



ENLIGHTENMENT

From the Board of Directors

The Boling ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday September 11, 2007 and took the following actions.

1. Approved Financial Integrity Rating of Texas (FIRST)
2. The Board moved the discussion for the Team of Eight and Legislative Update training to the October meeting
3. Approved to recognize Wharton County Extension Agents as adjunct staff members and to count students participating in 4-H/Extension Educational Activities
4. Tabled the Compliance with Class Size Requirements to the October meeting

The Power of the Written Word



"Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and in actions. "

Harold S. Geneen

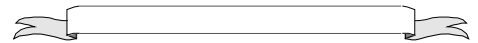
"A leader, once convinced that a particular course of action is the right one, must be undaunted when the going gets tough. "

Ronald Reagan



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.



Administration Office

as reported by Jeanette Kalina

There are several new faces floating around the campus cafeterias and transportation department.



Lisa Collins drives bus #82. She has five children ranging from 11-19. They are Trevion Alexander-11, D'Qwun Alexander Collins-13, Nakerian Harris-14, Robert Rodgers-17, and Janeric Collins-19. In her spare time she enjoys basketball, volleyball, and reading/writing. She is a hair-dresser and caregiver and also actively involved in church.

Paula Penrice drives bus #47. Her husband is Dale Penrice, Sr. and they have one son Dale Jr-14. Cooking and reading are her favorite hobbies. "I would just like to Thank everyone for believing in me and giving me a change at Boling ISD. May God Bless the whole community."



Margarita Barrientos is Newgulf Elementary's part-time Cafeteria worker/Janitor. She is married to Moises and they have three children. They are Juana-10, Samuel-18, and Jose-20. She loves to sew and cook. While in Mexico she had a garden full of vegetables. She enjoys working at the Newgulf cafeteria.

Mary Blair has been with the district for some time, but she is Newgulf Elementary's new Manager.

Maria Elena Canul is the cashier at Newgulf Elementary. Her husband is Lee Weishiemer and she has two children: Arnold Canul-26 and Amy Canul-29. She enjoys down time, gardening and vacationing. At her previous job she was a supervisor. "Boling is a very small town. I am from the city but have enjoyed living out here."

Raquel Garcia is a cook at Boling High School. She is married to Jose Luis Garcia and they have two children. Araseli-15 and Richard-8

Shannon Weishuhn is the dishwasher at Newgulf Elementary. She has one child Cheyenne-17. Her hobbies are puzzles and working in the yard. "Boling ISD is great."

Boling ISD welcomes all new employees throughout the district. Have a great year.



Newgulf Elementary School

as reported by Sherrie Guin

Newgulf has had a great start this year. Everyone on staff worked hard to get everything ready for the first day of school. We are all looking forward to another great year.

The Kindergarten students went looking for the gingerbread man the first week of school. They visited the office, library, nurse's office, computer lab, and several other places on campus looking for the gingerbread man. He was too fast for them, so they returned to their classrooms and were treated to a gingerbread cookie.

Teachers were busy the first week of school starting the beginning year test and TPRI testing. These will continue into the month of September.

The Science/Social Studies Teachers have been busy teaching students the new Texas Pledge. They will also start a new health program this year called CATCH.

This year Newgulf hired 3 new employees:

Laura Wind will be working in Fifth Grade as the Language and Social Studies Teacher. She likes to read, fish, and spend time with her family and friends. Laura graduated from Texas A&M and worked in the mortgage business for 4 years. She decided she wanted to change careers in order to make a difference in the lives of others. She is excited about being a part of Boling ISD and looks forward to teaching this year.

Dawn Villasana will work as an aide with Mrs. Loftin. She is married to Richard Villasana, Jr. They have five children; Briana is 15, Chris is 13, AJ is 12, Katie is 9 and Colby is 6. Dawn enjoys reading, working on crafts, sewing, painting, volunteering at church, and spending time with her children. Dawn was a substitute teacher last year for all three campuses and really enjoyed her work. She also enjoys working with her church and took a trip this summer to San Antonio to the Alamo.

