



# Boling ISD Enlightenment

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# **BOLING HIGH SCHOOL**

**Reported by: BHS Staff**

## **BHS STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student Council's members organized and executed another successful Secret Santa Week, December 13-18, to show teacher appreciation. Students teamed up and surprised faculty and staff with Christmas goodies and clues about their identities. Faculty and staff were to try and figure out their "Secret Santas". Thank you to all the members who participated!

Student Council and FFA hosted the annual BHS Christmas Luncheon on December 18<sup>th</sup> to show our appreciation to the faculty and staff. Guests were served fajitas by the Student Council officers. Student Council members brought homemade baked goods for dessert. Thank you to those who came. We enjoyed seeing everyone!

## **BHS FCCLA**

FCCLA members have been busy preparing for the upcoming STAR events. Teams have been working hard preparing their speeches and displays for the competitions that will take place in February.

## **BHS FFA**

As we brought 2017 to a close the Boling FFA chapter hosted a canned food drive. We had well over 1,000 cans donated to the drive. We would like to thank everyone for their donation. Our chapter then donated the cans to local churches within Wharton County. Several cans were sent to the Newgulf Cowboy Church, the Harvest House in Bay City, and Caney Creek Church in Wharton. Our goal was to help those in need during the holidays.

We are excited to see what the New Year will bring. We are hoping for many more successful events, followed by many smiles and memories.

## **BHS CHEERLEADERS**

The BHS cheerleaders are preparing for the UIL Spirit State Competition. They have been busy practicing and refining their routines. The competition will be held at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

## **BHS ATHLETICS**

The Varsity Girls' Basketball team is currently 13-2 and 1-0 in district play. The Lady Dogs will play their second district game on Tuesday, 1/10/2018 against Van Vleck at 6:30.

## **BHS POWER SET**

The POWER SET program is in full swing. At the conclusion of Semester Exams, the ladies will be traveling to Waco to visit Baylor University. While there, they will also have an opportunity to visit Magnolia Market in an effort to see how STEM related fields are utilized in Chip and Joanna Gaines' business (Hosts of the HGTV show "Fixer Upper"). The girls will also be visiting Texas A&M University in College Station where they have planned a trip to The Warehouse as well as a possible trip to A&M's nuclear facility. In addition to these visits, the ladies have adopted 18 young ladies at Lago Junior High to mentor through a program called power GRID. They will be hosting a luncheon and program for these young ladies.

# IAGO JUNIOR HIGH

## Reported by: Sarah Harborth

Our yearbook staff has been busy creating 38 pages for the yearbook to meet an upcoming deadline. Also, they are selling "Yearbook Recognition Ads" to eighth grade students. 8th grade students have the opportunity to purchase a full page or half page ad that they can customize with photos and such. A full page ad is \$60 and ½ page ads are \$30. The last day to order is February 16<sup>th</sup>.

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, Student Council traveled to Elmcroft Assisted Living in Wharton. While they were there, they sang Christmas carols, visited with the residents, and handed out gift bags.

Iago Jr. High's Annual Christmas Hat Day contest was held on December 19<sup>th</sup>. The winner of the most unique hat was Cameron Spears. Our U.I.L. Academic competition is fast approaching. Editorial and Ready Writing contests will take place on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Speech Contests will take place on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Industrial ISD. All other academic contests will take place in Industrial on January 24<sup>th</sup>. All students who participate are eligible to attend the U.I.L. Dance. If 6<sup>th</sup> grade or 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades earn enough points to place 1<sup>st</sup>, they will be treated to a picnic in May. Good luck to all competitors!

Iago Jr. High is officially under construction! Students quickly adapted to the changes in their normal routes around the school and are looking forward to our new building. If you happen to visit our campus, be aware that parking is limited and the entrance is around back.

# NEWGULF ELEMENTARY

## Reported by: Cathy Schoenfield

Wow! What a start to the New Year 2018! Students came back ready to learn new information about the season of winter and all about animals that hibernate. They are learning all about the places found in their neighborhood, the community helpers and all their different jobs they do to help keep the community safe. They will also learn about Martin Luther King, Jr. and his part in his community. Students will be learning the concept of numbers 1-5 and the correct way to write the numbers. They are also learning about how to make sets of numbers on the 10 frame. This will help them transition to Kindergarten next year.

