



ENLIGHTENMENT



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From the Board of Trustees

The Boling ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 and took the following actions.

1. Wade Stidvent, Assistant Superintendent discussed the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) in the required public hearing.
2. Accepted the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST)
3. Approved the renewal of insurance with Insurance Net
4. Approved the revised 2009-2010 Salary Schedule
5. The board did not accept the resignation of Grace Wuthrich but deemed her contract terminated by abandonment effective August 20, 2009
6. Hired Tim Sites, BHS teacher on a one year probationary contract.



From Central Office

Reported by Jeanine Kutach

ALL EMPLOYEES

Make sure you look at your FIRST paycheck very carefully. If there is something that does not look right, contact Payroll – Jeanine Kutach immediately.



The Power of the Written Word

"You are the most powerful magnet in the universe! You contain a magnetic power within you that is more powerful than anything in this world, and this unfathomable magnetic power is emitted through your thoughts."

— Rhonda Byrne: Author of *The Secret*

Administration Office

Reported by Jeanette Kalina

NEW EMPLOYEES

There are several new faces in the transportation and cafeteria departments for this school year.



MASON COLLINS is seen driving bus #41. He is married to Mary Ann and they have two children. Joe is 33 and Jennifer is 30. Mr. Collins enjoys fishing. He is also a cabinet maker and can make many things.

KATHLEEN SANDERSON is our new special education bus driver and campus mail/meal delivery employee. She enjoys cooking and collecting recipes and cookbooks. She has traveled in a semi-truck for two years.



MARTIN SALAIS is seen as the new cashier at the High School. In his spare time he enjoys playing cards. Martin has worked in customer service, claims and health benefits and at Houston I.S.D.

MILANTÉ SHREEVE is our new dish washer at Newgulf Elementary. Her husband is Dale and they have four children: D'Mitri Lee – 5, Daylan Shreeve – 6, Leilin Maxwell – 8, and Devion Starr – 12. Milanté enjoys baking and crafts. "I am a house mom/wife. I don't do very much else. I like the school district a lot. It seems peaceful."



Newgulf Elementary School

Reported by Lindsey Voulgaris

Everyone at Newgulf hit the ground running this year. We are all very excited to have started back to school and to have met all of the new students. We already had our first open house. It was held on September 3rd. It was nice to see all of the students come out and bring their parents to show off their work.

We are very pleased to welcome two new staff members this year Ken Ballinger and Virginia Muniz.

KEN BALLINGER joins us as a teacher and coach. He comes to us along with his wife, Kathleen from Tidehaven I.S.D. He likes the helpful, polite and down to earth people in Boling. During his spare time Mr. Ballinger enjoys golfing, hunting, fishing and Aggie football.

VIRGINIA MUNIZ will be working as a custodian this year. She and her husband Anselmo have 3 children, David, Leslie and Anselmo. Mrs. Muniz comes to us from Hopper Elementary and loves that everyone in Boling is nice. She enjoys reading, spending time with her family, shopping, taking walks and working in her yard.



Iago Junior High

Reported by Sarah Harborth

For the 2009-2010 school year, Iago Junior High welcomes two new staff members.

SAMANTHA ZAHRADNIK will teach 8th grade U.S. History and 6th grade English. She is also our U.I.L. Coordinator. Sammy has many hobbies such as traveling, being outside, and spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoys sleeping and relaxing on the weekends. She is very excited to return to Boling ISD as she attended school here and graduated in 2005. She is a recent graduate of Texas State University where she had a part-time job at Farm Bureau. Sammy was a substitute for the district last spring and decided to apply for a job. Welcome Samantha!

It is also great to have **HOLLY BEAR** as a Special Education Teachers Aide. She is currently an online college student and works part-time as a pharmacy technician. Before coming to Boling ISD, she worked as a service technician and a customer service manager. Welcome Holly!

Fourteen 7th graders have qualified for the Duke University Talent Search this year. Those students are Ellie Forgason, Makayla Hobbs, Tyler Wittig, Royrick Jackson, Emili Storey, Cynthia Kulak, Jessica Boerger, Gabrielle Alcala, Vanessa Lopez, Kristine Souknary, Jose Ramos, Jena Herndon, Walker Monroe, and Bianca Camacho. To be eligible for this program, students achieved a qualifying score in the 95th percentile or higher on either the 6th grade TAKS reading or math or on the 5th grade TAKS reading, math, or science. Congratulations to all.

The Iago Junior High Band is off to a great start this year as they prepare to entertain the crowd at the first Bull Pup home games on September 10th and 17th. Listen for your favorites such as, "Born to Be Wild", "Twist and Shout", "The Hey Song", "Hound Dog", "We Will Rock You", and "Smoke on the Water", as well as some new tunes for this year.

Sixth grade beginner band is bursting at the seams with 48 of the school's newest musicians discovering the basics of new brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments. Look for their first public performance this December. **And it's not too late to join! Come see Mr. Drennan in the band hall if you would like to be in the band!**

Go Bull Pup Bands!

