



# ***ENLIGHTENMENT***

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## **From the Board of Trustees**

The Boling ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 and took the following actions.

1. Board president, Donald Sciba gave instructions on the Superintendent Appraisal Instrument
2. Approved the 2008-2009 audit report as presented by Reed & Associates
3. Approved the bid by Lonestar Chevrolet for the purchase of a truck and suburban
4. Approved Localized Policy Manual Update 86
5. Approved giving the 14 voting entitlements for Matagorda CAD to Tidehaven ISD
6. Designated Gerard Krenek to serve as the representative on the Wharton County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2010-2011 term
7. No action was needed for Class Size Requirements
8. Accepted the resignation of Tim Sites, BHS Science teacher



**From Central Office**  
Reported by Jeanine Kutach

ALL EMPLOYEES

***HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE THANKSGIVING***



## **The Power of the Written Word**

**"When a man feels throbbing within him the power to do what he undertakes as well as it can possibly be done, this is happiness, this is success."**

— **Orison Swett Marden:** Was an author on positive thought



# Newgulf Elementary School

Reported by Lindsey Voulgaris

Kindergarten enjoyed the visit by the Boling Fire Department to cap off their study of Fire Safety. They impressed the firemen with their knowledge of fire safety and prevention. The teachers extinguishing a real fire caught their eye. The visit ended with a ride on the fire truck as the northern winds blew in. They have also been studying other community helpers in their classrooms and learning their tools of the trade. Thanks to the Iago Student Council for coming to talk to them about Halloween safety. Kindergarten is really getting into the pumpkin spirit by examining one up close. They are estimating and counting seeds in their classroom pumpkin, as well as, creating projects about them. The students are busy with the Newgulf fundraiser. They enjoyed the activities held during Red Ribbon Week.

The first graders had a great time with Fire Safety activities. The fireman came and showed students a video, put out fires, did water hose tricks and took the kids for a ride on the fire truck. Students laughed the whole time and were sad when it was over. We have also had some little sales people in first grade. The students enjoyed going around to family, friends and neighbors selling fundraiser items. They cannot wait until we have the super party. The students also took their time and creativity to make posters for Red Ribbon Week. The students all made posters with a drug free Texas theme. Teachers also decorated their doors for Red Ribbon Week. Mrs. Goff did "Give a Hoot, Give Drugs the Boot", Mrs. Holton did "Boot Drugs out of Texas", Mrs. Mach did "We'd Rather Eat Bugs than Drugs", and Mrs. Voulgaris did "We Don't Monkey Around with Drugs". The students enjoyed making decorations to go on the doors as well as enjoying looking at the doors when they are in the hall.

The second grade students are working on learning subtraction facts in math. They have also been learning to read thermometers. In science/social studies, the students have been working on cause and effect. They have also been studying about butterflies and maps. In Reading, students received their tokens for their AR points and were able to spend them at the book fair. The students were excited about their treasures they were able to purchase. In English, students are continuing to work on handwriting, fragment and complete sentences, spelling, and vocabulary. Students enjoy going to the computer lab on Tuesdays to work on Spelling City.com with their weekly spelling words.

Third grade English has been studying adjectives and did an art project where they illustrated adjectives. They did a great job! They have also been working on papers about themselves which they are working on using details and putting adjectives into their papers. In Science, students have been discussing ecosystems. They made a forest ecosystem. In Social Studies students have been discussing why people move, the community/nation and celebrations. We have also been identifying continents, oceans and North America. In Reading, students went to the book fair and used their AR money! We are still learning about genres and applying it to our reading stories in class. We are learning about prefixes in our vocabulary and spelling words and finding them in the text we are reading. On October 23, students performed their program "The Lion King." Thank you to everyone who came out to watch it.

The fourth grade students attended the Ag in the Classroom Field Day presented by Wharton County Farm Bureau. The students went to presentations on horses, cattle, cotton, rice, wildlife, poultry, row crops, dairy and farm safety. This field day gives the students a greater knowledge of importance of agriculture in our community and to show the sources of food and fiber.

