



ENLIGHTENMENT

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From the Board of Trustees

The Boling ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 and took the following actions.

Wade Stidevent, BISD Assistant Superintendent presented an update of current State and Federal Accountability System, Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) and State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR).

Approved the 2010 – 2011 school calendar as recommended by DEIC.

Approved the Iago Jr. High Maintenance Project in the amount of \$26,483.32 to be taken out of designated fund balance.

Approved the TEA 2010 – 2011 Local Board of Trustees Certification of textbooks.

Approved the Application for Low Attendance Day, December 4, 2009.

Approved Boling High School Band Hall Restroom project for \$17,929.00 to be taken out of designated fund balance.

Approved the Request for Competitive Sealed Bids for 1966 Chevrolet Flatbed Truck with a minimum bid of \$500.

Approved a one-year contract extension for BHS Principal, Keith Jedlicka; BHS Assistant Principal, Brett Pohler; and Newgulf Elementary Principal, Gerald Floyd to the 2011 – 2012 school year.

Approved a one-year contract extension for Iago Junior High School Principal, Bryan Blonar to the 2011 – 2012 school year.



The Power of the Written Word

"Learn to enjoy every minute of your life. Be happy now. Don't wait for something outside of yourself to make you happy in the future. Think how really precious is the time you have to spend, whether it's at work or with your family. Every minute should be enjoyed and savored."

— **Earl Nightingale:** Was a motivational speaker and author, a radio personality, and the co-founder of Nightingale-Conant



Administration Office

Reported by Jeanette Kalina

All employees need to make sure their W-4 is correct. You are able to change your information at anytime by contacting Jeanine Kutach, Payroll Clerk at 979-657-2772 or jkutach@bolingisd.net.

It is time to starting thinking about your deductions for 2010 – 2011. The district is going to have Curtis Grant here in May for pre-registration. This includes all insurance options.



Dates to Remember

2010
Annual Boling Fair
Fund Inc.
Social • Bar-B-Que • Auction • Dance

Boling Community Center
Saturday • February 27, 2010

Social: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
BBQ: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Auction: 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Dance: 9:00 pm - 1:00 am

Tickets will be sold at the door
BBQ & Dance: \$7.00/person

Music by
Pam Hubenak

Auctioneers
Douglas Hubenak
Lex Forgason

*This is our 26th Annual Fund Raiser so please come out
and support the youth of our community*



Newgulf Elementary School

Reported by Lindsey Voulgaris

Kindergarten celebrated the 100th day of school on January 29th with many fun and exciting activities. They made necklaces out of 100 Fruit Loops, put puzzles with 100 pieces together, stamped 100 dots, made 100 day crowns, and made a trail mix of 100 pieces of snack foods. The projects that the students made at home and brought for display were creative and very original. Mrs. Gary and Mrs. Gerken received a \$500 science grant from KTOT (Kindergarten Teachers of Texas). Science literacy bags have been made with the grant money and will be sent home with children for parents to read to them and work together on activities. Information letters were sent out the first week of February. The bags will be sent home on Mondays starting February 8th and be returned by Thursdays so they can be sent out each week with different students. These literacy bags will reinforce the units taught at school. Kindergarten is very excited that the children are starting to read in storybooks in their reading classes.

First grade students enjoyed celebrating the 100th day of school on Friday, January 29th. In reading, students had a contest to see who could come up with the most words in 100 seconds. In math, students made necklaces out of 100 fruit loops. First the students had to put the fruit loops in groups of 10 and then they were able to string them on a necklace. Students also colored badges with the number 100 and drew a picture of what they think they will look like when they are 100 years old.

The second grade math students are working on subtraction facts, telling time, and TAKS strategies. In Science, students finished up learning about natural resources, rocks, and minerals. In Social Studies, students are learning about local, state, and federal government. They are also working on learning the 50 U.S. States. In reading, students continue to read library books and take AR test to earn prizes. In English, students are continuing to learn cursive letters. They wrote their first sentence in cursive. They are also working on all four types of sentences, and are starting on subjects and predicates in a sentence.

