

# Boling ISD Enlightenment



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November 10, 2015 Board Meeting  
Reported by: Lindsay Mahalitic

Approved to purchase a new  
Maintenance Truck



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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.



For your calendar: November 20<sup>th</sup> – Payday • November 25<sup>th</sup> – early release • November 26-28 – Thanksgiving Holiday



## **BOLING HIGH SCHOOL**

**Reported by: BHS Staff**

### **BOLING FFA**

The Boling FFA Chapter has been extremely busy this fall! We had a number of activities that took place throughout October and the beginning of November. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, the officer team visited the Wharton County Youth Fair grounds for the 2015 Texas Farm Bureau "Ag in the Classroom". Ag in the Classroom teaches students how agriculture touches our lives daily. The officers helped by leading groups of fourth grade Wharton County students around the fairgrounds to visit each unique station. At each station, the students had the opportunity to explore the source of our food and fiber. The Boling FFA Officer team had a great day with the kids.

Camille Burns and Kylee Joyce participated at the State Fair of Texas in the Jr. Breeding Heifer Show. Camille exhibited her Brangus heifer and Kylee exhibited her Red Brangus heifer. Congratulations to both of these Jr. FFA members on a job well done.

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, the Area 3 FFA Association hosted their annual Greenhand Camp. This camp was held in Navasota, Texas at the Grimes County Fair Grounds and was put on by the 2015-2016 Area 3 FFA Officer Team. Miles Tolbert served as a camp facilitator and is the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the Area 3 Association. Boling FFA camp attendees were these freshmen students: Samantha Kalmus, Keagan Ernest, Laelah Bickham, and Colby Bosch. These Greenhand members attended several sessions throughout the day, listened to motivational speakers, participated in activities and sat in on a question and answer period with the Area 3 officer team. The Boling FFA Greenhands had an awesome time and learned many valuable things about the National FFA Organization that will benefit them in the future.

The Boling FFA Chapter participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Houston Community College LDE Contest in Katy, Texas on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Boling FFA Chapter won the Sweepstakes Runner-up title. Results are as follows: Ag Advocacy- 7<sup>th</sup> place, team members: Maggie Merecka, Victoria Arriazola, Victoria Ritter, and Jordan Spacek. Public Relations- 1<sup>st</sup> place, team members: Harold Taylor, Miles Tolbert, Sierra Ganske, and Aubrey Alcalá. Greenhand Chapter Conducting- 3<sup>rd</sup> place, team members: Madison Floyd, Laelah Bickham, Allison Jedlicka, Chase Chumchal, Keagan Ernest, Samantha Kalmus, and Kayla Parker. Sr. Chapter Conducting- 3<sup>rd</sup> place, team members: Aubrey Alcalá, Haley Gavranovic, Victoria Arriazola, Sierra Ganske, Myrissa Sanchez, Caroline Gavranovic, Gabby Svatek, and Brittany Pless. Greenhand Creed- 8<sup>th</sup> place, team member: Chase Chumchal. Sr. Creed- 7<sup>th</sup> place, team member: Harold Taylor. Job Interview- 2<sup>nd</sup> place, team member: Miles Tolbert. Radio Broadcasting- 3<sup>rd</sup> place, team members: Cruz Raymond, Brittany Pless, and Madison Stavinoha. Jr. Quiz team- 8<sup>th</sup> place, team members: Amber Orsak, Stephanie Garcia, Laelah Bickham, Allison Jedlicka, Samantha Kalmus, and Maria Gonzales. Sr. Quiz team- 2<sup>nd</sup> place, team members: Caroline Gavranovic, Haley Gavranovic, Amber Woytek, Jordan Spacek, Kryste Vitera, and Roxanne Pittman. Jr Farm Skills team- 1<sup>st</sup> place, team members: Colby Bosch, JustinRay Morin, Chase Stavinoha, and Richard Rodriguez. Sr. Farm Skills Team- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, team members: Dillion Lapoma, Robby Sanchez, and Dylan Bartek. Congratulations to everyone who competed at the contest and good luck at the 2015 District 3 Leadership Development Events Contest on November 12<sup>th</sup>!!!!

The Boling FFA Officer Team proudly represented our chapter on October 28<sup>th</sup> at the KULP Harvest Breakfast. Throughout the duration of this breakfast students had the opportunity to listen to concerning issues happening in the Wharton County area. The breakfast was hosted by United Ag and was held at the El Campo Civic Center.

