

# Boling ISD Enlightenment



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February 10, 2015 Board Meeting  
Reported by: Lindsay Mahalitc

Scheduled Team of 8 Training for Tuesday,  
June 30, 2015

Approved Bandwidth Upgrade Project

Approved updated East Wharton County Coop Shared  
Service Arrangement Agreement

Approved to update Local Policy BE

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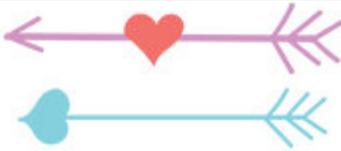
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## Reminder

Please make sure and double check your withholding amounts. You can complete a new IRS Form W-4 at any time during the year and send it to Jeanine Kutach.



## **BOLING HIGH SCHOOL**

**Reported by: BHS Staff**



### **BHS FCCLA**

FCCLA members promoted safe driving the week of February 2-6. The week consisted of having students complete a survey about the dangers of driving, a seat belt check before school, passing out Teens in the Driver Seat items at a home basketball game, and putting flyers with driving tips on the cars in the student parking lot.

FCCLA members have been taking orders for the Valentine Cookie fundraiser. Members are excited to begin baking and decorating cookies.

FCCLA members put on a fashion show for the junior and senior girls to promote Project Cinderella which provides dresses for girls attending prom.

### **BHS FFA**

The Boling FFA has been extremely impressed with the many achievements that have taken place lately! Three FFA members recently traveled to the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo to show their breeding beef heifers. Jared Lopez placed 5<sup>th</sup> in his class with his Red Brangus heifer. Jr FFA member, Camille Burns, placed 4<sup>th</sup> in her class with her Brangus heifer, and senior, Makayla Hobbs, exhibited a Charolais heifer and was 5<sup>th</sup> in class. Congratulations to all three Boling FFA members who exhibited livestock animals at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

Boling FFA members have also been very busy this month with Career Development Events (CDE's) traveling all over the state, and participating in different judging contests. CDE's motivate members to put their knowledge into practice. These contests are designed to help a member prepare for a career in agriculture by testing and challenging the student's technical, leadership and teamwork skills as well as their knowledge of the subject matter.

The Livestock Judging Team went to the Nueces County Livestock Judging Contest on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and successfully placed 11<sup>th</sup> as a team. Team members included: Kaylor Rolf, Claire Winkenwerder, Zachary Zepeda, Nathan Gates, Roxanne Pittman, and Gabbie Svatek. On January 24<sup>th</sup>, the Livestock Judging Team also attended The Cibolo Creek FFA Invitational Judging Contest along with the Floriculture team. The Livestock Judging Team placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall and team members consisted of: Nathan Gates, Heath Kulak, Roxanne Pittman, Kaylor Rolf, Gabbie Svatek, Zachary Zepeda (2<sup>nd</sup> high individual), and Caroline Gavranovic. Floriculture members included: Jordan Spacek (19<sup>th</sup> high individual), Amber Woytek, and Sarah Lynch, and they placed 9<sup>th</sup> overall. The Katy FFA Invitational CDE Contest was held on January 29<sup>th</sup> in Katy, Texas. The Floriculture team placed 9<sup>th</sup> and Livestock Judging Team placed 16<sup>th</sup> overall at this event. Livestock judging members included: Caroline Gavranovic, Heath Kulak, Roxanne Pittman, Adrian Celedon, Kaylor Rolf, Gabbie Svatek, Claire Winkenwerder, and Zachary Zepeda. Floriculture team members: Jordan Spacek, Emili Story, Amber Woytek, Sarah Lynch, and Hannah Merecka. The last judging contest that the Boling FFA Chapter attended for the month of January was the Walter Gerlach Livestock Judging Contest on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The following FFA members participated: Heath Kulak (16<sup>th</sup> high individual), Kaylor Rolf, Zachary Zepeda, Caroline Gavranovic, Roxanne Pittman, Gabbie Svatek, and Claire Winkenwerder. The Boling FFA is very proud of each and every individual for all of their hard work that they have put into their CDE events. Congratulations and good luck at your future contests.

The Boling Fair Fund will be held on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Boling Community Center. The Social begins at 4:00pm. The BBQ Dinner will be served from 5:00-8:00pm. The Auction will start at 6:30pm, and the dance will start at 9:00pm and end at midnight. Meal tickets are \$8.00 per person. If you wish to purchase any raffle or meal tickets, please let a Jr. FFA or FFA member know, or contact the Ag Department at 979-657-2672.

