

Latest Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for Flour Bluff ISD

The Premier District in Texas! Welcome to Hornet Country!

Friday, May 20, 2022 - Volume 2; Edition 37

Greetings from Superintendent, Velma Soliz-Garcia!

....and we are down to 3 - three full days to conclude a very successful year for our Hornets, both scholars, and educators! This week Hornets completed STAAR testing for the year, and we started recognizing our Hornets accomplishments at end-of-year assemblies. Those opportunities to celebrate the many achievements of our Hornets are so rewarding, especially when our scholars get to share their stories with us. Our team continues to highlight our staff and students in this edition of the Latest Buzz. Many thanks to our staff, that have dedicated many years of service to our district! Our organization has celebrated many successes through the years due to the commitment and dedication from faculty and staff at all levels of the organization!

Good luck to our Lady Hornets Softball team and to our HS Challenge Team!

We're looking forward to Graduation Thursday at American Bank Center at 6:00 p.m.! Hope to see you there!

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...
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Tune in for the next episode of the Hornet's Nest Podcast out now!

We are buzzing with excitement as we launch the next episode of the Hornet's Nest Podcast! This Graduation edition features Andrea Montenegro Polanco, our Valedictorian, and Kritika Adhikari, our Salutatorian! Hear all about their high school experiences, overcoming challenges, and advice for our younger Hornets.

The Hornet's Nest Podcast can be found on your favorite podcast platform!

<https://anchor.fm/.../S3-E2-Flour-Bluff-High-School...>

HORNET'S NEST PODCAST

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GRADUATION 2022 EDITION

SEASON 3 | EPISODE 2

ANDREA MONTENEGRO POLANCO
FLOUR BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIAN

KRIKA ADHIKARI
FLOUR BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL SALUTATORIAN

Flour Bluff High School students to attend prestigious U.S. Navy Summer Flight Academy!

While some high school students will spend this summer doing odd jobs or hanging out with friends, Thomas Korsmo and Henry Stanley, students at Flour Bluff High School will complete an intensive eight-week U.S. Navy summer Flight Academy aviation program from May 31 – to August 5!

After completing the program, each will receive his FAA Private Pilot's license.

Korsmo and Stanley are two of just 20 high-performing 11th and 12th-graders from throughout the United States selected for the elite program, established in 2021 by Vice Admiral Kenneth Whitesell, Commander, Naval Air Forces (CNAF), to increase diversity in Naval aviation. The Navy partners with select universities throughout the country to provide flight training to the participating students. The program's cost is approximately \$24,000/student but is offered at zero cost to the student and with no obligations. Upon completing the program, each student earns a private pilot certification/license and five college credits.

The Department of the Navy sponsors the Summer Flight Academy program for students participating in the Navy and Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. The program is a new STEM

initiative selected for funding by the Naval STEM Coordination Office – located at the Office of Naval Research – which oversees investments in STEM education, outreach, and workforce initiatives.

“The scholarship program's goal is to expose exceptional minority students to a career path that currently lacks diversity,” says Commander Chris “Frozone” Williams, a Navy fighter pilot, instructor, and Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. “Thomas Korsmo and Henry Stanley have what it takes to be leaders in aviation, and the Navy is honored to play a part in their personal and professional journey.”

From all of us here at Flour Bluff ISD, we are incredibly proud of Thomas Korsmo and Henry Stanley, and we thank their teachers for their incredible guidance and mentorship!



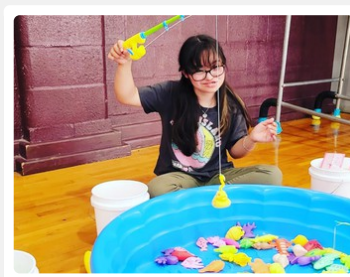


First Special Olympics Field Day is a huge success for athletes, and brings other students to help support fellow Hornets

Let's go, Hornets, Let's go!

Our very first Unified Special Olympics Field Day was held yesterday! Our high school student council came to volunteer and cheer on our athletes who participated in several sport-specific, fine motor, agility, and sensory stations!

Thank you to our teachers and volunteers who made this day happen. We are so proud of our athletes!