Kindergarten has just finished learning to make sets with numbers 11-20 and one more and one less. We are now beginning addition. In science the students enjoyed experimenting with magnets and learning about how they repel and attract. We even turned paperclips into magnets. The Christmas break was enjoyed by all and now we are ready to continue to work on letters and sounds and improve our reading skills.

First grade students are eager to get the New Year rolling. We have finished up our Rodeo Art projects for the HLSR. The top 12 pictures will be selected and displayed at the Pancake Breakfast.

Even though students have spent their AR points at the Christmas store, the students have continued to read more and take AR tests to earn point club prizes. We have started our unit on money for Math. This is always a challenge but by the end of the unit, the students get it down good. We have introduced Oceans to our First Graders. We will continue to work on learning them in the weeks ahead. Our students are also finishing up our unit on Motion and Forces.

Second grade Math classes are busy working on counting money and adding 2-digit numbers with regrouping. The Science classes are studying Energy, Motion, and Magnets.

In ELA students are continuing to learn the cursive letters in handwriting. In English, students are learning about the different kinds of verbs. In Reading, students are continuing to read library books and take AR tests. They have been learning to use graphic organizers with their stories. They have learned about finding the beginning, middle, and end and then to summarize. They are also learning authors purpose.

In Science we are finishing up on magnetism and gravity. The students were able to demonstrate when you put two like poles of a magnet together they repel, when you put two opposite poles they attract.

Coming up in Social Studies, the students will learn the difference between needs and wants, as well as producers and consumers, and goods and services.

Third grade Math is moving along very smoothly. We have learned more about rounding, fractions, perimeter, and 5 & 6 digit numbers. The students are really working hard towards bettering themselves based on their personal Renaissance Math scores.

In 4<sup>th</sup> grade math, the students learned how to find the perimeter of squares and rectangles. We used both a perimeter song and formulas from the mathematics chart to help us learn what perimeter is and how to find it. Most recently, the students have been working on changing mixed numbers to improper fractions. We are working hard on our problem solving skills in preparation for the STAAR test later this year.

Third grade reading students are reviewing and drawing conclusions. They are reading numerous AR books and the homeroom AR competition is heating up. Students are also enjoying the benefits of their reading by earning Pizza coupons for reaching their AR point goals each six weeks.

Third grade studied Subject-Verb agreement. Letter writing was a fun time. Students wrote letters to Mrs. Walenta thanking her for the nice field trip. Mrs. Walenta wrote the students back.

The fourth grade Reading students have been working on fact and opinions, theme, and drawing conclusions. We are reading a variety of genres to help strengthen our reading skills. Students are working hard for their AR points and are loving the BOOK IT program...Thank you Pizza Hut!

Fifth grade has been very busy and working hard. In Science, we began the six weeks learning about how the Earth's surface has changed and finishing up the six weeks learning about weather/climate and the water cycle. Reading has been so much fun. We have learned different form of folk tales, like fairy tales and myths. We have also gone over seeing themes and stretch through different cultures. We had the best time including holiday activities into our reading. We are ready for the benchmarks that start next week. In Math we are finishing up the 6 weeks with fractions. We are learning how to add and subtract fractions with unequal denominators and how to multiply fractions! English classes have been working on verbs this six weeks and students also enjoyed a fun, interesting writing activity called "Crazy Christmas"!

We all had fun and laughed listening to all the stories. Social Studies enjoyed a lesson over the 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pearl Harbor on December 7<sup>th</sup>. DARE lessons are wrapping up for the year and students are excited and preparing for DARE graduation.

Resource students were eager to tell me about how their Christmas went. 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!

December in Music class is one of our favorite times of the year! We love the Christmas Carols

We also enjoyed fourth grade's performance of "Crazy Christmas".

In PE, our roadrunners are continuing to stay strong and leaders are emerging in each grade level. We are looking forward to warmer and nicer weather so we can run outside again. We have also been practicing our exercises and pacer for the upcoming Fitnessgram in February.