Marisela Villasana will be the Third Grade aide. Marisela is married to Robert Villasana. They have three children; Robert is 13, Michael is 11, and Elizabeth is 6. Marisela likes to ride her bike and walk with her children in the afternoons. She likes to bake sweets and cook for her family. She also helps her dad bale hay for his cattle during the summer months. Marisela also was a substitute teacher last year for Newgulf. She visited San Antonio, Gonzales, Corpus Christi, and Palacios.

Everyone looks forward to working with these ladies this year.



Iago Junior High School
as reported by Brenda Sciba

Iago Junior High is ready for 2007-2008! We have a great new set of bleachers in our gym and a nice, shiny refinished floor. At the center of the gym is a fierce-looking bulldog. The janitorial staff worked extremely hard this summer refreshing all of our classrooms and grounds. We also welcome two new teachers to our staff, Heather Faust and Holly Wittig.

Heather Faust is our new seventh and eighth grade science teacher. Heather has worked previously at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. She enjoys country crafts, swimming, and gardening. She says: " BISSD has been great and very helpful since I have come on board as a new employee." The Iago staff welcomes Heather.

Holly Wittig is our new seventh and eighth grade math teacher. She is married to Brad Wittig and has two children, Kaitlynn, who is a freshman at BHS and Tyler, who is in the fifth grade at Newgulf Elementary. Before being hired by Boling ISD, Holly worked as a volunteer in her children's classrooms. She enjoys spending time with her family and viewing the peaceful wildlife in her back yard. She says: " I discovered my true calling in life while I was working with struggling students." Iago welcomes Holly to our staff.

Iago Junior High has a new club this year. It is the Iago Junior High Speech Club. It is sponsored by Anne McCain and will be open to any student who participates in oral reading, modern oratory, and impromptu speaking for UIL.

Iago Student Council did a great job of hosting our Open House on Tuesday, September 4, 2007. Many parents toured our hallways that night, meeting all the Iago staff members. Student Council will attend the District 14 Fall Convention on September 19.

The Iago Lady Bullpups started their volleyball season in a tri-match against rivals Brazos and East Bernard on Thursday, September 6. All the teams did a great job! The seventh grade has 14 girls playing volleyball this year, and they are coached by Sharon Baker. The eighth grade has 37 girls playing, and they are coached by Judy Womack. The first home games will be on September 17 against East Bernard. We are looking forward to some fantastic competition this year! Come out and support our Lady Bullpups!

Each of Us Doing Our Best= One Amazing Team!

Boling High School

as reported by Linda Alderson

School has begun! You can tell it in the halls with the locker decorations, the club meeting posters, the cheerleader posters promoting school spirit, excited students, and excited teachers who are ready to make 2007-2008 the best year at Boling High School.

The faculty and staff welcome several new additions this year: Kyle Burns, Cynthia Clark, Carmen Douglas, Joseph Hardee, Chad McGee, Geoff Pilcher, Nick Popp and Susan Schoeneberg.

Kyle Burns teaches BCIS and accounting along with coaching. He is married to Jenny Jimenez-Burns and likes sports and fishing. He taught at Anderson Academy in the Aldine ISD for two years and is attending the University of Houston to pursue a graduate degree.

Cynthia Clark is returning to Wharton County from Kingsville. She is an El Campo native and previously taught at coached there. She is teaching world history and American history while she coaches volleyball, basketball, and track. She is married to Forrest Clark and the mother of Chris, a student at Sam Houston State University; Kelvin, a student at Texas A & M Kingsville; and Stephanie, who lives in Houston. She likes to read, and cook. She enjoys spending time with her family.

Carmen Douglas is the new content mastery aide. She is married to William. They have four children. Kirstyn is 13, Will is 12, Lane is 11, and Karsyn is 7. She likes fishing, gardening, and cooking. Carmen is a graduate of BHS and is "excited to be back."

Joseph Hardee teaches world geography and health and is also a coach. He comes to us from Cuero. He is married to Leslie and is the father of three children, Sarah, Jacob, and Rebekah.

Chad McGee teaches special education and coaches football and baseball. He is married to Amanda and enjoys hunting, golf, and salt water fishing.