This past week, October 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, former Boling FFA member Hannah Kulak, and Miles Tolbert traveled to the 88<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention and Expo in Louisville, Kentucky. Hannah received her American FFA Degree, this is the highest degree any FFA member can earn. Countless hours of hard work and dedication must be put into the record book and application process. Congratulations to this young lady, we are extremely proud. Miles Tolbert served as a National FFA voting delegate for the Boling FFA Chapter and the Area 3 Association. Miles participated in multiple leadership and delegate training sessions, and served on the "Delegate Education and Allocation" committee concerning issues that would change our FFA organization. As you can see, the Boling FFA Chapter has had a very successful month. Thank you to our supporters and the community as they continue to support us! Good luck to the Boling FFA Chapter with their upcoming competitions!

### **BOLING FCCLA**

FCCLA members took donations and raised \$138 that was donated to the Wharton County Relay for Life.

### **BHS STUDENT COUNCIL**

The Boling High School Student Council will host their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive November 9<sup>th</sup> through November 13<sup>th</sup>. A competition among 1st period classes will take place to encourage all students and faculty to participate. All food collected will be donated to the Crossover Community Fellowship in Boling where they prepare turkey dinner baskets for local families.

Boling High School Student Council held their annual Veteran's Day Program on November 11<sup>th</sup> in the BHS gymnasium. The ceremony honored local veterans Eugene Ganske, Read Ramsower, Jerry Young, Robin Rodriguez, Biagio Sava, and Jerry Svatek. Ceremony participants displayed their appreciation for those dedicated to our country. The BHS Band performed the Star Spangled Banner, Battle Hymn of the Republic, and trumpeter, Karissa York, played the Taps. "The Noble and The Brave" was read by Sierra Ganske. An American Soldier Tribute was played on the video screen. BHS FCA members, Patrick Gilley and Megan Chumchal, led the audience in a time of reflection and attention. Thank you Student Council officers for organizing the assembly. Thank you to those who attended and showed your support for our veterans and country.

# **BOLING HIGH SCHOOL**

## **Continued**

Student Council officers attended the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Real World Training event on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Callie Ramirez, Hannah Ortiz, Sierra Ganske, Cami Hill, and Cruz Raymond learned techniques on how to run a successful blood drive and the importance of asking your community to give blood. Our last blood drive was on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who came out and donated. We appreciate your support.

BHS students continue to show their support for the Bulldog football team by dressing up on Fridays for Spirit Day. Student Council presents prizes to those individuals displaying the most spirit. Congratulations to all our winners for the month of November. Thank you for your continued support!

Student Council members attended the District 14 Fall Convention at Rice Consolidated High School. Members attended workshops about leadership, school spirit, and school and community projects. The Student Council members had a great time and look forward to the Spring Convention.

Student Council hosted the 2015 Homecoming Festivities on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to our Homecoming Court: Cami Hill- FCA, Allison Hobbs- Library Club, Jamie Macek- Student Council, Hannah Ortiz- Spanish Club, and Callie Ramirez- NHS. The Homecoming Court also included Football Sweetheart- Sierra Ganske and Band Sweetheart- Maria Gonzalez. Hannah Ortiz was crowned 2015 BHS Homecoming Queen. A special thank you to Von-Wil Ford for donating their trucks for the ceremony.

Student Council hosted Red Ribbon Week on campus, October 26<sup>th</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup>. Students were encouraged to participate in the dress up days to show their support for staying drug free. Prizes were given each day for those who participated.

### **BHS ATHLETICS**

Both football and volleyball have been very successful.

The Lady Dogs advanced to the playoffs and faced off against Deweyville at Lee College in Baytown on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations, Lady Dogs, on a great season!

The Varsity Football team also advanced with a 9-1 record and will face off against the Poth Pirates in Edna on Thursday, 11/12/2015, for the first round in Bi-District play. Good luck, Dogs!

### **BHS CHEERLEADERS**

BHS cheerleaders traveled to 93Q in Houston during the week of the Van Vleck football game to participate in the Gridiron Invasion. Boling received recognition over the radio station and were broadcast online.

### **BHS SPEECH AND DEBATE**

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, students from the BHS Speech and Debate team competed at a tournament at Alvin High School. Freshman and first-time competitor Gabrielle Castillo took 3<sup>rd</sup> in Storytelling and 1<sup>st</sup> place in Impromptu Speaking. Robin Llanas placed in all three of the events that she competed in with a 4<sup>th</sup> place in Poetry, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Impromptu Speaking, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Storytelling. Christopher Machart placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Informative Speaking and Jack Wilkins placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Poetry.

