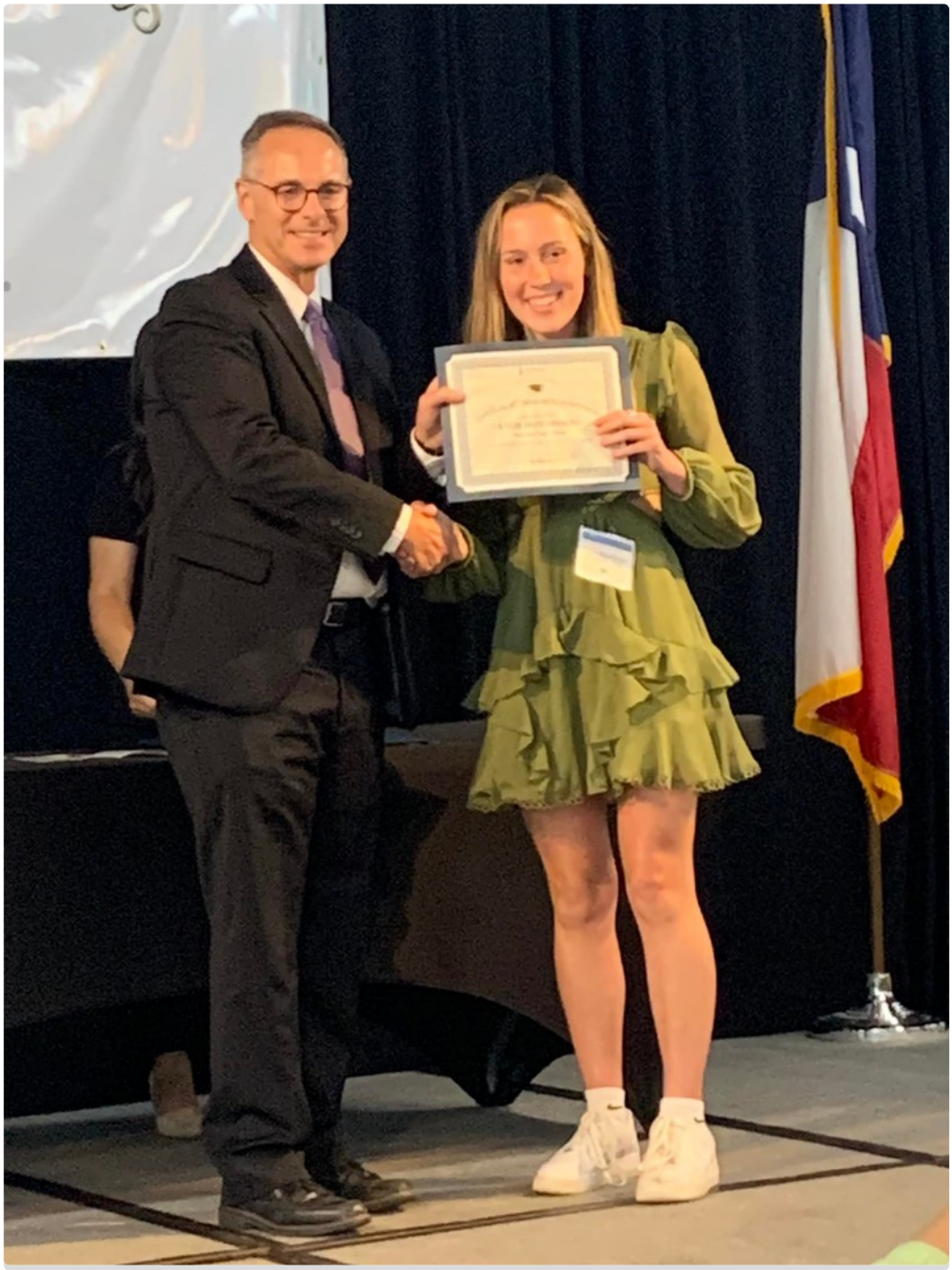


Tiffany Wauson, Primary

Registered nurse for 7 years.
What I love most about being a school nurse is having the opportunity to work with children over an extended amount of time. It allows me to develop close relationships with the students and their families that enable me to be a positive bridge between school, home, and the community.