Junior High student Deborah Calderon receives Hornet of the Year Award!

Deborah Calderon received the 2021-2022 Hornet of the Year award at the Junior High awards ceremony on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. The recipient was nominated by the Junior High teachers. Congratulations to Deborah from your Junior High campus and all of us here at Flour Bluff ISD!



May board meeting recognizes our outstanding educators and students!

Our recent board meeting recognized many of our wonderful educators and Hornets for the month of May!

- * Dr Sal Alvarado
- * Junior High TMSCA State Champions
- * High School girls track
- * Junior High Swim
- * Kylee Hutchinson - Flint Hills Resources Outstanding Scholar
- * High School Top 10
- * KEDT Challenge Champions

If you are unable to attend our monthly board meetings, you can visit our live broadcast by clicking the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amkvedjfyfM>



Dr Sal Alvarado



Junior High TMSCA
State Champions



Kylee Hutchinson- Flint
Hills Resources
Outstanding Scholar



High School Top 10



KEDT Challenge
Champions



Junior High Swim

High School Girls Track



Update from Flour Bluff HS Hornet Learning Academy!

Hornet Learning Academy is proud to announce three Hornet graduates, Jesse James Perales, Alexander Dalton, and Christina Adames. Congratulations to these students and their families!

The Hornet Learning Academy and Student Development and Guidance Center students participated in a Financial Literacy and Resume Writing class provided by Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend on Thursday, May 19. The students participated in an interactive activity exposing them to the importance of financial literacy. It was a very eye-opening experience for some of the students.



Our Junior High choir delights our office staff with song, and take their talents out in the community!

As we come closer to the end of the year, our Hornets are doing so much to thank our excellent staff for their efforts and dedication this year! Our Junior High choir decided to brighten our front office staff's day by serenading them with their beautiful singing!

On Tuesday, Flour Bluff Junior High Choir also performed at the Mirador Retirement Community and Trinity Towers to share their gift and love of music with the elderly residents.

"Music replays the memories, awakens our forgotten worlds, and makes our minds travel" – Michael Bassey Johnson.





Young scientist lab brings imagination to life thanks to our 7th grade students!

This week, Mrs. McDonel's Seventh-grade science students collaborated with Elementary and ECC students for a "Young Scientist" lab. The opportunity to interact was priceless for each student! We thank our seventh-grade students for taking our younger Hornets under their wings to create memories that will last forever.



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!

Robert Minner 29th year, Roy Lerma 46th year, Rudy Rojas 34th year, David Nero, 1st year

Why we love working at Flour Bluff ISD: "We love working here because we're here for the kids... all of



Janie Garanzuay – 14th year at Flour Bluff ISD - Transportation

Why I love working at Flour Bluff ISD: "I love working here because I love my team!"



Lee Huerta – 10th year at Flour Bluff ISD - Transportation

What I love about working at Flour Bluff ISD: "My fellow employees are the best thing working here. I wake up always wanting to come to work and to do the best for the district."



Domingo Rojas – 5th year at Flour Bluff ISD- Maintenance

What I love about working for Flour Bluff ISD: "I love working with my hands. There's always something to do and every day's an adventure."



Joan Reyes – 16th year at Flour Bluff ISD -

What I love about working at Flour Bluff ISD: "I enjoy the encouragement and support from Flour Bluff ISD and the community."



Josh Fly – 4th year at Flour Bluff ISD, Iris Macaluso – 12th year at Flour Bluff ISD

Josh Fly

What I love about working at Flour Bluff ISD: "I enjoy working here because I love working with the students."

