

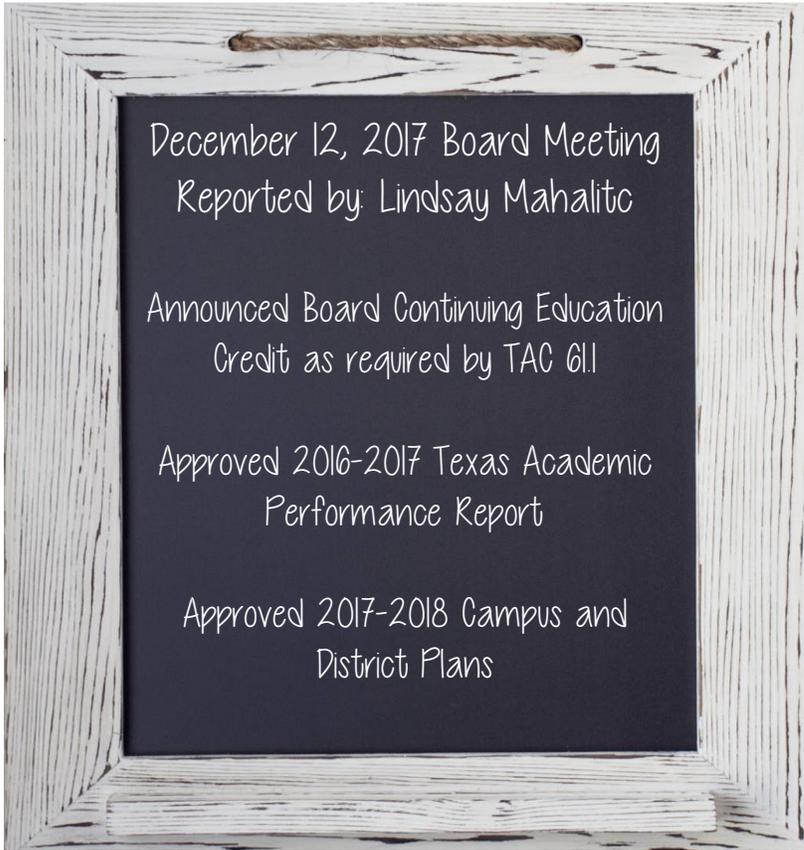


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BOLING HIGH SCHOOL

Reported by: BHS Staff

BHS STUDENT COUNCIL AND NHS

Student Council would like to congratulate Mrs. Llanas' first period class on winning the food drive contest. They will receive a pizza party for bringing the most food items. Food was donated to Crossover Community Fellowship in Boling and used to make turkey baskets for local families. Student Council and NHS volunteered at Elm Croft Assisted Living on November 19th. Students served beverages, dinner, and desserts to residents and their guests. The students had a wonderful time and enjoyed visiting with the residents and their families. Student Council and NHS hosted their annual Toy Drive during the first week of December. There was a competition between 1st period classes to see who could bring the most toys. Congratulations to the Mrs. Barron's class! They will receive a hot cocoa party. Thank you to those who participated and bought toys. Toys were donated to Newgulf Elementary.

BHS FFA

We are so very proud of the accomplishments our FFA chapter has received so far. Towards the end of November, our students competed in the Area III LDE (leadership development event) contest in Brenham, TX. In order for the students to go to area they have to place 1st or 2nd in their event at the district level. We had five teams advance to area. Agricultural Advocacy (Olivia Makofski, Emily Gmitter, Preston Miller, Yatziri Ramirez and Madison Spacek) placed 1st in district and 4th at area. Greenhand Chapter Conducting (Shannon Dube, Gracie Bosch, Allison Ezell, Tom Elliot, Nathan Rowland, Rachel Wittig, Krista Wittig, and Kaylynn Macek) placed 2nd in district and 4th at area. Greenhand Skill Demonstration (Jacob Kalina, Blake Savage, and Colby Chilek) placed 2nd at district and 7th at area. Public Relations (Madison Floyd, Samantha Kalmus, Allison Jedlicka, and Gabbie Svatek) placed 2nd at district and 5th at area. And our Senior Chapter Conducting team (Haley Gavranovic, Madison Floyd, Roxanne Pittman, Laelah Bickham, Allison Jedlicka, Gabbie Svatek, Aryan Bhatka, Preston Miller, and Jacob Razor) placed 1st at district and 4th at area. We are very proud of how well our students performed at the area level! They worked long and hard to get that far. Way to go Bulldogs!