Flour Bluff High School student, Kylee Hutchinson, selected as Flint Hills Resources Outstanding Scholar!

Please help us congratulate Kylee Hutchinson on being selected for the Flint Hill Resources Outstanding Scholar award! Since the program's inception in 2013, \$786,000 has been awarded to students across Texas. Winners can use their scholarships at any university, college, or trade school.





Let's go, Top 10 Hornets!

All of us here at Flour Bluff ISD would like to Congratulate the Flour Bluff High School Top 10!

These individuals have worked so hard and are more than deserving of this accomplishment. We look forward to seeing all of our Hornets walk the stage at graduation on Thursday, May 26th at 6:00 pm!

Way to go, Hornets!!

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Academic Distinction Ceremony highlighted graduates and filled parents and staff with pride!

Flour Bluff ISD salutes our seniors that are graduating with Academic Distinction tonight! We thank our parents, guardians, and loved ones who came to support their Hornets this evening. We also want to thank our wonderful staff for working so hard to make this evening a great success!



Flour Bluff Choir has a fun-filled time at Schlitterbahn and return as Superior Performance Trophy winners!

LAST SATURDAY, the FBJH Choirs went to the Schlitterbahn in New Braunfels to perform in the Schlitterbahn Soundwaves Festival as a Combined Choir. They came back with a Superior Performance Trophy and a Best In Class Trophy!

It has been such a fantastic year for the FBJH Choir, as they all have learned to work well with each other and have a love for creating music.

We thank our incredible choir directors and community for consistently supporting the Flour Bluff Choir Programs!



Update from Flour Bluff HS Hornet Learning Academy!

Hornet Learning Academy graduated another Hornet this week. Jonah Baldera has completed his course credits this week and will walk the stage on May 26th. Way to go, Jonah! We are very proud of you!



ECC campus has little artists, and we could not be more proud!

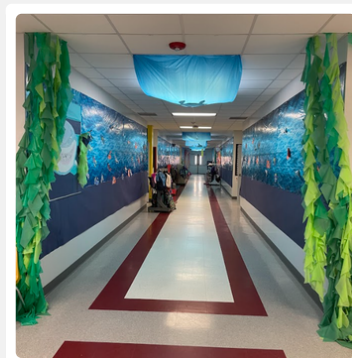
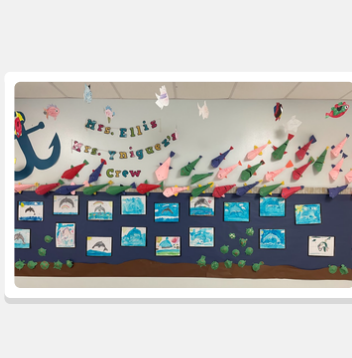
ECC held their "GT Showcase" to show off the artwork that the students made. Parents and families loved seeing the art displayed and the pride the students had as they described and showcased their work.



Primary campus takes a deep dive into the ocean and transforms their campus!

Teachers, staff, and students embraced their current study of the Oceans unit and decorated each hallway with lessons and activities they've completed. 1st and 2nd-grade students capped off this week with a visit from Captain Whitney and the Texas Floating Classroom Touch Tanks.