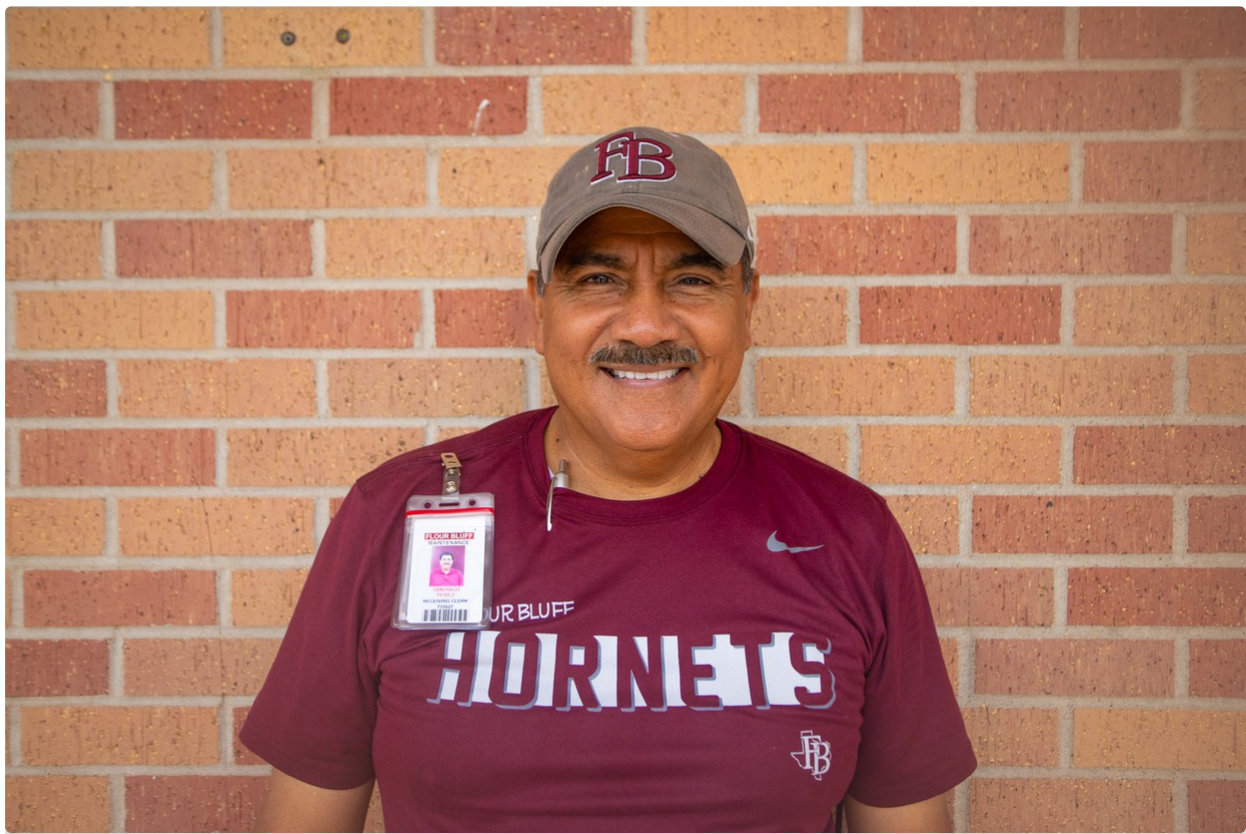
Iris Macaluso

"I truly love my job and take it very seriously no matter the task. I love all the students at all grade levels but the high school students are very dear to me. I live and work in my community and truly believe Flour Bluff is home to the greatest kids."



Santiago "Jimmy" Perez - 5th year at Flour Bluff ISD - Receiving Department

What I love about working at Flour Bluff ISD: "I enjoy working with the people everyday."



April Garcia- 5th year with Flour Bluff ISD

What I love about working at Flour Bluff ISD: "I like working with the district because I like watching the students grow."