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, students from the Speech and Debate team attended the UIL Student Activities Conference at Sam Houston State University. Christopher Machart performed in a session on Extemporaneous Speaking as a student demonstration, and Robin Llanas and former student, Cynthia Kulak, performed in a session on Interpretation doing Poetry and Prose demonstrations respectively. Again, braving the weather to represent Boling High School in UIL.

Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, students from BHS participated in the UIL District Congress competition in El Campo. Aaron Hernandez was our second alternate and did not get to compete, but Gabrielle Castillo and Jared Schindler competed but did not advance to finals. Annabelle Hanka and Jack Wilkins advanced to the final round with Jack placing 4<sup>th</sup> in 3A and Annabelle placing 3<sup>rd</sup>. Annabelle will be competing in the State Congress competition in January and Jack will be attending as the alternate from our district. Congratulations to all.



## IAGO JUNIOR HIGH

Reported by: Sarah Harborth

Our football season has come to an end, but here are the latest Spirit Day winners:

Design your own spirit shirt/ show your creative side- Allison Ezell

Color War: 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Dynamic Duo/ Double the Bullpup power: Emily Woytek and Lexie Nelson won as grandma and grandpa

Dress as a tourist/ send the Panthers packing- Lena Goff

We are busy practicing for all of our UIL events. The Writing Competition will be held at each competing school on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Those entries will be judged by various teachers from the competing schools in East Bernard on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Iago will host the UIL Speech Contest on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our students are preparing to compete in all 3 speaking events. 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will compete in Modern Oratory, Impromptu Speaking, and Oral Reading.

Iago will also host the UIL Academic Contest on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. IJH will participate in all academic events and are looking forward to competing. If they win, they will be treated to a picnic in May at the Boling Community Center.

Last Thursday, our students enjoyed participating in “College Day” by wearing various college t-shirts.

Student Council sold t-shirts to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The theme was “Real Fans Wear Pink.” Monies collected from all 3 campuses was donated to Wharton County Relay for Life.

Stuco officers went to Newgulf to present a Halloween safety skit for Pre-K and Kindergarten students.

Stuco held its annual DARE Assembly on October 26<sup>th</sup> to kick off Red Ribbon Week. Officer Bill hosted the event and Stephen Jimenez was the guest speaker. Detective Jimenez brought several items for the students and teachers to observe that are used by the members of the Wharton County STAR team when they are performing their duties. There were door prizes during the assembly as well as a 3 point basketball contest for the grand prize. Hayden Collins won a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card for sinking a 3 pointer. The rest of the week was filled with theme day contests. Each day a winner was chosen based on how well that student represented the theme.

On Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, Iago Junior High 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students auditioned for the Association of Texas Small School Bands all-region band at Stafford High School. Samantha Pospisil, Adrianna Botello, Kailey Davis, Araceli Hernandez, Rachel Wittig, Lexea Nelson, Maria Gonzales, Jose Conde, Jennifer Tivera, Shannon Dube, and Yatziri Ramirez were all selected for membership in one of three region bands. On Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, these students will attend a clinic rehearsal and give a concert at Needville High School at 6pm. The concert is free and open to the public.



# NEWGULF ELEMENTARY

Reported by: Sherry Shelton

## **PE**

In PE, we have been going strong with Roadrunners. Our top runner is beginning to pull away from all the others. He is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and has 86 laps, which is 21 ½ miles. We also have two 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls that are in competition with one another and are not far behind our top runner.

## **Music**

In music, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade have been getting ready for their upcoming programs and practicing their songs and speaking parts. We have also been having fun singing Halloween songs.

## **Resources**

Everything is going well in the Resource room. The kids are really enjoying Red Ribbon Week and are participating in the dress up each day. We have been pushing hard in Math on place value, expanding the numbers and sketching them. I am very impressed with our fall bulletin board we designed as a class. All the kids are looking forward to Thanksgiving Holidays.