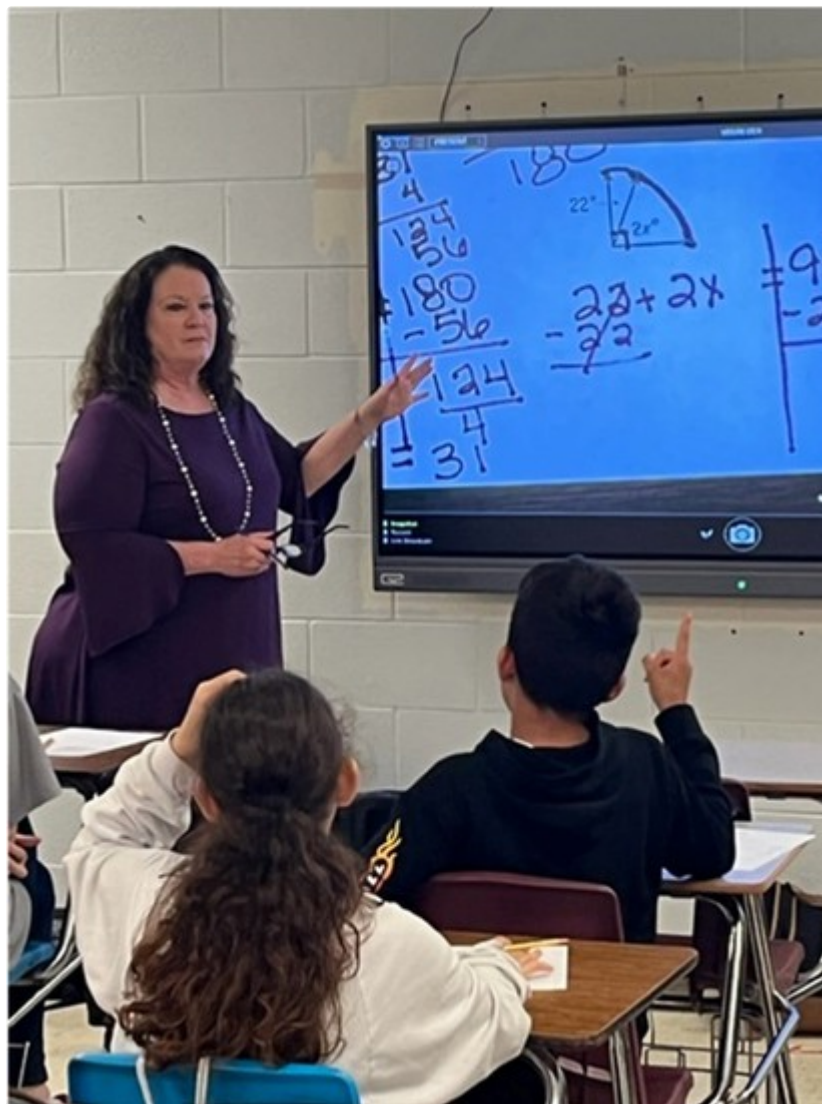
#HornetProud



Not all heroes wear capes: Flour Bluff Intermediate campus teachers take learning to the next level!

Ms. Jeanice Martin has been a teacher for seven years, with the past three years at Flour Bluff, and she uses multiple creative ways to teach and motivate her students. Ms. Martin states, "we sing songs in math class that help students recall important math facts, we dance, move, and most importantly laugh, all while learning math. I wholeheartedly believe every child can learn math. You must find that special something that students relate to and tie it into math. Learning about my students is key to forming good relationships, and I enjoy learning about my students. I honestly do not see myself doing anything other than being a teacher. It fulfills me."

The feeling is mutual, as students enjoy being in Ms. Martin's classroom. Thank you, Ms. Martin, for all the creative things you do for your students to help them maximize their full potential and love of learning. GO HORNETS!!!