Third grade science students have been learning about the water cycle, weather and the solar system. In social studies, students are learning about communities and their histories as well as technology changes in communities. Mrs. Krenek's group one reading class is beginning the novel The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum. They are excited about reading the novel and the activities that are planned. The third graders are gaining experience and the wonder of reading Accelerated Reader chapter books (novels). For most of them this is their first experience beyond reading picture books and they are doing a great job on accumulating points. Third grade English did an art project in which they brainstormed what winter reminds them of. Then they colored paper mugs that depicted hot chocolate and wrote on them about what winter means to them. The students are leaning about complex sentences, and doing a great job.

Fourth grade Reading students have been busy reading books in Mrs. Garrett's class. Students completed a book report, shoe box diorama and presented them to their class. It was a lot of fun for the students! Miss Stavinoha's writers took the Writing Benchmark on January 20th. All students did a great job! Science, Social Studies, and Math students have been working hard on TAKS skills to prepare for their upcoming tests!

Fifth graders have been busy performing during the month of January. Fifth graders had D.A.R.E. graduation on Friday, the 22nd of January. Officer Jeff held a nice reception for students and parents afterwards. Everyone really appreciated all the support of so many to come and watch the graduation ceremony. On the 29th of January, a Pirate ship docked at Newgulf Elementary and 5th grade students entertained many as they sang and danced dressed as pirates. The program was wonderful and enjoyed by all! In Science, students have turned into scientist chefs. They have been studying rock layers and fossils and made Sedimentary Sandwiches to resemble their studies.



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Everyone is looking forward to a field trip to the Museum of Natural Science in Houston to examine real life fossils and rocks in February to extend their learning. Math is in everyday life. Students learned how to relate real life situations to math problems and use their problem solving skills to solve many real life situations.

The resource students are continuing to learn using music, movement and manipulatives. Math concepts studies have included two digit multiplication, measurement, decimal number lines, estimation, and probability. Spelling games make learning new spelling and vocabulary words easier. Sudoku and Word Search hand held electronic games were given to each student for Christmas. They seem to help improve the ability to stay focused and concentrate for longer periods of time and the students are really enjoying them. The Edmark reading program is increasing student sight word and vocabulary skills. The Stevenson program is helping improve decoding skills. We are very busy with TAKS practice and preparation. Students are working hard and trying their best. You are always invited to come join our class in fun learning.

The 4th and 5th grade PE classes participated in basketball tournaments. The 4th grade winning team was the Lakers. Their team members were Alec Valenta, Chad Nichols, Adrian Celedon, Karsyn Douglas and Shane Bear. The 5th grade winning team was the All Stars. Their team members were Tyler Martinez, Jason Gmitter, Caroline Gavranovic, Joseph Eldridge and Annabel Hanka. The PE classes are now busy playing floor hockey.

In music, 5th grade performed their musical entitled, "Pirates"! They did a great job and the program was a success. A huge thank you goes to the 5th grade teachers for all their help and hard work. First grade and Kindergarten have been preparing for their upcoming programs. Second and 3rd graders have been using books and learning new songs. The 4th grade students have been learning about and have begun playing recorders.



Iago Junior High

Reported by Sarah Harborth

Ms. Faust's 8th grade science classes are learning about the Rock Cycle. They are performing labs such as Mount Eruptus, Sedimentary Rock Socks, and Metamorphic Lolli-rocks. Next they will have a week-long project over the water, rock, nitrogen, and carbon cycles. Student groups will work collaboratively as they pick a cycle, illustrate it, and present the cycle to the class. They will come up with 20 questions for the class to answer after the presentation and prepare a lab for students. Then they will create an interactive poster of the cycle they presented which will allow students to match descriptions to illustrations.

Seventh grade science students are learning about the body systems and are performing labs such as Iron for Breakfast, CO2 Exchange and heart rate and exercise.

On January 30, 2010 the Iago Junior High students competed in the District 29-AA UIL contest. The students and faculty have been preparing for this competition since early November. The hard work has paid off as Iago took first place in both the Sixth Grade division and the Seventh and Eighth Grade division.