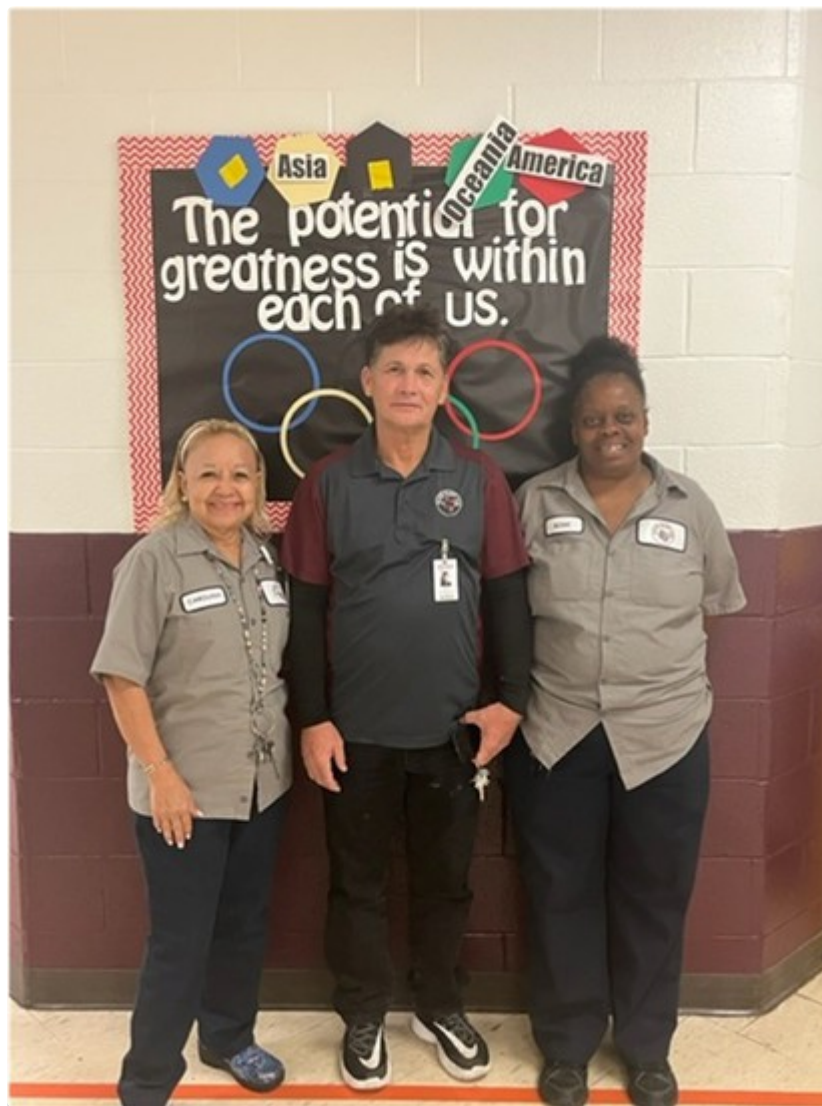


Lisa Huebner - 4th year with Flour Bluff ISD - Custodial

What I love about working at Flour Bluff ISD: "I love my job, especially making sure that our students and staff have what they need."



A special Thank you goes out to our incredible Intermediate Night Custodial Team. Ms. Carolina Espinoza (pictured on left), Mr. Frank Pierce (middle), and Ms. Rosalia Jones (right) do a wonderful job ensuring the entire campus is clean and is ready for our students and staff. Thanks again for all you do to keep the campus in tip-top shape.



HOST A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT FOR AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!

Have you ever wanted to learn more about Japanese culture? Have you ever wanted to sample food from Germany? ERDT/Share! is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping bring foreign exchange students to loving families in the United States.

Students between the ages of 15 & 18 are hoping to come to our area to learn about our culture and participate in American High School activities. These students speak English and have their own spending money and medical insurance. Our students dream of having an American experience of attending football games, participating in sports, theater, or band. They want to make friends with other high school students and participate in family traditions of Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. We have students of many different religions and backgrounds. They are all truly unique!

Volunteer host families (with or without children) provide free room and board for the student. The students become family members and love to participate in family functions. Host families must pass a criminal background check and be financially stable. Host families can pick the student they feel is the best match for their family.

Contact Cathy Pierce, local coordinator, at 361-739-9988 (Cell) or email: cpierce@stx.rr.com. Our exchange students come from over 30 countries and have been carefully screened.

**Bring home an exchange student
& bring home the world!**



**Apply now
through August 31**

Become a SHARE! host family, today:

214-366-4678 -or- 800-941-3738

sharesouthwest.org
info@sharesouthwest.org



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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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[FLOURBLUFFSCHOOLS.NET](https://flourbluffschoools.net)

FBISD Calendar of Events

Regular Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Thursday, June 30th, 6pm

Where

Administration Building, Board Room

More information

2505 Waldron Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78418




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