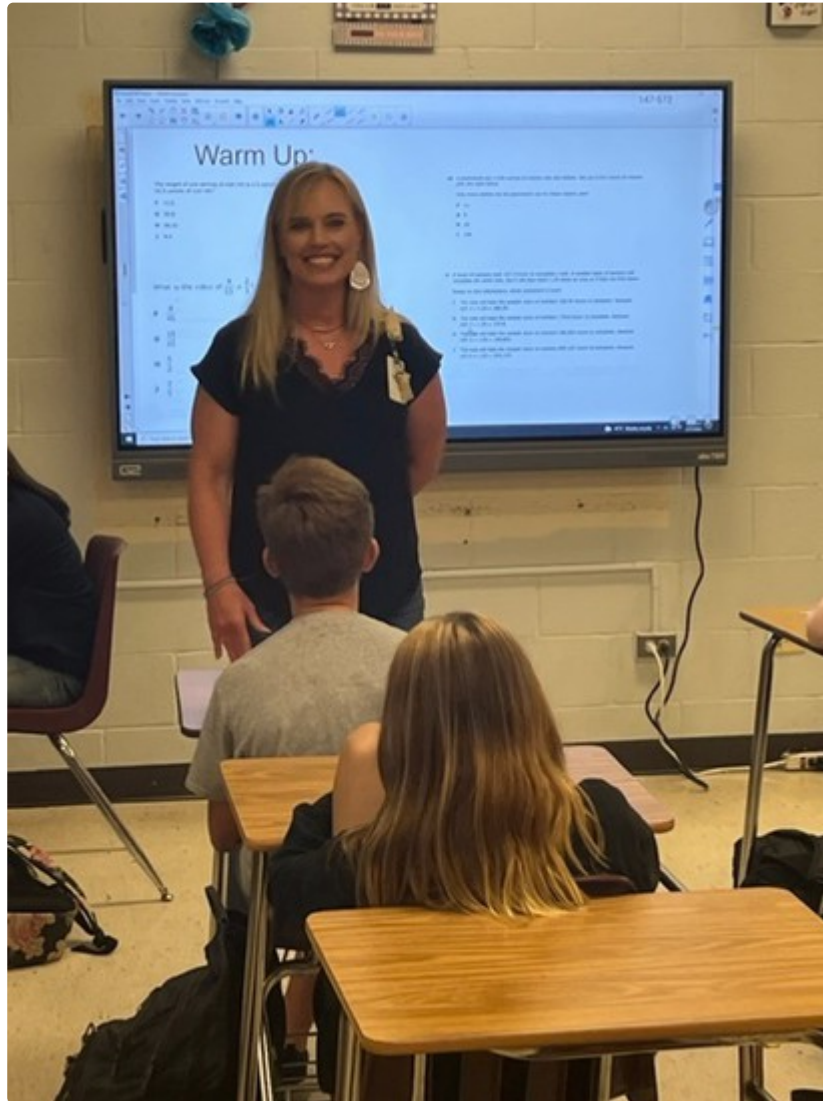


Ms. Nicole Wiley

Ms. Nicole Wiley teaches 6th-grade math classes. Ms. Wiley has been teaching for 12 years, with the past eight years at Flour Bluff. She enjoys connecting math concepts with real-world applications to help broaden her students' perspectives on how they view math. She presents lessons in a challenging and fun way for her students.

Student Amelia Benitez states, "Ms. Wiley makes learning fun; she sometimes includes jokes within math assignments. She is always smiling when she is teaching. She is having a blast in class, from the start until the end of class." Thank you, Ms. Wiley, for being such a positive influence on students and encouraging them to follow their dreams.

GO HORNETS!!!



Integrated Oceans Program Update

The Oceans Committee has done it again! On May 5th, Katie Doyle and Dr. Larissa Ford were notified that our Oceans program would receive another significant grant! The grant will be funded by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and will total approximately \$37,000. With this grant, our sixth graders will teach students across the United States about our oceans program, ecosystem, and the threats posed by climate change, specifically ocean acidification. We are so proud of Ms. Doyle and Dr. Ford! Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the FBISD Oceans Program!



Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Educator of the Year - Ms. Katie Doyle!

The TCEQ Texas Environmental Excellence Awards were held in Austin this week, and our very own Katie Doyle was honored as the Environmental Educator of the Year!

Ms. Doyle also received \$2,500 from Waste Management Inc. From all of us here at Flour Bluff ISD, we want to congratulate Ms. Katie Doyle!



Upcoming STAAR Dates

UPCOMING STAAR TESTING DATES:

Assessment	Date
4th Math	May 17
3rd Math	May 18
6th RLA	May 18
6th Math/7th Math	May 17

FBISD staff keep our premier district buzzing!