## **Pre-Kindergarten**

Pre-Kindergarten students have learned to write their first names. They have learned six letters and sounds, classifying and sorting objects by one or two attributes and the sizes of objects. The family unit taught them about the importance of their families and each child told the class about the fun activities they do with their family. Their family pictures were displayed on the bulletin board during the family unit and Open House. Our "heroes," the firemen, came to visit and discussed ways to keep us safe. They also gave the students their own fire hat and a bag of goodies that will help them learn more about fire prevention. The students enjoyed a ride on the fire truck. Thanks to all the firemen for volunteering time for the student's education! The students also had fun helping carve a jack-o-lantern. They experienced touching the pulp and counting seeds. It was great fun! The children enjoyed participating in all the activities during Red Ribbon Week. The six weeks will end with the study of the food unit. Students will enjoy chicken and dressing before the Thanksgiving Holidays to end the unit.

## **Kindergarten**

October was an exciting month for our Kindergarteners. They learned all about Christopher Columbus and his journeys. They have learned all of their colors, numbers to 14 and lots of new words in Reading. The Boling Volunteer Fire Department came and taught our Kindergarteners how to be safe and what to do if there is a fire. The kids all got to help put out a mock fire and the fireman treated them to a ride on a fire truck. Before Halloween, all 4 Kindergarten classes carved pumpkins. They measured and weighed the pumpkins, then counted the seeds. They watched their teachers make a Jack-o-Lantern out of them when they were finished.

## **First Grade**

First grade had an exciting month of October. The Boling firefighters came to talk to them about fire safety. The students were able to take a ride on a fire truck and also put out a pretend fire with a real fire hose. The students have been reading and taking AR tests. They were able to use their AR points to buy items at the Scholastic Book Fair. They were very excited to shop with their points. First grade ended the month strong with participation in Red Ribbon Week. The children enjoyed dressing up for the different activities each day.

## **Second Grade**

In Mrs. Stolle's math class, the students are working hard on their subtraction math facts. They are also learning how to subtract 2 digit numbers from each other. In Mrs. Guin's handwriting class, the students are finishing up the review of manuscript writing and will start learning cursive. In English, The students are learning about different types of nouns. In Mrs. Rolf's reading class, the students have been working on inferencing and cause and effect. They also enjoyed the book fair. In Ms. Prochaska's social studies class, the students are learning about how people work for money to buy things that meet their needs. They learned how people have to manage their money and also save. In Science class, the students are learning about matter and the three forms of it: solid, liquid, gas.

## **Third Grade**

Students in Third Grade are busy learning and growing! In Science, the students have been learning about mixtures. The students traveled through stations to explore and recognize that a mixture is created when two or more materials, such as gravel and sand are combined. The students were given an opportunity to use the science tools and investigate how to separate a mixture. Later, the students will explore the different forms of energy. They will get a chance to explore mechanical, sound, light, and heat energy in four different stations. In Social Studies, the students will begin to understand the purpose of need for a government. They will be able to explain why the United States has three branches of government. In Math, students have been working 3-digit addition and subtraction with regrouping. Subtraction has been a big challenge this year. The students have also completed a unit on fractions and are keeping up to date with their Accelerated Math. In addition to math lessons, the students made silly jack-o-lanterns to display in the hallway. In English, the students have been brainstorming and magnifying. This is to help them to become better writers. Students will take their first STAAR review this week. In Reading, students are working on main idea, drawing conclusions, and making predictions. They are working really hard.

## **Fourth Grade**

In math, we have been working division, decimal place value, relating decimals to fractions and comparing/ordering decimals and whole numbers. We have been taking notes and doing activities in our math journals and rotating through math stations in small groups. The

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UIL Number Sense Team has been practicing hard for the big day in November. The Fourth Grade Social Studies students are studying The Geographic Regions of Texas. Students used a map of Texas to identify, locate, and describe each region.

In Writing, we have been working at showing action, word choice, how-to article, strong verbs, and descriptive details. In Grammar, we have working on singular, plural, and possessive nouns. The students have also working on punctuation and capitalization of titles. In Spelling, we have covered r-controlled, prefixes, suffixes, and three-lettered blends.

### **Fifth Grade**

In Writing, students worked on a Halloween Persuasive writing composition, and in Grammar, students have been learning plural and possessive nouns. In Social Studies we are learning about life in the 13 English Colonies. In Science, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students built periscopes to go along with their lesson on light energy. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade had a wonderful time performing their last music program. They ROCKED all through the ages. Costumes and choreographed dances entertained audiences as students sang. 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading has been working hard with expository text this 6 weeks. Students also made Halloween character pumpkins with characters from fictional stories that they read outside of class.