



# ***ENLIGHTENMENT***



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## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1. Wade Stidevent, Superintendent presented information on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR).
2. Extended the contract of Bryan Blanar, Assistant Superintendent to 2013-2014.
3. Extended the contract of Keith Jedlicka, BHS Principal; Shane Wagner, BHS Assistant Principal; Brett Pohler, Iago Junior High School Principal and Gerald Floyd, Newgulf Elementary Principal to 2013-2014.



## **ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

Reported by Jeanette Kalina

### **BOLING FAIR FUND**

Saturday February 25, 2012

Community Center

4:00 Auction Preview/Social    5:00 Dinner    6:30 Auction    Dance Immediately Following

Tickets are \$8 per person. For tickets, please contact a Boling FFA or 4-H member



## **THE POWER OF THE WRITTEN WORD**

The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.  
(Henry Ford 1863 – 1947)  
American industrialist



## **NEWGULF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

*Reported by Melinda Gary*

Returning from the Christmas holidays, there was much excitement as students shared stories about Santa and their gifts. Pre-K has had a busy January. The children have been learning all about the season of winter and they made many fun winter arts and crafts projects. The children were taught a lesson on Martin Luther King, Jr. and made their own booklet of his values.

January 2012 brought lots of fun and new things to learn in Kindergarten at Newgulf Elementary. All the classes were very busy learning to read lots of new words, as well as learning their numbers all the way to 20 now!!! We have been busy learning all about community helpers and winter. We finished off the month by celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. The children brought many unique and interesting 100 day projects to school where they were displayed for all to see. In the classrooms many different activities were done to celebrate 100 such as decorating crazy hats with 100 stamps and stickers, stamping 100 day certificates, putting 100 piece puzzles together, making colorful necklaces with 100 beads and much more.

Boy did those first 100 days of school fly by fast! First graders were very excited to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Students participated in sorting and counting activities during math. They sorted and counted beads to make 100<sup>th</sup> day necklaces. We also studied Groundhog Day and made groundhog predictions. Students are continuing to read and take many AR tests.

Second grade completed their Music program. A lot of hard work went into the program and the students did a wonderful job. The costumes were amazing. In Social Studies, students are working on maps of the continents, oceans, and the North American countries. They have also been working on government and learning about the president and how people vote. In Science, students learned about the different types of dinosaurs, where they lived, and what they ate. They also learned how scientists dig up the dinosaur fossils and reconstruct them. In English, students are continuing to learn their cursive letters. They have now started the capitals and can't wait to finish learning so they can write their names in cursive. In English and Reading, students are continuing to learn about STAAR testing. Students continue to read and earn points for prizes in AR. In Math, students are working on subtraction facts and Accelerated Math.

Third grade math students have been solving division story problems by using pictures. Some of the classes have also been moving right along with division facts. All are looking forward to a new unit on time and temperature. The Science classes will be learning about our Solar System. The Social Studies classes will learn about timelines and students are creating a timeline of events that have happened in their life. The English students are working on Fictional Narratives. The reading classes wrote and illustrated Haiku poems. They are learning to unpack poems and learn about the many aspects of poetry.

Fourth grade math classes are learning long division and multiplying 2 digits times 2 digits. The Reading classes used their story "The Life and Times of the Ant" as a study. Classes discussed ants, observed their behaviour and read fact books to get an in-depth look. Students enjoyed this very much! The Science Classes have been studying the water cycle. They have completed experiments in order to show the processes of evaporation, condensation, and precipitation. They also enjoyed having a weather station set up outside to measure the daily temperature and rainfall.



## **NEWGULF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Reported by Melinda Gary  
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The fifth graders have turned into Mad Scientists! They spent time at the Museum of Natural Science in Sugar Land where everyone participated in exciting experiments making slime and using acidic solutions to change colors. Students attended various classes like Science on Sphere. Students had hands on experiments where they made tornados in a bottle and re-enacted earthquakes. Everyone got to enter a Digital Dome Theatre where Earth's place in Space was revealed. Fifth grade Scientists were engulfed in learning in preparation for their upcoming Science Fair Projects.

The resource class is going the extra mile to make sure they are learning all that they can. They are driven to read and are really revving up their math skills. They have found some new and challenging ways to learn basic reading and math skills while having an awesome time with practical living experiences. They have some new learning centers to help make reading comprehension and money skills easier to understand. As always music makes learning more fun in their room. Multiplication facts are a breeze with skip counting songs.

After the holiday rush, the library settled back into a comfortable routine. That doesn't mean we've been idle...students are reading and taking AR tests. We just don't have the "extra" craziness! Our patrons are enjoying new titles that have just hit the shelves. We have a new series by R.L. Stine that has quickly become popular with our older students. We look forward to February and studying about significant people in history, as it will be Black History Month. We also look forward to Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day and our old prognosticator friend, the groundhog. Books about all those subjects will be highlighted in the library next month! Once again, I invite everyone to come check us out!

Music had a very exciting month! Fourth and fifth grade are working with their recorders. Fifth grade also enjoyed D.A.R.E. graduation. The entire school enjoyed a great performance of "Wild Things" put on by second grade! Thank you to everyone who helped in the production. Kindergarten and first grade are hard at work for their performances.

In PE, we have been busy learning the rules and playing basketball. We have also been working on Fitness gram testing with all the grade levels. Road runners are still going well, with our top runner with over 40 miles.



## **IAGO JUNIOR HIGH**

Reported by Sarah Harborth

February will be a busy month for the Iago Jr. High STUCCO. They are having Valentine's Day Sales starting Feb. 1-14<sup>th</sup>. Members are selling cards with heart shaped suckers and stuffed animals. 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.

