



ENLIGHTENMENT

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From the Board of Directors

The Boling ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday February 12, 2008 and took the following actions.

- 1) Accountability Report – Hollie Nail, Newgulf Elementary Physical Education teacher – FITNESSGRAM update
- 2) Approved Team of Eight Training Goals
- 3) Approved Localized Policy Manual Update 82
- 4) Approve authorizing the Wharton CAD board of directors to sell real property
- 5) Approve Matagorda County Adjunct Faculty Agreement
- 6) Approve Statement of Impact Amendment from Shekinah Radiance Academy and Southwest Schools
- 7) Approved to extend the contracts for Assistant Superintendent - Wade Stidevent, BHS Principal - Keith Jedlicka, Assistant Principal - Brett Pohler, and NES Principal - Gerald Floyd until 2008-2010
- 8) Approved to extend the contract for IJH Principal - Bryan Blanar until 2008-2010
- 9) Accepted the resignation of Kyle Burns 6/6/08, BHS teacher/coach
- 10) Accepted the resignation of Herb Rouse 2/29/08 , BHS teacher/coach

Benefits of a Bus Driver

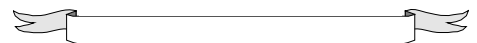
- 1 - CDL Reimbursement
- 2 - TEA/Region 20-hr Training Stipend (Victoria)
- 3 - In-Service/CPR Stipend
- 4 - Medical insurance availability for full time employee
- 5 - Cafeteria 125 and Annuities available for full time employees
- 6 - Extra pay for trips - \$10.00 per hour (Drive and wait time)
-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



Central Office

as reported by Jeanine Kutach

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

*The thing that goes the farthest
Towards making life worth while,
That costs the least and does the most,
Is just a pleasant smile.*



Newgulf Elementary School

as reported by Dawn Arriaga

Pre-Kindergarten - Pre-K has been learning about eating good nutritional foods that enhance the body to be healthy. They learned the importance of friendship that exemplifies the life story of Martin Luther King. They enjoyed making a booklet called "Hand in Hand."

Kindergarten - The kindergartners had fun studying dinosaurs. They made dioramas with meat and plant eating dinosaurs. They are now getting ready to celebrate the 100th day of school. They will construct projects using 100 objects.

First Grade - First grade really enjoyed the fifth grade program, RATS! They are working hard getting ready for their program at the end of February. First grade is also busy taking middle of the year Compensatory and TPRI tests.

Second Grade - In Mrs. Wallace's second grade science class they just finished discussing fossils. They learned many things about plants and animals of long ago. In social studies they are starting on the three branches of government. The students have also been getting DARE lessons weekly from Officer Bill on the importance of safety, calling 911, saying no to drugs, not talking to strangers, and how to handle anger. Mrs. Guin's class has been working hard on learning cursive handwriting since coming back from the holidays. Mrs. Rolf's reading class has been doing their TPRI testing. Mrs. Arriaga's math class has been studying their subtraction facts so they can make the perfect score on their fact tests.

Third grade - Third graders have been studying verbs and planning a story using the webbing process. In science class they are studying food chains and food webs. In social studies class they are studying different types of communities.

Fourth Grade - Fourth graders in Mrs. Kulak's group 1 math class worked hard putting together three-dimensional projects. In reading, the students are leading the whole school in earning the most AR points. All of the fourth grade classes took a writing Benchmark test on January 9th. This was to better prepare them for the "real deal" on March 5th. In science, they have been practicing their measurement skills. They used triple beam balance scales and balance scales to measure and compare mass in grams. They measured themselves in order to practice measuring length in centimeters. Also, the students practiced measuring volume and capacity by combining different measured amounts of colored water in which they had to name the new color created.

Fifth Grade - Fifth grade students have been writing explanatory papers and doing "how-to" presentations for their classmates. Reading mid-year tests are underway. In science, they have been practicing being "Paleontologists." Fossils (shells, acorns, sticks, leaves, etc.) were buried in sedimentary rock (mud). After drying, the layers were dug into with toothpicks and brushes. Records were made of the order in which the objects were uncovered. This was compared to the order in which they were originally placed in the layers. The concept of oldest to youngest (bottom to top) was discussed. The students expressed a bit more understanding of why scientists study fossils. Students also conducted a classroom experiment to answer the question: In which environment will crystals grow the fastest and in which will the crystals be the largest? The environments were: air-conditioned, humid, strong air currents, no air currents, coldness, darkness, and extra warmth. The results were eye-opening for all!