The Boling FFA officers hosted the annual Boling FFA Christmas party December 5th in the Ag shop. It was full of fun and laughter as we played "switch, steal, and unwrap". It's very similar to the white elephant gift exchange, but it kept all of the students involved and they seemed to really enjoy it. After the gift exchange we all sat down together for a bite to eat and had a merry time!

We are currently prepping and getting ready for a busy, exciting spring semester. The Boling FFA chapter would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

BHS POWER SET

The Power Set induction ceremony and dinner was held on December 7th at the BHS Cafeteria. Principal Keith Jedlicka gave the keynote address and dinner was served. The ladies received the signature pearls and become official members of the program. The officers are currently working on t-shirt designs, contacting Baylor and Texas A&M Universities to plan a visit in January, and are planning a trip as part of their industry visit for this month.



*Power Set Inductees and
Keynote Speaker Principal Jedlicka
(Photos: Courtesy of Glenda Floyd)*

POWER SET officers were elected in the last meeting with the following results:

President: Laelah Bickham

Vice President: Allison Jedlicka

Secretary/Reporter: Ashleigh Sulak

Student Advisor: Esmeralda Olvera

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BHS ART GUILD

BHS Art Guild held a door decorating contest for the Christmas season. Teachers and students really outdid themselves and it was quite a competitive event!

Mrs. Wallace's AP Chemistry class won with a chemistry/gingerbread themed 3D door that was very elaborate. Ms. Hecox's first period floral Ag class came in second with a "Floral Express" theme that had a track that led to the classroom, where a train with lights and music welcomed guests. There was a tie for third place between Mrs. Barron's Family & Community Service first period class and Mrs. Jacoby's AP Biology first period class. Honorable Mention went to Ms. Hickey, Mrs. Rowland, Mr. Krasucky and Mrs. Engrav. The door with the most Bulldog Spirit went to coach Vega's first period class.

Faculty who did not have students were also judged for their decorating prowess. Mrs. Salas came in first place, Ms. Burnside & Mrs. Burger came in second, Mrs. Lothman coming in third. Mr. Baca's door received an honorable mention award.

BHS JUNIOR CLASS

The junior class held a bake sale the Saturday before Thanksgiving to earn money for prom. They are now selling Candy-cane-o-grams that will be delivered on the 18th.

BHS BAND

On Saturday December 9, members of the BHS Band participated in the ATSSB All-Region auditions. Jacob Razor placed 5th chair trumpet in concert band, Araceli Hernandez-5th chair clarinet in concert band, Elizabeth Jeffery-10 chair flute in symphonic band, and Adrianna Botello 5th chair clarinet in symphonic. Araceli, Adrianna, and Elizabeth qualified for area and will go to auditions for all state in January. Congratulations to these students and all those who auditioned for their dedication and achievement!

BHS FCCLA

FCCLA members volunteered at two local nursing homes where they helped bring some holiday cheer. They helped decorate for Christmas, passed out candy canes to all of the residents, and sang Carols to get everyone in the Christmas spirit. They also held their BBQ Burger fundraiser. We would like to thank everyone that purchased tickets to help make this fundraiser successful.

PLCC Teachers have been busy helping the children prepare for their Christmas open house. They have been teaching the children Christmas Carols and decorating their classroom for the holidays.