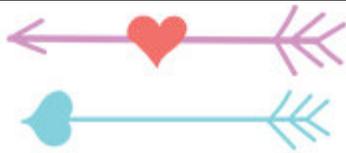
### **BHS BAND**

On Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, members of the Boling HS Band participated in the UIL Music Region 13 Solo and Ensemble Competition. In the ensemble category, all four ensembles earned a division 1 rating and qualified for the state contest in May. These include: flute trio (Gabby Alcala, Megan Chumchal and Nycole Whetstein); flute quartet (Samantha Flores, Elizabeth Merecka, Kassandra Munoz and Nycole Whetstein); clarinet quartet (Aubrey Alcala, Leslie Gonzalez, Maria Gonzalez, and Kaitlyn Villasana); saxophone quartet (Jessica Boerger, Mia Hernandez, Nick Dube and Jack Wilkins). In the solo category Miles Tolbert earned a division 2 rating. Leslie Gonzalez, Maya Hernandez, Kaylin Meek, Elena Silva, Bianca Camacho, and Mia Hernandez earned division 1 ratings. Tyler Wittig earned division 1 ratings performing 2 solos on two different instruments. Bianca, Tyler, Mia, and Kaylin are advancing to the state competition in May. Congratulations to these students for their hard work and fine performances.

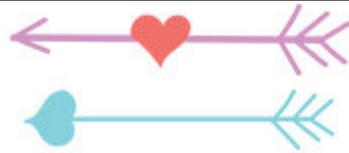
### **BHS STUDENT COUNCIL and NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Student Council hosted Energy and Environment Awareness Week from January 26-30. Students were encouraged to wear different colors each day to represent an energy source. Signs were placed around the campus to promote energy saving. Other activities included trash clean up, reminders for tire pressure and oil checks on campus vehicles, and recycling. They also hosted a recycling poster contest. There was also an aluminum can tab recycling contest between grade levels. Congratulations to 11<sup>th</sup> grade!

Student Council will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> blood drive of the year on February 18, 2015 in the Homemaking Building from 8:00 to 2:30. Please donate and save 3 lives.



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**BHS LIBRARY CLUB**

The BHS Library Club just hosted author, Kevin Tumlinson, at their January meeting. Mr. Tumlinson spoke on ideas for getting started writing and getting published as well as the pros and cons of being indie published (independently published) vs. publishing-house published. Fun and informative – we all enjoyed having him! Books have just been ordered for our annual service project at Newgulf Elementary School. Last year the Library Club donated books for all students in Kindergarten and First grade. This year we will do the same, but also include the students in Second grade.

BE MINE

IAGO JUNIOR HIGH  
Reported by: Sarah Harborth

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February will be a busy month for the Iago Jr. High STUCO. They are having Valentine Day Sales starting February 5-14. Members are selling cards with heart shaped suckers. All gifts will be delivered Valentine's Day. Every time a student purchases an item, their name is entered in a drawing for a huge, stuffed, snuggly Valentine dog.

January 16<sup>th</sup> was the annual UIL dance sponsored by Student Council. The theme this year was "Under the Stars" and the gym was decorated with many, many stars and a groovy disco ball. Pizza, snacks, and drinks were provided along with music. Students had a blast dancing, singing, and hanging out with friends. The best part? All students were picked up by 9:10p.m.! Thank you, parents, for being so punctual.

Iago Jr. High has started an after school tutorial program. We offer tutorials for each STAAR subject Monday through Thursday. Attendance has been great and students are appreciative of the extra help they are getting from our talented teachers.



## NEWGULF ELEMENTARY

Reported by: Sherry Shelton



### PE

In PE, we have started our Fitnessgram testing and hope to finish by the end of February. The students will be collecting money for the American Diabetes Association and we will have our annual Walk for Diabetes on March 5. Roadrunners are still going strong and the students are earning new symbols each time they run.

### Music

Music has had a very exciting month! Second grade put on a great performance of "Big Big World." Kindergarten and first grade have begun to work on their programs as well: Fourth and fifth grades are beginning recorders for the year.

### Resources

Back from the break the kids were eager to tell me how their Christmas went. The month of January has flown by us again and we just finished up 6 weeks test. We have been working on measurement and I think everything in the room has a label with a measurement on it. Everyone is ready for perimeter and area!