We are so honored and proud to introduce you to some of our excellent staff here at Flour Bluff ISD. They work in maintenance, transportation, IT, custodial, and cafeteria areas, and it's their hard work

and dedication that make our district flourish! While you may not see them every day, they work tirelessly to ensure we succeed every day!

William 'Billy' Polston – 37th year at Flour Bluff ISD

Why I love working at Flour Bluff ISD: "I love taking care of the students and staff."



Lazaro "Tike" Lujan – 6th year at Flour Bluff ISD - Printshop

Why I love working at Flour Bluff ISD: "I love working here because every day is a party!"



Hector Zapata – 6th year at Flour Bluff ISD - Graphic Artist & Web Specialist

What I love about working at Flour Bluff ISD: "What I enjoy most about this job is that I get to do what I love and help people bring their creativity to life."



Joseph Layton – 16th year at Flour Bluff ISD - Audio Visual Specialist, Technology

What I love about working at Flour Bluff ISD: "What I enjoy most is working with teachers, seeing the desire to know more about applying and using the provided classroom technology."



Don Youngberg – 15th year at Flour Bluff ISD - Executive Director of Maintenance & Operations

What I love about working at Flour Bluff ISD: "I like working here because it feels like family."



Lee Sorrows – 17th year at Flour Bluff ISD

What I love about working at Flour Bluff ISD: "I like working with everyone here, they're all so nice and kind."



Roberto Campos Jr. – 1st year at Flour Bluff ISD - Transportation Supervisor

What I love about working at Flour Bluff ISD: "It's a small-town feel with a big heart. Everyone treats each other like family."



Joan Pfister - Student Development and Guidance Center

Hornet Learning Academy and the Student Development and Guidance Center is proud to recognize our "Hero behind the scenes" Mrs. Joan Pfister. Joan moved to Corpus Christi, Texas four years ago from San Diego, California. Joan loves Corpus Christi and loves her job at Flour Bluff ISD. We are all very lucky to have Joan and can't thank her enough for her hard work and dedication to serving our students and staff each day.



CHANGE OUR WORLD BY HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT

Greenheart Exchange, the well-respected, nonprofit student exchange organization, seeks volunteer Host Families to host international exchange students for the upcoming 2022 high school fall semester or 2022-23 high school year. Students hosted on Padre Island or on Flour Bluff will attend Flour Bluff high school in August. Each year, Greenheart Exchange provides over 800 exchange students from over 60 countries the opportunity to study in local public high schools for a five-month semester or a ten-month Academic High School Year. "Host families make all of the difference," said Connie Dean, Executive Regional Director of High School Programs. "They influence a young adult's life, changing world views and making dreams come true. When the family is so willing to give, they have just as many rewarding and enriching experiences as the student."

Volunteer host families come from varied economic, religious and racial backgrounds and include working parents, empty nesters, singles and single parents. They are to provide: Open communication, Encouragement, Patience and Sound Advice, a separate bed (which can be in a shared room with a host sibling of similar age and same gender), a quiet place to study, three daily meals, transportation to school and school-sponsored events (students are not permitted to drive while on the program) and a welcoming home that includes the student as a member of your family! Students are fully vaccinated, have their own accident and health insurance and bring their own spending money. Students are encouraged to participate in school-sponsored activities, community service and environmental programs.

Area Coordinator John Lembo, who lives on Padre Island, will provide regular communication and support to both host families and students. For more information, please contact John Lembo at 361-704-4920 or email him at padreisland.greenheart@outlook.com and visit the web at <https://www.hostwithgreenheart.org>
<https://greenheartexchange.org/host/host-an-exchange-student/apply/>



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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15: National Peace Officers Memorial Day

May 16-20: National Educational Bosses Week

FBHS Graduation: Class of 2022

Date: Thu May 26, 2022 6 pm – 8 pm

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, May 19th, 6pm

Where

Administration Building, Board Room

More information

2505 Waldron Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78418




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