BHS SPEECH AND DEBATE

Early in November, students from BHS participated in UIL District Congress competition at El Campo High School. Yatziri Ramirez and Jackson Gray competed in the preliminary round but did not advance to finals. Katie Gubbels and Aaron Hernandez advanced to finals and Aaron placed 3rd in the district and will advance to the State competition in January. On December 1st and 2nd, members of the BHS Speech and Debate team competed at the Lee Polk Invitational Tournament at Bay City High School. Due to Harvey, this was our first tournament of the year and the kids did quite well considering. Several students, including some novices, advanced to semifinal rounds but the only students who advanced to finals were Jerry Ramirez in TV Commercial and Aaron Hernandez in Congress, Poetry, and Prose. The following weekend, nine members attended the Van Vleck Speech Tournament on December 9th. Several students advanced to final rounds with Tristan Downey placing 5th in Informative Extemp, Jackson Gray placing 6th in Poetry, Tylea Medders placing 4th in Poetry, Rhea Bhakta placing 5th in Persuasive Extemp and 5th in Lincoln Douglas Debate, and Aaron Hernandez placing 4th in Lincoln Douglas Debate, 3rd in Informative Extemp, 2nd in Poetry, and 1st in Prose.

BHS ATHLETICS

The Girl's Varsity Basketball team is now 10-3 and off to a good start. They are currently ranked 21st in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Dec. 4th weekly poll.

In Boy's Varsity Football, the Boling Bulldogs will face the Newton Eagles on December 15th in the State Semifinal Playoff Game in Porter, Texas at Texan Drive Stadium (New Caney ISD) in the AAA Division II Conference. Good luck bulldogs!

IAGO JUNIOR HIGH

Reported by: Sarah Harborth

IJH Students have been busy preparing for upcoming U.I.L. Academic contests. Editorial and Ready Writing contests will take place on January 22nd. On January 23rd, Oral Reading, Impromptu Speaking, and Modern Oratory participants will travel to Industrial for the Speech Contest. All other academic contests will be held in Industrial on January 24th. All participants are eligible to attend the U.I.L. Dance. If 6th grade or 7th and 8th grades win first, they will be treated to a picnic in May.

Mrs. Wilkins has been working with our 8th graders on their high school graduation plans. Students started with Texasrealitycheck.com where they discovered (much to their surprise) how much living expenses will be and how much they will need to earn to pay for them. The site starts off with a Lifestyle Calculator that walks them through expenses they will incur each month. Students decide how much to spend on their lifestyle. Then the site determines minimum salary needs and students can explore occupations that earn the salary they need. Another site that was utilized was texasgearup.com. Students took a quiz to find out what they're good at and what they love to do. Then the site matched them to careers and suggested what classes they should take to start on the path to a perfect job.

The Iago Jr. High Student Council held their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive November 6th -15th. Non-perishable items were collected and the class with the most cans received a pizza party. Our students were extremely generous this year and collected 2,100 cans! The food was given to Iago Federated Church and the Church of Jesus Christ in Boling where church members made food baskets for area families. By the way, Coach West's class won the contest with 496 cans. Mrs. Guess, Mrs. Harborth, and Coach Reyes' classes tied for 2nd with 250 cans each.

Our Student Council will travel to the nursing home in Wharton to spread some holiday cheer on Monday, December 18th.

NEWGULF ELEMENTARY

Reported by: Cathy Schoenfield

Pre-Kindergarten students are putting the finishing touches on their first names by writing them on a three ruled line. Students have learned eight letters and sounds. They can identify pictures that begin with each letter. Our food Unit consisted of table manners, healthy foods to eat and learning about a place setting at the table. The classes have learned to sort foods for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. This came in handy during the Thanksgiving Holidays. The classes will be making pretzels after reading the book called "The Baker". The story discusses ingredients and how to make a pretzel. The students are also using ordinal numbers to put items in the correct order. They are also getting ready for Christmas by making art projects to take home. The students are looking forward to Santa coming to see them at Christmas.

Kindergarten November was fast and furious. We learned all about Veteran's Day and presented a patriotic poem for the Veteran's Day Program. We learned about the First Thanksgiving and time lines in Social Studies. We have learned our numbers to 16 and are working hard on counting. Reading is getting exciting as the children are learning more and more words along with reading sentences. The students are now looking forward to Christmas which will be here before they know it.