The Iago Jr. High Student Council started their year off with the 6th grade orientation at the Iago Campus on August 20th. The STUCO members escorted the 6th grade students and their parents to all their classes and introduced them to the teachers. After orientation, STUCO had a brief meeting to elect officers, pick out t-shirts, and discuss plans for the 2009-2010 school year. The officers are as follows: Ben Merecka, president; Hannah Kulak, vice president; Kindra Hlavinka, secretary; Kylie Vega, treasurer; Makayla Hobbs, historian. Other members are Cody Koudela, Kyla Lockley, Ellie Forgason, Shelby Bock, Kortlan Bell, Kaylor Rolf, Marissa Sanchez, Victoria Arriazola, and Maggie Merecka.

Miss Faust's 8th grade class is really blowing things up! They have learned about Science Safety Rules and had a demonstration of what -not- to-do during the "Cornstarch Explosion". 7th and 8th grade will start their insect collections. The 7th graders are required to collect ten insects and the 8th graders are required to collect fifteen.

Many families attended Open House on Tuesday September 1st. Visitors were treated to refreshments supplied by our Student Council. Students enjoyed taking their families around the campus to meet their teachers.



Boling High School

Reported by BHS Faculty

Boling high School would like to welcome the new staff to BHS. They are:

CHARLES ADAMS is our new Custodian. He has two children: Charles Ryan Adams – 9 and Kim Elizabeth Adams (10). In his leisure time he fishes, does metal detecting, and spends time with his children. Charles worked in the computer industry for 25 years, drove all over the U.S. for 2 years for his own hotshot company, and for the census bureau. "I have been treated with the most respect of any job I have been on at Boling I.S.D. I want to finish my education and remain at Boling I.S.D. as a teacher."

ROBERT CASH is teaching Geography, Health and Basketball Head Coach. This is his 5th year in education which he came to Boling I.S.D. from Utopia. He enjoys basketball and dove hunting. "Boling is a great place to work."

DUSTIN HAHN is teaching BCIS and Coaches - volleyball, basketball, cross-country, and tennis. He is single and enjoys hunting, fishing, volleyball and basketball.

REBECCA HARDING is the Junior English teacher. Her only child is 20 months old named Christopher Trystan Harding. She enjoys reading post-modern literature while listening to Celtic music. As an outdoors' enthusiast she spends a lot of time with her son at the park. "Boling I.S.D. is a breath of fresh air. Too many districts lack the fantastic administration and faculty we are graced with."

GLEN KILLOUGH is teaching English II and Coaches. Casey is his wife and they have three children: Kane – 1, Kenna – 5, and Kade – 6. He enjoys football and horses. "It's Great!"

STEPHANIE MORRISON is teaching Science and is a Coach. Her husband is Michael Morrison and their son is 10 months old whose name is Michael W. In her spare time she plays with her son and church obligations. Recently, she left Harris County Health Department as an Immunization Event Coordinator and Assistant Bio-Statistician. At the end of July her family went to San Antonio for vacation and enjoyed themselves. "I have truly enjoyed these past couple of weeks; I guess I really was born to do this. Boling has a great group of kids and very supportive staff."

TIM SITES is teaching Chemistry, AP Chemistry and Physics. He is married to Lauren and they reside in Damon. Tim previously taught at Stafford I.S.D. His leisure activities include music and photography. "Working in Boling reminds me of the town I grew up in (Ingleside)."

FFA is currently taking membership dues for the 2009-2010 school year. A Jr. FFA Meeting will be held on Tuesday September 8, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the Boling High School AG Shop to sign up new members. The FFA will also begin its fall meet sale on September 8th. The FFA Chapter will be exhibiting livestock at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas at the end of the month and we would like to wish those members good luck at the stock show.

FCCLA has had a good start to the 2009-2010 school year. We will be holding a bake sale on Saturday, September 19 at the Boling Vista Bank. There was a good turnout at the first meeting and everyone is really excited about making this a great year.

The Library Club had its first meeting on September 1st. This year's club officers are: President – Larissa Reina, Vice-President – Paige Bucek, Secretary – Brody Thompson, Treasurer – Brent Stidevent, Reporter – Casey Ivy, and Parliamentarian – Tyler Kulak.



Boling High School

Reported by Keith Jedlicka
(Continued)

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The Student Council provided drinks and cookies for BHS Open house which was held on Monday August 31, 2009. We appreciate everyone who came to visit with the teachers. The student council also assisted with class officer elections. The class officers are listed below.

2009-2010 Class Officers

Freshman

Kevin Zimmerman, President
Abby Herndon, Vice President
Alyssa Guerra, Secretary
Jake Merecka, Treasurer
Devynn Nash, Reporter

Junior

Kendyl Ford, President
Anselmo Muniz, Vice President
Gabby Ramirez, Secretary
Brent Stidevent, Treasurer
Chelcie Ramirez, Reporter

Sophomore

Sydney Zahradnik, President
Jenny Pospisil, Vice President
Erin Hollis, Secretary
Holly Welch, Treasurer
Anna Gonzalez, Reporter

Senior

Jon Williams, President
Justin Henson, Vice President
Tyler Kulak, Secretary
Larissa Reina, Treasurer
Misael Hernandez, Reporter

We are looking forward to a great school year.