### Pre-K

Pre-K has been continuing with letters, numbers, colors, and shapes. They are also learning directional and positional concepts. We have been teaching new nursery rhymes and rhyming words. The children have also been busy with patterns and winter artwork.

### Kindergarten

We have been studying the letters H, D, and R. We are continuing to learn new sounds and words on a daily basis. We already can read over a hundred words, and are creating sentences to describe pictures. Science has taught us about Natural Resources such as water and rocks. We had fun sorting rocks by texture, shape, and color. In math, we are learning problem solving with addition and subtraction problems using pictures. We are also doing hands on Algebra with one more, one less and sums up to numbers. We learned about Martin Luther King, Jr., Winter, and about starting the new year of 2015. One of our major projects was 100 day activities. That was such fun!

### First Grade

First graders are continuing to study where Texas is on the map as well as the North American Countries. We have also begun to work on the oceans. In math, we are still working on addition and have started subtraction. Students are also reading and taking AR tests.

### Second Grade

Second completed their music program for the year. It was a great success!!! The students looked wonderful in their costumes and performed very well. In Science, students are learning about natural resources and how we use them. In Social Studies, we are leaning about our country. We are discussing the leaders of our Country and the jobs they do. In Math, students are working on subtraction with regrouping. In Reading, students are working on STAAR strategies and reading their books to gain AR points and prizes. In English, the students have learned the lowercase cursive alphabet. Now, they are working on learning all the capital letters in cursive and putting words and sentences together. They have also been learning about all types of verbs.

### Third Grade

In Social Studies, we have started a unit in Geography. The students have really enjoyed singing the continents and oceans songs. They will soon be learning the Northern and Southern border of the United States. They will also be studying about individuals such as Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, and how they have contributed to the expansion or creation of communities. In Science, we will be moving into Earth and Space. The Students will be focusing on the formation of soil. They will explore and record how soils are formed by weathering of rock, and the decomposition of plant and animal remains. Third grade math students have all completed their middle of the year math test. Now, they are learning how to multiply a two-digit number by a one-digit number with regrouping. The students have also been working with tables and fractions on a number line. The Third Grade English Language Arts and Reading Gifted and Talented projects are on display in the Newgulf Elementary Library. Our third grade students researched a favorite author and read one of their published books. They created unique displays of their favorite author, illustrated a favorite scene from the book, and summarized the story. The projects highlight rigorous elements that have been learned in class. Students have also been working on Dialogue. They have learned to include dialogue and narrative when writing a story. They have also done activities using linking verbs. GT students have completed projects. They are displayed in the library.

### Fourth Grade

In math, the students have been working on multiplication (2 digit by 2 digit). We have been focusing on story problem strategies this six weeks in preparation for the upcoming STAAR test. The students are utilizing their knowledge of context clues to decide which math operation is needed to solve the story problems. We are adding more to our math journal and working on memorizing our multiplication facts. In fourth grade Social Studies, students made a foldable of the Texas Revolution: People and Places. Students identified Santa Anna, Susanna Dickinson, William B. Travis and Washington on the Brazos. They then summarized the cause and effect of the Alamo. Fourth Grade is reading The Power of Oil. Students are working on building background from accessing their prior knowledge.

# NEWGULF ELEMENTARY

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They are also using picture prompts. Students are focusing on Vocabulary Knowledge. Students have gained knowledge that authors inform, entertain, and persuade through their stories. Fourth Grade Grammar has been working on Narrative Prompts with dialogue. Students just finished their first Benchmark testing for the STAAR. We are working hard to do our best work on the upcoming STAAR test. We are having a Writing Camp on February 13 during school. The demonstrator will be coming from The Writing Academy in Kemah, and is excellent at what she does. The kids are very excited about this upcoming event.

## **Fifth Grade**

Tutorials are in full swing in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Students are coming after school three days a week for an engaging small group classroom in Science, Math, and Reading. Fifth Grade reading students have been studying the characteristics of expository texts. They have proving that text is expository because of its various characteristics. Students have also been busy writing poetry. Fifth graders are learning about the United States and what it was like when it was 50 years old. They are also busy writing papers about Martin Luther King, and his contribution to America. In Science, everyone is excited about an upcoming field trip to the Houston Zoo. In class, they have been busy working on the water cycle and constructing their own models. Math has been busy with students participating in various centers during class. They are also working with adding, subtracting, and multiplying fractions, as well as studying volume.