



# BOLING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Home of the fighting Bulldogs!

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## ENLIGHTENMENT

### From the Board of Directors



#### 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 - 2008-2009 Route and Substitute pay - \$13.00 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)
- 6 - Fingerprinting

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



The Boling ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday January 13, 2009 and took the following actions.

- 1) Held a public hearing to discuss the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Report for 2007 - 2008
- 2) William C. Bednar conducted board training covering student transfers and the grievance process
- 3) Approved the 2007-2008 Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS)
- 4) Extended Superintendent Charles Butcher's contract by one year with an adjustment on the Superintendent's house and pay
- 5) Hired Shannon Permenter on a 16-month probationary contract as Athletic Director

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### Central Office

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](mailto:jkutach@bolingisd.net) **IMMEDIATELY.**



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### The Power of the Written Word

**"With greater confidence in yourself and your abilities, you will set bigger goals, make bigger plans, and commit yourself to achieving objectives that today you only dream about."**

— [Brian Tracy](#): a self-help author and speaker



# Newgulf Elementary School

as reported by Lindsey Voulgaris

Pre-K is excited about Christmas. They have been busy with all their Christmas art work. They have also been practicing their Christmas singing that they will perform for their parents at their Christmas party. The children have been learning about their five senses and really coming along with their learning skills.

The kindergarten classes are preparing for Christmas by creating gifts for their families using their handprints and crafting skills. They are busy working with patterns, geoboards, and beginning to learn about money using pennies and dimes.

First grade students have had a great month. They were very excited about getting to go to the AR Christmas store. For these students, this is the first time to get to go. It was fun getting to see them all excited about using their money for themselves and others. Students also enjoyed making their Christmas wishes in a letter to Santa. We hope all the parents enjoyed seeing their child's Santa letter in the *Wharton Journal Spectator*.

The second grade students have been busy working on map skills and basic economics in Science and Social Studies. In math, students have been working on subtraction facts. They also have been really working hard on learning to tell time. Students wrote a letter to Santa for the newspaper in Language. They have also been learning about subjects and predicates of a sentence. In reading, students were able to spend their AR points in the school Christmas store the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in December. They purchased a lot of nice items for their family, friends, and themselves. Students also worked really hard in preparing for UIL events in second grade. They did a great job!

Third graders have been busy learning while having fun. In Science and Social Studies classes, the students have created recycled projects, designed traditional and original pottery inspired by Maria Martinez, and have grown pink quartz. In Math class, they have completed fun units on fractions, money and perimeter. In Reading and English classes, all students have been busy reading and writing. Beautiful snowflakes and Christmas trees also fill the Third grade hall.

Monday, December 15, the fifth grade held the 18<sup>th</sup> annual DARE graduation and received certificates of completion for this year's program. Students came into the auditorium wearing their DARE shirts and singing the DARE anthem.

Speakers included Wharton County Sherriff's Department Sgt. Jeff Andrejczak, Newgulf's DARE officer, Sherriff Jess Howell and Mr. Floyd, Principal of Newgulf Elementary. Five Boling High School students, who had served as mentors for the DARE participants, were also present and recognized for their role in this year's program. They include Sarah Hardee, Jacob Copeland, Hannah Krenek, and Haley Hubenak. Skits and songs exemplifying the lessons learned in the program were performed by the students. Certificates were presented by Mr. Floyd, Sherriff Howell, Judge Krenek, Mr. Butcher, and Mrs. Starks.



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This year's DARE Newgulf Essay winner was Melina Moore. She shared her essay with the students, parents and community members who came to the event. Her essay will be on display in the Wharton County Sherriff's office for the next several weeks and has been published in the *Wharton Journal Spectator*. The program ended with a presentation of pictures of the students participating in the DARE activities. A reception followed in the school gym.

In music, 4<sup>th</sup> grade performed their program entitled, "Santa Knows Best." The students dressed as Santa, Mrs. Claus, elves, Christmas children, and beatniks. They did an excellent job. A huge thank you goes to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers for all their help, hard work, and support in making this program a success. Fifth grade is continuing to prepare for their upcoming program.

December was a very busy time for the resource students. Along with all regular activities, students made three Christmas photo ornaments for their trees at home. Writing will take a new twist in January as students start new *notebooks* like Amelia's Notebook as they prepare for the Writing TAKS test. Students are really "getting down to business" with cue cards and strategies as they confidently gear up for TAKS.



## **Iago Junior High School**

as reported by Brenda Sciba

Happy New Year from Iago Junior High! Iago's focus during January is hosting the UIL contests. The speaking events will take place on Thursday, January 29, and all other events on Saturday, January 31. All participants are practicing very hard every day, and staff members and parents are busy planning for the food to be served to students and adults during both contests. Many community businesses are graciously donating items for the events. Thanks to all of you!

Junior high basketball continues, with about four games to go. All teams are still fighting to win games every week. Keep up the good work, teams and coaches.

Semester exams are next week. We will be benchmarking in all TAKS areas. Our students will need lots of sleep next week in order to do their best on all of their tests.

The junior high bands participated in the Christmas concert on December 16. It was very well attended, and everyone enjoyed the beautiful Christmas music.

Student Council is busy planning activities for Valentine's Day and the rest of the year.

Iago cheerleaders were very busy during December with two Christmas parades. They participated in the Wharton and Boling parades. In the Wharton parade, they placed first with their float, and in the Boling parade, they placed second. Congratulations, cheerleaders! They are working on UIL signs right now and planning the UIL pep rally. Our cheerleaders are always extremely involved in promoting spirit at our school, whether it be for sporting events or academics. Thanks to all of you and your sponsors.



# **Boling High School**

as reported by Keith Jedlicka

Student Council along with FFA hosted the Christmas Faculty Luncheon on December 18<sup>th</sup> in the high school library. The student council members brought desserts for the luncheon.

Student Council is hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “January White Give”. The council will be collecting paper goods through the month of January. The paper goods will be donated to the Michael E. Debakey Hospitality House on the grounds of the Veteran’s Hospital in Houston, Texas. Anyone wanting to donate paper goods such as paper plates, paper cups, paper towels, or toilet paper, please bring to the Boling High School Library.

Class favorite elections will be held on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The students will vote during their lunch period. The student council will host this event.

Congratulations to Chris Giesie. Chris place 7<sup>th</sup> in the ATSSB Region band auditions on December 13. The ATSSB All Region Bands will be presenting their concert at Sweeny High School at 6:00 PM on January 24. The members of BHS band are currently preparing for the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest to be held at Edna High School on February 28.

Several students entered art in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The 2009 Houston Rodeo Art Winners are:

## High School

Best of Show – Kaitlyn Melancon  
Gold Medal – Chris Valerio  
Gold Medal – Misael Hernandez

## Junior High

Best of Show – Jesus Gonzalez  
Gold Medal – Karli Seymour

FCCLA members have been busy preparing for STAR Events competition which will be held in February at the regional meeting in Galveston. These events will allow members to showcase their life skills in different areas of competition.

One Act Play auditions were held on Thursday, January 8. Rehearsals for *The Cover of Life* by R. T. Robinson will begin January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. William Hill, author of 10 science fiction/fantasy books, will be coming to BHS on January 27<sup>th</sup>. He’ll first speak to the Library Club about his experiences with publishing and writing. Later in the morning, he’ll present two writing workshops to Boling’s sophomore class.