



ENLIGHTENMENT

From the Board of Directors

The Boling ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday January 8, 2008 and took the following actions.

1. Approved 2005-2006 Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Report
2. Approved 83 passenger bus bid - Longhorn Bus Sales
3. Extended the Superintendent Charles Butcher's contract through June 30, 2011

Central Office

as reported by Jeanine Kutach

2007 W-2 Information

Please check your W-2 CAREFULLY!!! Check the spelling of your name, social security number and compare the year-to-date totals from your December pay stub with the amounts shown on your W-2. If there are ANY errors, contact Jeanine Kutach in Payroll at 979-657-2770 or jkutach@bolingisd.net IMMEDIATELY.

Electronic Funds Transfer

EFT is available at any time during the year. Once the appropriate form has been completed, two months later the funds from your paycheck will be in the bank the morning of payday. Jeanine Kutach - Payroll Dept, has the form to complete. It is safe and convenient.

The Power of the Written Word

*There is no failure except in no longer trying.
There is no defeat except from within,
no really insurmountable barrier save our
own inherent weakness of purpose.*

— Frank McKinney



Benefits of a Bus Driver

- 1 - CDL Reimbursement
- 2 - TEA/Region 20-hr Training Stipend (Victoria)
- 3 - In-Service/CPR Stipend
- 4 - Medical insurance availability for full time employee
- 5 - Cafeteria 125 and Annuities available for full time employees
- 6 - Extra pay for trips - \$10.00 per hour (Drive and wait time)
- 7 - 2007-2008 Route and Substitute pay - \$12.75 per hour



Requirements

- 1 - Pass a DPS criminal and driving check
- 2 - Must have (or complete the training for) a commercial driver's license B-CDL with a passenger endorsement "P" and school bus endorsement "S"
- 3 - Pass a physical examination and drug test
- 4 - CPR training
- 5 - Take the State required driving course through Region III (20-hr initial or 8-hr refresher before Renewal)

If you know of anyone that is interested, please contact Jeanette Kalina at 979-657-2770 or jkalina@bolingisd.net.





Newgulf Elementary School

as reported by Dawn Arriaga

Pre-Kindergarten - Pre-K is in full swing learning letter names, sounds and numbers. They have also been learning all about their 5 senses. They are excited about Christmas and their Christmas party at school. They have been busy learning Christmas songs to sing to their parents. This age group is a joy to work with and both Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Davis are very proud of how hard they have worked on their art work and decorating their rooms.

Kindergarten - The kindergarten students had fun at their Christmas parties. Santa even stopped by for a visit! Even though it's officially winter, kindergarten is watching caterpillars turn into butterflies!

First Grade - First grade had a great time performing the "12 Dogs of Christmas" at the Christmas program. They also enjoyed the rest of the program, especially the "10 Lords a Leaping" (Mr. Floyd). The parents once again did a wonderful job preparing for the Christmas parties held in each class. Santa made a surprise visit in Mrs. Goff's class bringing each child a gift. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from First Grade!

Second Grade - In Mrs. Wallace's social studies class the students just finished a unit on wants, needs, income and banking. They are also continuing with learning their 50 states. Just come down second grade hall and listen to them sing their state song!! When they return from Christmas break they will begin their Geology unit in science. In Mrs. Guin's English class the children finished up their Santa letters and are working on grammar. Mrs. Arriaga's math class is working hard on learning their addition and subtraction facts so they can make high scores on their speed tests. They enjoy going down to the computer room and practicing them. Mrs. Rolf's reading class had a lot of "money" to spend at the Christmas AR store because they have been doing a lot of reading!

Third grade - Third grade has been busy! In Science class the students have been studying habitats and ecosystems. In English class the students got to write a fairy tale. They were also very creative in art when they got to design their own stockings which were hung in the third grade hall. Walk by and check them out!

Fourth Grade - On December 14th the fourth grade class put on two great performances of "Santa's Stuck in the 50's." It was a true hit! Students worked extremely hard to prepare themselves for the music program.

Fifth Grade - On December 5th, the fifth grade students had a graduation from the D.A.R.E. program. High school student role models, various community leaders and school administrators were in attendance. Officer Jeff led the program. The students, parents, and guests were treated to a reception following the graduation in the gym. The fifth graders celebrated by signing each others D.A.R.E. t-shirts.

Music - In music, fourth grade performed an excellent program on December 14th. The program was entitled "Santa's Stuck in the 50's." The costumes were great and the students did a wonderful job. A huge "thank you" goes out to the fourth grade teachers for all their help and hard work. Fifth graders are working hard to prepare for their program on January 25th. First grade and Kindergarten will begin working toward their upcoming programs. Second and third grade students will be using their music books.

PE - Mrs. Nail gave her students a Christmas surprise by letting them go on a "Christmas Town" scavenger hunt. The gym was decorated with Christmas lights, Christmas trees, Santas, and snowmen. Students pushed each other on scooters through "Christmas Town" looking for items on their team's list. Students had to make sure they wore their seatbelt (and riding in a safety position) and that they didn't exceed the speed limit of 1 mph (which meant the person had to walk). Students in grades K-4 also learned a dance to Jingle Bell Rock and 5th grade students learned a dance to Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree. Students in grades 3-5 were also introduced to the new fitness test they will be taking in the spring called the Fitnessgram. Students will begin practicing components of that test after returning from Christmas break.



Iago Junior High School

as reported by Brenda Sciba

Iago Junior High is working extremely hard on UIL events. Speaking events will be held at Iago on January 31, from 4-8 P.M. All other events will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2 at YES Prep. Good luck to all participants.

The Iago Junior High Speech Club recently had officer elections.

President - Savannah Metting
Vice-President - Abby Herndon
Secretary - Emma Sparkman
Historian - Sydney Zahradnik.



Boling High School

as reported by Linda Alderson

The Boling High School band had a full schedule during December with region band auditions, Christmas concert, Boling Christmas parade and band caroling. The band is currently preparing for the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest (on Feb. 1) and UIL Concert Sight-reading Contest (March 12). On January 5th, senior percussionist Cristina Hinojosa competed in the Area band auditions and placed 4th.

Ms. Brown's Nutrition and Food Science class prepared Christmas desserts for the December School Board meeting. Each student worked individually and was responsible for the taste and presentation of fifteen different desserts. On January 8th the BHS student council presented the school board members with certificates of appreciation and board shirts in honor of board recognition month.

The Boling High school students are very busy preparing for the upcoming UIL academic meet. During the next month students will be participating in various academic invitational meets. Rehearsals for the One Act play production of "Pygmalion" by Bernard Shaw are underway. The cast and crew are excited about the production and look forward to performing at district contest in March. The speech team is busy preparing for several upcoming tournaments.

The FFA will be attending several of the state shows over the next couple of months. They are also very busy preparing for the county fair and fair fund which will be held February 23.