Resource Room - The resource room is a busy place. Everyone is exercising their brains. "Twins and friends" words are fun to learn about. A "Head Full of Numbers" is a new math game students enjoy while practicing TAKS skills. Stone Fox is the new reading story for some of the students. They have also been busy on the internet looking up information to write stories about the Iditarod or other dog sled races.



Newgulf Elementary School

as reported by Dawn Arriaga

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VALENTINES In math, one group has been making three dimensional figures while another group is having fun measuring and weighing everything in the classroom and at home. We continue to play the piano and sing our spelling words. We are all excited about the upcoming TAKS test and are enjoying exercising our brains as we prepare for it.

Music - In music the 5th grade performed their music program on January 25th. The program was entitled "Rats! The Story of the Pied Piper." The students did a wonderful job with their parts and the costumes were great. A huge thanks goes to the 5th grade teachers and Mrs. Zepeda for all their help and hard work. Fourth graders have been learning how to play recorders. The second and third grades have been using their music books and learning the various notes. Kindergarten and first grade have been learning to sing the songs for their upcoming programs.

PE- Fitness exercises have been the focus in P.E. this month. Students in grades 3-5 have been practicing for the FITNESSGRAM test that will be administered after Spring Break. FITNESSGRAM assessments on all students in grades 3-12 are being required by the TEA as a result of Senate Bill 530 in the 80th Legislative Session. Students in grades Pre-K-5 have been collecting money for the American Diabetes Association and will "Walk for Diabetes" on February 8th to promote exercise as a means to prevent and fight diseases like diabetes.



Iago Junior High School

as reported by Brenda Sciba

Iago 8th graders are district champions in basketball! They have played hard all year to achieve this honor. We are very proud of them! Congratulations coaches and boys!

On February 2, 2008 the Iago Junior High students competed in the 27-AA district UIL contest. The student and faculty had been working on preparing for this competition since mid-November. The hard work finally paid off. Individual students should be proud of the numerous medals and ribbons that were brought back to Iago.

The writing events, which include Editorial Writing and Ready Writing, were held on January 25th. Brenda Humberson is the writing sponsor. In 7th grade Ready Writing Adrianna Grant took 2nd place and Alyssa Guerra placed 5th. Tierney Steiner placed 5th in 8th grade Editorial Writing.

All speech events took place, at Iago, on January 31st. These events included Oral Reading, Modern Oratory, and Impromptu Speaking.

Brenda Sciba sponsors the Oral Reading events. In 6th grade Oral Reading Hannah Kulak placed 4th and Sheigh Thompson placed 5th. The 7th/8th grade Oral Reading results were Charles Moore 1st place, Jake Merecka 3rd place, and Katy Sheahan 6th place.

Anne McCain is the sponsor for Modern Oratory and Impromptu Speaking. In Modern Oratory Taylor Mangum placed 1st, Abby Herndon 3rd, and Devynn Nash 6th. Impromptu results were Angela Granados 5th place.

Calculator Applications is coached by Bobbie Peter. In 6th grade Caleb Winkenwerder was 1st and in 8th grade Ashley Jessen placed 1st and Jesse Puckett placed 5th.

Donna Kubesch is the coach for Spelling. The 6th grade spelling students were Spencer Gutierrez with 2nd place, Cynthia Duarte with 4th place and Kristen Hanka in 5th place. Roxanne Gangstad place 4th in 8th grade Spelling.

Janice Raska coaches Science I and Science II. Nick Abbott and Kevin Zimmerman tied for 6th place, in Science I. Lance Hlavinka placed 2nd, Elton Kulak placed 4th, and Ryan Pinson placed 6th, in Science II.

Anne McCain coaches the Maps, Graphs and Charts teams. In 6th grade, Jonathon Martinez placed 4th, in 7th grade Gabe Sharkody placed 4th and Ricky Salinas placed 6th, and in 8th grade Bobby Llanas placed 3rd and Michael Mendoza placed 5th.

Gay Joines is the Art Sponsor. 6th grade Art placed Erin Torres 2nd, Jessica Taylor 5th and Kyla Lockley 6th. The 7th grade Art placed Eric Gooden 2nd, LaKeyia Murray 3rd, Ashley Parker 4th, and Riley Riojas 6th. The 8th grade Art placed Emily Cheney 2nd, Brittany Clifton 3rd, and Erin Hollis 5th.