Fifth grade art students enjoyed making their own mums the week before Homecoming. They expressed great satisfaction with the end product. Indeed, they were very pretty. Many students wore them to the varsity game on Friday. On Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the fifth graders traveled to the Matagorda Learning Center for a day of hands-on science activities. These included: Ride the Electric Wave – Students learned how energy is transformed through hydroelectric, solar and wind generation. Trapped in Chains and Webs – Students learned about producers, consumers, and decomposers and how man affects this delicate balance. Sand and Sediments of the Matagorda Bay Area – Students determined agents of erosion and deposition using shape, sorting and size information. They inferred about the region's geological history, marine life, and variations in flow patterns of water currents.



## Newgulf Elementary School

Reported by Lindsey Voulgaris  
(Continued)

The resource class is "rockin'" right along. Students are having fun as they learn their lessons through music and movement. Students are singing the sequence counting songs to aid in learning the multiplication facts. "The Skip Count Kid" and "I Collect Baseball Cards" are definitely the favorites. Math skills such as multiplication of 2-digit numbers by a 2-digit number are definitely a challenge. Compositions about pets, favorite places to go, and things we like to do are fun to write and help us learn the best ways to write a 4 on the TAKS test. Reading is getting easier as we are mastering phonetic skills and developing specific reading strategies. One student has already earned his certificate for completing Edmark Level 2. He can read all 350 sight words with 100% mastery 10 out of 10 trials. Thanks to Mrs. Hall, we now have a new member in our class—George Strait. The students love reading to him. Students are excited about all of the wonderful books to choose from at the book fair. Red Ribbon Week is special in the room as students are involved in decorating the door.

The PE classes are busy learning new games such as No Noodles in My Backyard, Catch Throw and Sit, hurdles and jumping rope. They are also enjoying the old games as well. Top male roadrunner for the 1<sup>st</sup> Six Weeks was Humberto Luna with 14 miles and top female was Julie Salinas with 10.25 miles. The PE classes also enjoyed the annual ghost hunt.

In music, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade had their musical program, "The Lion King." The play was a success. The students dressed as various characters from the movie. Thank you to the teachers for your help. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade have been preparing for their upcoming programs. The other grades have been singing songs about the various holidays: Halloween, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, etc.

October has been an exciting month in the library! Students have been reading and taking AR tests, and adding up those points. We set up our Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Our student helpers were Cheyanne Kulak, Benny Paredes, Summer Wright, Craig Acosta, and Chris French. These students were very helpful with the set up of the fair, and also helped at our preview by handing out flyers and parent letters, and doing some final tidying up at the end. Thank you Book Fair Helpers!!! Our fair began on October 19<sup>th</sup>, with Parent Night being our big event. Curious George (many thanks to Destiny Martinez!) welcomed shoppers as they came into the school! The library was filled with students and parents all evening. The shopping continued throughout the week, as students came in during the day. A huge thank you goes out to our parent volunteers, with Mrs. Gavranovic and Mrs. Chaka leading the way. Other volunteers included: Mrs. Korenek, Mrs. Pittman, Mrs. Bosch, Mrs. Chumchal, Mrs. Redmon, Mrs. Ricci-Ott, Mrs. Gmitter, Mrs. Wittig, Mrs. Arrington, Mrs. Genzer, Mrs. Wendel, Mrs. Nance, and Mrs. Walker. We could not run this Book Fair as efficiently as we do without our parent volunteers! Thank you to everyone who supported this fund raiser!



## Iago Junior High

Reported by Sarah Harborth

The Student Council was busy in October getting ready for homecoming. They sold mums from Just A Lit'l Shop in Boling and honored all parents at the October 15<sup>th</sup> game against Tidehaven. They put up banners welcoming the parents and wrapped the stands with ribbon. Parents were also acknowledged between games by asking them to stand when the activity of their son or daughter was announced.

On October 21, the Stuco traveled to Sealy for their District 14 Fall Convention.

Also in October, in Observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Stuco sold their "Go Pink for the Cure" t-shirts.