The writing events were held on January 6, 2010 under the direction of Brenda Humberson. She served as the coach for both Ready Writing and Editorial Writing. In 6th grade Ready Writing, Harold Taylor took 6th place. In 8th grade Ready Writing, Emily Wilkins took 1st place, and Hannah Kulak took 3rd place. In 7th grade Editorial Writing Gabby Alcala took 1st place, Emili Storey took 2nd place, Tyler Wittig took 5th place. In 8th grade Editorial Writing, Spencer Gutierrez took 1st place, and Kristen Hanka took 4th place.

All speech events took place January 28, 2010, at the Iago campus. These events include Oral Reading, Modern Oratory, and Impromptu Speaking.

Sara Harborth sponsors the Oral Reading events. In 6th grade, Melina Moore took 1st place, Kaylor Rolf took 3rd place, and Harold Taylor took 4th place. In 7th grade, Ellie Forgason took 1st place, Karli Seymour took 3rd place, and Peyton Metting took 6th place. In 8th grade, Emily Wilkins took 1st place, and Hannah Kulak took 5th place.

Sarah Harborth also sponsors Modern Oratory. Kirsten Miller took 1st place, and Alvaro Beltran took 2nd place.

Ashly Macek sponsors Impromptu Speaking. Sheigh Thompson took 2nd place, Kylie Vega took 3rd place, and Cynthia Kulak took 4th place.

Gay Joines is the Art Sponsor. In 6th grade, Claire Winkenwerder took 1st place, Sierra Ganske took 2nd place, Maggie Merecka took 3rd place, Kate Cheney took 4th place, and Anah Voulgaris took 5th place. In 7th grade, Jena Herndon took 1st place, and Kortlan Bell and Elijah Krushall tied for 2nd place. In 8th grade, Kyla Lockley took 1st place, Erin Torres took 2nd place, and Megan Munoz and Jessica Taylor tied for 4th place.

Bobbie Peter is the coach for Calculator Applications. In 6th grade, Myrissa Sanchez took 1st place, and Kaylor Rolf took 5th place. In 7th grade, Karli Seymour took 1st place, and Makayla Hobbs took 5th place. In 8th grade, Caleb Winkenwerder took 1st place.

Kristye Jessen sponsors Dictionary Skills. In 6th grade, Crystal Hargrove took 1st place, Samantha Flores took 5th place, and Melina Moore tied for 6th place. In 7th grade, Tyler Mann took 1st place, Amanda Casey took 3rd place, and Deanna Bourg took 5th place. In 8th grade, Stephanie Ramirez took 4th place.



Iago Junior High

Reported by Sarah Harborth
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Carol Simpson sponsors Listening Skills. In 6th grade Emilio Ramirez took 1st place, Leslie Gonzalez tied for 2nd place, and Adrian Jimenez took 5th place. In 7th grade, Royrick Jackson took 2nd place. In 8th grade, Irving Olvera took 2nd place, and Nicholas Rodriguez took 6th place.

Heather Faust sponsors Maps, Graphs, and Charts. In 6th grade, Hailey Harborth took 1st place, and Britney Casey took 5th place. In 7th grade, Jesus Gonzalez took 6th place. In 8th grade, Ryan Moreno took 6th place.

Holly Wittig sponsors Mathematics. In 7th grade, Gabby Alcala took 1st place, Tyler Wittig took 2nd place, and Fatima Baca took 4th place. In 8th grade, Shayelynn Chaka took 1st place, Kindra Hlavinka took 3rd place, and Arminda Rodriguez took 4th place.

Fred Drennan sponsors Music Memory. In 6th grade, Mia Hernandez took 3rd place, and Adrian Arvizu took 6th place.

Dana Kulak sponsors Number Sense. In 6th grade, Gale Penrice and Daniel Montgomery tied for 2nd place, and Brandon Barrera took 4th place. In 7th grade, Bianca Camacho took 1st place, and Jessica Boerger took 3rd place. In 8th grade, Joey Gmitter took 1st place, Benjamin Merecka took 2nd place, and Dillon Baumgarten took 3rd place.

Janice Raska sponsors Science I and Science II. In Science I, Emili Storey and Brooke Wallace tied for 4th place. In Science II, Caleb Frankum took 3rd place.