Geoff Pilcher joins BHS from Eldorado High School. He is married to Jessica. He is teaching math classes. He enjoys sports, fishing, and hunting.

Nick Popp was born and raised in Wharton. He attended Wharton High School, Wharton County Junior College, and Texas State University at San Marcos. Boling is his first teaching job as an Ag teacher. He has had a great experience here thus far. He has two brothers, one older and one younger. There is also a new addition to his family since he got engaged in May 2007. His fiancé, Jenny and he are making plans to get married next March.

Susan Schoeneberg comes to BHS from Louise. She is teaching geometry and multimedia. She is married to Lane and likes to spend time with reading, math, and computers. She says that "Everyone has been very friendly and helpful" when asked about her experiences at BISD.

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We also welcome back **Kate Harrison** in a new role. Kate is our new counselor and is doing a great job with scheduling and helping students. She is married to Rex and is the mother of a 13 month old son, Charlie. She is expecting another child later in this semester. Kate likes to travel, read, and work crossword puzzles. She says that she is “very excited to be back at Boling.”

Linda Alderson, high school speech teacher, is serving on a textbook review committee for Perfection Learning Company. She spent the first Monday and Tuesday of August in Chicago working in that capacity. Sarah Crippins, English Language Arts Consultant for TEA recommended her. Only two Texas teachers were chosen to serve.

Peggy Reading, Kathy Brown, Stephanie Konvicka, and Amy Jacoby attended Capturing Kids Hearts in Wharton the week before school began.

The band is in full swing for the '07-'08 school year. Our drum majors are Rodman Callis and Laura Cisneros; flag captains Amanda Youngblood and Hannah Krenek; Jeri Rodgers - President, Simon Mendoza - Vice President, and Jordan Pinson - Chaplain. In addition to Friday night football performances the band is preparing for the Edna Marching Festival (Oct. 6) and the UIL Marching Contest (Oct. 20). The jazz band will be performing at the Lions Club Carnival on Oct. 6.

The Boling FFA Chapter has began the year off well. With over a hundred FFA members and 60 Jr. FFA members, the chapter is looking forward to another great year. The first Jr. FFA Meeting was held on September 4, 2007, where we had many new faces in the crowd. The first FFA meeting will be held on September 13th at 7:30 a.m. in the Ag. Shop. Upcoming events include the State Fair of Texas where Boling FFA and Jr. FFA students will participate in the Market goat and breeding heifer show.

2007-2008 Student Council Officers are Kelli Ermis - President, Haley Hubenak - Vice President, Kelsey Stolle - Secretary, Hannah Krenek - Treasurer, and Kacie Kahanek - Reporter. Student Council members came up on teacher workdays and worked hard helping the teachers prepare for the first day of school. The student council put together a Welcome Wagon with refreshments in it and went around to all the teachers welcoming them back to school. On the first day of school, the student council hosted the first day assembly. Haley Hubenak led the student body in the pledge, Kelli Ermis welcomed each class, and Kelsey Stolle introduced our faculty for the new school year. The program was turned over to Mr. Jedlicka and he gave his speech about his expectations for the year.

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This year Student Council is having a club project for the year. They are promoting everyone to go GREEN. Recycling, Saving on Energy, Picking up Trash, and saving our Environment. Everyone please do your part and Go GREEN. The Student Council hosted Parent Night on Friday, August 31st. We had 57 students participate.

The FCCLA officers volunteered their time before school started to get the year started off on the right foot. They met and planned the dates of all the activities for the year. They also decorated the hallway's bulletin board and made cupcakes for the Freshman Orientation. This year's officers are: Aracely Orozco - President; Joaquin Arroyo - VP of Projects; Ebony Ashley - VP of Membership; Shelby Spears - Secretary; Jessica Marak - Treasurer; Jessica Moore - Reporter; Marlaja Evans - Historian; and Davariel White - Parliamentarian.

The Speech club hosted the 27AA and the 24AAA district academic and one act play planning meetings on August 28. They provided refreshments and served as hostesses during the meeting. Officers are Colton Frankum, President; Liana Castro, Vice-President; Megan Morris, Secretary/Treasurer; and Tacie Villarreal, Reporter/Historian.