

Back to School Message

The Boling Independent School District administration, teachers, and support staff have spent much of the summer preparing for another school year filled with opportunities and challenges for every student. I welcome everyone back to the 2017-2018 school year.

To begin this new school year, I acknowledge the importance of individual, parental, and community relationships. I truly believe the continued success of this school district is based on the value our community places on the ability for our students to feel connected and safe. We recognize that with every student interaction is an opportunity to inspire, encourage, and stimulate. We embrace the concept that students who experience a sense of community and well-being are more confident and perform at higher levels.

I invite our community to get involved by volunteering at the campuses, attending school activities, and visiting our campuses during Open House, Meet-The-Teacher functions, Assemblies, Programs, etc. Newgulf Elementary School will host a "Meet The Teacher Night" on Thursday, August 24th from 5:30-7:00 p.m., and our Open House activities are scheduled on September 18th at Boling High School, September 19th at Iago Junior High, and October 12th at Newgulf Elementary (all from 6:00-7:30 p.m.).

We have several new teachers that will join a talented and experienced group of educators, and we are excited to welcome Abby Alexander, Caleb Berry, Ashleigh Burnside, Michelle Engrav, Amanda Hecox, Allison Hubenak, Kevin Kelly, Shane Lothman, Michael Lynch, Christina MacDonald, Holly Martinez, Candice Mills, Robert Robinson, Bonnie Sharp, Carman Tanner, and Michelle West to our team. We are very much appreciative of our personnel, and the BISD Board of Trustees plan to provide every Boling ISD employee with a \$1,000 Retention Incentive again this year, payable in December.

Regarding facilities, our custodial and maintenance departments have done a fantastic job reconditioning our classrooms and campuses. We are also proud of our new Track & Field Facility, a new Awning System at Newgulf Elementary, Districtwide sidewalk projects, and a new school bus that was recently added to our fleet. Everyone is also excited about the possibility of building a new Classroom/Office addition at Iago Junior High. The BISD Board of Trustees has approved for a facilities professional and architect to research the project, plan to consider the Design Development Phase in the near future, and will make a final decision after the procurement process is completed during the Fall.

Classes will begin on Monday, August 28, 2017 and conclude on Thursday, May 31, 2018, with graduation scheduled for Friday, June 1, 2018. Major holidays include a full week at Thanksgiving, two weeks for Christmas Break (December 20th-January 2nd), and a full week during Spring Break (week of March 12th).

Just a reminder that the parent drop-off area at Iago Junior High can become very congested during the "Back to School" phase due to increased participation at the beginning of the school year. To help alleviate this problem, and to avoid delays during pending construction throughout the year, we sincerely ask that parents/guardians not drop off their children at the Iago Junior High Campus until after 7:15 a.m. in the mornings (after the early bus routes) unless it is absolutely necessary. We appreciate your cooperation with this request.

To all families, we appreciate your continued support, and for allowing us to work with the children of our community. Our administrators, teachers, staff, and Board of Trustees are devoted, and work collaboratively in the best interest of our students. If we continue to work together, we will make this another outstanding year!