Iago Jr. High Student Council hosted Red Ribbon Week, October 26-30. The week started off with a D.A.R.E. Assembly led by Sgt. Jeff Andrejczak. Sgt. Tommy Johnson, a narcotics officer, was the guest speaker. He brought his equipment and informed our students about his job duties. There was a 3 point basketball contest. 8<sup>th</sup> grader Kenyatta Woodard sunk the 3 point shot and won a stereo system. The rest of the week was filled with theme day contests. Each day a winner was chosen based on how well that student represented the theme. Many homerooms participated in a door decorating contest with the theme "Peace Out To Drugs." Congratulations to Coach Macek's homeroom as they won the contest.

We hope you got a chance to hear the Iago Bullpup Band at the Veteran's Day assembly on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the IJH gym. The band performed the "Star Spangled Banner," "America the Beautiful," and "Armed Forces on Parade." Spencer Gutierrez was our trumpet soloist for "Taps."

The IJH Band also performed with the Boling High School Band during the Hitchcock home game. They had a great time playing along with the high school band, and they consumed amazing amounts of Dominoes pizza during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

Wish our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band members good luck on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, when 25 of them will be traveling to Ganado to audition for the Region 13 All-Region Band.

Iago's Got Talent! On November 6<sup>th</sup> the Plaza Theater held a talent contest entitled "Wharton's Got Talent." Four Iago Jr. High Students were participants: Analyse Perez, Emily Wilkins, Nicholas Rodriguez, and Harold Taylor. One former B.H.S. student, Mackenzie Baker, daughter of Coach Baker, was also a contestant. On Friday night 30 contestants performed and were judged. The contestants were eliminated down to 15. Advancing to Saturday's show were Emily Wilkins, Harold Taylor, and Mackenzie Baker. Second round eliminations were held Saturday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. Mackenzie Baker advanced to the final round, which will be held at the Plaza on January 9, 2010. Come support our local talent.



# Boling High School

Reported by BHS Faculty

FCCLA just wrapped up its annual Cookie Dough Fundraiser. We would like to thank all of the parents, teachers, and community members that helped make this sale a great success by purchasing items from FCCLA members.

FCCLA chapters all across the nation are collecting funds to be donated to the Children's Miracle network. Our BHS chapter is doing its part by taking donations by creating a spirit chain that will be displayed at our final home football game.

We have our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Boling Speech and Debate Tournament on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

We attended UIL SuperConference at Sam Houston State University on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and all the students who attended gathered valuable information. Alexandra Perez and Reba Rios both performed pieces as demonstrations in sessions there.

Speech and debate practices are beginning on Monday and Wednesday after school until 5:00.

First competition is Bay City on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Homecoming Ceremonies presented by the BHS Student Council on October 16<sup>th</sup> were exciting for the newly elected 2009 Homecoming Queen, Paige Bucek. She was the FFA Nominee. Congratulations to her! All of the students who attended the Homecoming Dance had a great time and enjoyed some refreshments compliments of the StuCo members.

The Student Council attended the Fall Convention in Sealy on October 21<sup>st</sup> and had a great time. The students did many team building activities. The StuCo members promoted Red Ribbon Week by passing out bracelets, decorating a bulletin board, and participated in the dress up days all week. Currently, the Student Council is getting prepared for the Veteran's Day Assembly scheduled for Wednesday, November 11th at 8 a.m. We invite everyone to come and remember those who fought and continue to fight for our freedom. Thank you for your unselfish acts as soldiers!

The Student Council would like to wish everyone a SAFE and Happy Thanksgiving!!!

The BHS Library Club hosted a Scholastic Book Fair the week of Nov. 2 – 6. Library Club members helped by working at the fair and students and teachers alike visited & enjoyed seeing the wide selection of books and posters that were on display.

The Boling FFA chapter will be competing in the District III LDE contest on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Wharton County Jr. College. Other important dates coming up are WCYF sheep and goat tag in on November 14<sup>th</sup> and Major Show entry meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Ag. Shop. Fruit orders will be collected by the 13<sup>th</sup> of November and will be in before the Christmas holiday.