First Grade has been working hard all year so far to earn AR points from their library books. Recently we had our annual book fair and students were able to reward themselves with some goodies using their points they have received. Several students opted to keep all of their points to use in the Christmas Store next week. First grade participated in our Veteran's Day Program. Students held up signs and talked about the different symbols of our country. The students also united with the rest of Newgulf Elementary to pay tribute to our Veterans by singing great songs. We have been working hard in math and science finishing up units on Addition and Subtraction Strategies and Matter.

Second grade Mrs. Stolle's and Mrs. Prochaska's classes are learning how to subtract with no regrouping. They are also working hard on their subtraction and addition timed facts. They are incorporating Math with a Social Studies lesson on need and wants and spending, saving and subtracting money. In Social Studies, they are learning about the Earth around us, continents and oceans and different landforms on the Earth. Mrs. Guin and Mrs. Rolf's ELA classes have been busy working on main idea and summary. We also have started cursive and the students are doing a wonderful job. They have been busy reading AR books to have lots of points to spend at the AR Christmas store this year. In Language the students have been working on possessive nouns.

Third grade Science will be focusing on force and motion. In lab the students will use magnets and a pulley system to explore force and motion. They will be able to demonstrate how position and motion can be changed by pushing and pulling objects to show work being done. In Social Studies, the students will be focusing on good citizens and good deeds. The students will describe the rights and responsibilities of citizens. They will be able to demonstrate positive citizenship in school and their community. The students will then be able to identify rules and laws and what happens when they are not followed. They have decked the halls with garlands of beautiful glittery ornaments and dancing snowflakes hung from the ceiling. It is like walking in a winter wonderland filled with Christmas spirit. Also, they worked on cause and effect, theme, and drawing a conclusion. They are reading in a variety of texts sharpening their deductive skills. Students are earning their AR points. All students have new reading point requirements and higher levels and look forward to the new array of interesting books available to them. ELA students have learned about letter writing. They wrote a thank you letter to Mrs. Walenta thanking her for organizing the amazing field trip. They incorporated all the parts of the letter in the assignment. Mrs. Walenta wrote them back. It was a fun learning time. Students have also learned about action verbs and put them in their journals. They also have enjoyed playing a verb game with colorful balls.

Fourth grade Social Studies students are studying European exploration of Texas and the Western Hemisphere. They made a foldable pyramid representing the motivations for European exploration and settlement which included desire for expansion, completion, and economic opportunity. Fourth grade ELA is working on Verb Tense, Subject Verb Agreement, Linking and Helping Verbs, Spelling Patterns, and Expository Writing. After a wonderful Thanksgiving break, math classes have started the third six weeks with multiplying two digit numbers. We learned how to multiply using area models and by using the standard algorithm. We have also learned how to add and subtract decimals. We are adding more to our math journals each week and continue to work on our multiplication facts. Reading classes have been working on comprehension strategies and skills. We have been focusing on cause and effect, sequencing, and inferencing. The students are enjoying their interactive notebook activities to help strengthen skills.

Fifth grade Reading has been so much fun! We have studied fairy tales, fables, myths and other various folktales. Students got to listen to the different versions of "The Night Before Christmas" in different cultures. We also practiced our knowledge of 1st and 3rd person using Christmas Carols. In Math, we are wrapping up area and perimeter and revisiting division. We have already learned how to divide with a one digit divisor, now we are introducing dividing with a 2 digit divisor. English classes opened their hearts as they wrote some amazing papers about Veterans Day this year! All students did a wonderful job. Social Studies classes have enjoyed studying the westward movement of the early pioneers. The Oregon Trail has been their main focus as we move through our studies. In Science, students have been hard at work learning about Fossil Fuels, Land Formations, and Renewable resources.

Music has been very busy this month. We enjoyed time to honor our Veterans. We also enjoyed the 5th grade program entitled "Jukebox Time Machine."

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PE We have practicing pacer and our exercises for the upcoming Fitnessgram in February. Our Roadrunners have continued to stay strong and leaders have begun to emerge in each grade level. We have been enjoying playing games and look forward to the upcoming holidays.