Donna Kubesch sponsors Spelling. In 6th grade, Jamie Macek took 2nd place, Allison Hobbs took 4th place, and Carmen Robles took 5th place. In 7th grade, Kyle Smith took 2nd place, Adrian Alameda took 3rd place, and Naomi Simmons took 4th place. In 8th grade, Spencer Gutierrez took 1st place, Cynthia Duarte took 2nd place, and Kristen Hanka took 3rd place.

Sammie Zahradnik sponsors Social Studies. In 6th grade, Dakota Watson took 1st place, Rebekah Hardee took 2nd place, and Justin Joyce took 4th place. In 7th/8th grade, Dylan Toomes took 2nd place and Walker Monroe took 4th place.



Boling High School

Reported by BHS Faculty

The Boling FFA chapter just finished up with the Fort Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo. Kassie Nash received 1st place with her Maine Anjou heifer, Kade Bickham received 2nd place with his Hereford heifer, Jared Lopez received 5th place with his Limousin, and Cody Atkinson received 1st place with his Red Brangus heifer. We are now in the middle of the San Antonio livestock show with students exhibiting Breeding heifers, Market Goats, and Market Lambs. Other activities this month include the Wharton County progress show which will be held on February 27th with the Boling Fair Fund that evening. Several students exhibited their art at the Houston Livestock show and Rodeo. The results are as follows:

2010 HLSR School Art 2D Show Winners

Best of Show – McKenzie Rolf

Gold Medal – Sareny Martinez

Gold Medal – Erin Forgason

2010 HLSR School Art 3D Show Winners

Best of Show – Brett Wallace

Blue Ribbon – Sarah Sharkody

Blue Ribbon – Jon Williams

Blue Ribbon – Marcus Lopez

The Student Council had another successful Blood Drive on Wednesday, February 3rd. We thank everyone that donated or attempted to donate. We strongly encourage everyone to consider giving blood on a regular basis and save three lives with every donation. We hope to see you at the next Blood Drive scheduled on Wednesday, April 7, 2010. The Student Council held Class Favorite elections on January 28th. Congratulations to Seniors – Jon Williams and Emily Forgason, Juniors – Anselmo Muniz and Angela Valdez, Sophomores – Caleb Henson and Ashley Jessen, and Freshmen – Kevin Zimmerman and Ashley Youngblood. Student Council hosted a successful Energy Conservation Week on January 25-29th. Monday was Lights Out Day and teachers taught classes without lights to conserve energy. On Tuesday, Student Council members put up reminders informing people to turn off lights and water when not using them. Wednesday was Recycle Day and each classroom was equipped with a recycle bin for paper. On Thursday, Student Council members checked vehicles on campus for oil leaks. On Friday, Student Council walked around campus and picked up litter. Special thanks to Student Council members for your hard work! On January 26th, the Student Council officers attended the "Be the Difference" conference in Lake Jackson, TX. The officers heard a motivational message from speaker Ken Johnson and his son, KD Johnson.

Boling High School students enjoyed the music and teaching of Joseph (Dixon) & JAWAD on Monday, February 8th. Coming to Boling through the non-profit organization, Young Audiences of Houston, Joseph & JAWAD presented a program on Congo Square, a place in New Orleans where slaves could meet with freed people of color on Sunday afternoons to play their music and dance. African traditions were kept alive at Congo Square and new forms of music were eventually born including rag-time, blues and jazz. Joseph & JAWAD were sponsored by Boling High School's Band and Library Club.

The Spanish Club has been working on their annual community service project called "Giving Back." The club members bring desserts of all types as their way of saying thank you to the people they are honoring. On February 5, they honored Boling ISD. The club members brought all kinds of sweets and we distributed them among the campuses. They will hold another "Giving Back" and this one honors the businesses here in Boling that help our students throughout the year. These businesses always support our programs here at Boling High School and it's the Spanish Club way of fulfilling their community service by baking some baked goods to say thank you.

The cheerleaders are very excited about promoting school spirit by attending the home district basketball games. It is exciting to cheer for the varsity boys and girls, but especially when the games come down to the wire. We have some really great fans that when the cheerleaders cheer; the fans really step up and help cheer making it more exciting.