Rolando Cantu coaches Music Memory, which is only a 6th grade event. Nick Rodriquez placed 6th.

Carol Simpson is the sponsor for Listening Skills. The 6th grade listening skills place Irving Olvera 1st and Chrystal Cortez 3rd. The 7th grade placed Ebony Jackson 6th. The 8th grade placed Tony Villarreal 1st and Emma Sparkman 3rd.



Lago Junior High School

as reported by Brenda Sciba

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Dana Kulak sponsors the number sense event. In 6th grade Joey Gmitter placed 1st and Dillon Baumgarten 6th. The 7th grade placed Alex Arriaga 3rd. 8th grade placed Rebekkah Rowland 5th and Jenny Pospisil 6th.

Holly Wittig sponsors Mathematics. Kindra Hlavinka placed 3rd in 6th grade. Will Volgaris place 3rd and Rosie Tacam placed 6th in 8th grade.

Anne McCain is the sponsor for Social Studies. Caleb Frankum placed 3rd in 6th grade.

Kristye Jessen is the sponsor for Dictionary Skills. Kirsten Miller placed 4th, in 6th grade. Daniel Simmons and Zac Hession placed 5th in 7th grade.



Boling High School

as reported by Linda Alderson

BHS hosted district cross examination debate for 27AA and 25AAA on Saturday, February 9th. The BHS students won their tenth consecutive district cx debate championships by defeating teams from Brazos. State qualifiers include the first place team of Colton Frankum and Liana Castro and the second place team of Cheyenne Price and Stephen Winkenwerder. Amadeus Fuentes and Kenny Garza placed fourth and serve as second alternates to state cx. State is held at the University of Texas on March 9-11. They are coached by Linda L. Alderson and Anne McCain.

On February 1st several of the BHS band members participated in Music Region 13 UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest. The students did very well. Students earning a first division rating on their solos were A. J. Fellers, Chris Giesie, Cristina Hinojosa, Jordan Pinson, Angela Valdez and Kaitlynn Wittig. The percussion ensemble also earned a first division rating. The ensemble members were Kevin Ferrell, Cristina Hinojosa, Chris Hlavinka, Ashton Kalina, Simon Mendoza, Jordan Pinson, Carson Quave and Xzavier Sims. Congratulations for representing BHS so well! The band is now preparing for the next event, the UIL Concert/Sight-reading Contest, to be held on March 12th at Industrial High School.

FCCLA students are preparing for Star Events for the regional competition this week.

Academic students are preparing for the Needville Academic Meet on February 16th. Sponsors and students are working hard in preparation for the UIL meet on March 28th.

Student Council presented the Board of Trustees with a certificate and a shirt for School Board Appreciation at the last scheduled board meeting on January 8th. Officers and sponsor in attendance were: Kelli Ermis, Haley Hubenak, Kelsey Stolle, Kacie Kahanek, Hannah Krenek and Patti Hubenak. Student Council hosted their first "January White Give" drive during the month of January. The student council invited students and faculty to donate any paper goods such as paper cups, paper plates, napkins, and paper towels to the drive. These items will be donated to the Michael E. Debakey Hospitality House located on the grounds of the Veterans Hospital in Houston. Student Council donated money to sponsor Judy Womack in the Run for Reason at the Houston Marathon. Student Council donated money to Habitat for Humanity. The fourth Habitat House will be built in Boling starting in the fall of 2008. The family receiving the home will be the Greling Matthews Family. Student Council is planning on helping with the building of the home next school year.

The Boling FFA just wrapped up competition at the Southwestern Livestock Exhibition in Ft. Worth, TX. The Chapter once again had a successful trip and brought home numerous awards during the Jr. Heifer Shows from January 17-21. Brooke Wallace exhibited a Jersey dairy heifer that placed 4th in its class. Brooke also showed a Santa Gertrudis Heifer that placed 7th in the Jr. Breeding Heifer show and Brett Wallace took 2nd place in class honors with his Santa Gertrudis heifer. Cody Atkinson won top honors of the week by placing 1st in his class with his Red Angus heifer and took home Sr. Calf Champion Division honors. Congratulations to these young exhibitors and good luck in San Antonio.