Also, Stucco will honor all U.I.L. contestants with a dance. The theme this year is "Under the Sea" and the gym will be decorated with an anchor, treasure chests, and lots and lots of fish. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided along with music by D.J., Rusty Hubenak. Door prizes will be awarded every 30 minutes during the 3 hour dance.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls basketball teams were undefeated district champs this year! The "B" Team consisted of: Kallie Clifton, Kierra Williams, Jordan Spacek, Megan Chumchal, Robin Llanes, Kryste Vitera, Amber Woytek, Karina Perez, Paiton Kalina, Kaylin Meek, Julie Salinas, Tianna King, Amy Bustamante, Kali Bear, and Megan Malone. The "A" team consisted of: Brionne Butler, Serena Antone, Kymber Garza, Aalijah Prejean, Alyx Cunningham, Caroline Gavranovic, Jalaysia Weaver, Annabel Hanka, Madison Stavinoha, Brianna Grays, and Aubrey Alcalá. Both teams had a 9-0 season record and Coach Baker is extremely proud of their dedication and teamwork.

On January 28, 2012 the Iago Junior High students competed in the District 29-AA UIL contest. The students and faculty have been preparing for this competition since early November. The hard work has paid off as Iago took first place in the Seventh and Eighth Grade Division and second place in the Sixth Grade Division

The writing events were held on January 18, 2012 under the direction of Brenda Humberson. She served as the coach for both Ready Writing and Editorial Writing. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade Ready Writing, Jack Wilkins took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade Ready Writing, Kirby Evelo took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Kaylin Meek took 6<sup>th</sup> place. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade Ready Writing, Sierra Ganske took 4<sup>th</sup> place. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade Editorial Writing, Annabelle Hanka took 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Kymber Garza took 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and Robin Llanes took 5<sup>th</sup> place. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade Editorial Writing, Hailey Harborth took 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

All speech events took place January 26, 2012, at the Iago campus. These events include Oral Reading, Modern Oratory, and Impromptu Speaking.

Sara Harborth sponsors the Oral Reading events. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Karsyn Douglas took 5<sup>th</sup> place. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Kymber Garza took 6<sup>th</sup> place. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Harold Taylor took 1<sup>st</sup> place, Miles Tolbert took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Melina Moore took 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Ashly Macek sponsors Modern Oratory. Myrissa Sanchez took 1<sup>st</sup> place, Hailey Haborth took 5<sup>th</sup> place, and Hannah Ortiz took 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Ashly Macek also sponsors Impromptu Speaking. Victoria Arriazola took 1<sup>st</sup> place, Caroline Gavranovic took 4<sup>th</sup> place, and Abigail Kalina took 6<sup>th</sup> place.



## **L&EO JUNIOR HIGH**

Reported by Sarah Harborth

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Sammie Zahradnik is the Art Smart sponsor. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Hailey Gavranovic and Kimberly Duarte tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place, Ashleigh Sulak took 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Jazmine Flores took 4<sup>th</sup> place, and Dulce Vasquez tied for 5<sup>th</sup> place. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Caroline Gavranovic took 1<sup>st</sup> place, Joseph Deluna tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Madison Stavinoha took 4<sup>th</sup> place,

Amber Woytek took 5<sup>th</sup> place, and Paiton Kalina took 6<sup>th</sup> place. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Sierra Ganske took 1<sup>st</sup> place, Kate Cheney took 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Claire Winkenwerder and Maggie Merecka tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and Anah Voulgaris took 5<sup>th</sup> place.

Bobbie Peter is the coach for Calculator Applications. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Jack Wilkins took 1<sup>st</sup> place. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Jordan Spacek took 1<sup>st</sup> place and Brionne Butler took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Myrissa Sanchez took 1<sup>st</sup> place, and Kaylor Rolf took 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Kristye Jessen sponsors Dictionary Skills. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Jordan Diaz took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Karina Perez took 1<sup>st</sup> place and Sawyer Schoenfield took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Sabrina Arriaga took 1<sup>st</sup> place, Lorena Perez took 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Samantha Flores took 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Carol Simpson sponsors Listening Skills. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Vernon Jackson tied for 6<sup>th</sup> place. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Aubrey Alcala took 5<sup>th</sup> place. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Emilio Ramirez took 1<sup>st</sup> place, and Leslie Gonzales took 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Heather Guess sponsors Maps, Graphs, and Charts. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Dillon Lapoma took 1<sup>st</sup> place, and Joshua Campos took 6<sup>th</sup> place. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Tyler Martinez took 4<sup>th</sup> place. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Hailey Harborth took 1<sup>st</sup> place, and Britney Casey took 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Lisa Ryman sponsors Mathematics. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Delaney Guttenberger took 1<sup>st</sup> place, and Nick Dube took 6<sup>th</sup> place. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Jared Schindler took 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and Kory Didear 5<sup>th</sup> place. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Austin Soendker took 1<sup>st</sup> place, Nathan Gates took 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Mason Chaka took 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Fred Drennan sponsors Music Memory. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Jose Perez took 5<sup>th</sup> place.

Dana Kulak sponsors Number Sense. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Juan Guerrero took 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Corey Fults took 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and Jack Wilkins tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Serena Antone took 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Stratus Stratiou took 4<sup>th</sup> place, and Julie Salinas took 5<sup>th</sup> place. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Daniel Montgomery took 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Gale Penrice took 5<sup>th</sup> place, and Fernando Ramirez took 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Janice Raska sponsors Science I and Science II. In Science I, Marco Jimenez took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. In Science II, Kyle Smith tied for 5<sup>th</sup> place.

Holly Wittig sponsors Spelling. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Chloe Hodde took 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Jacob Razor took 4<sup>th</sup> place. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Jared Schindler took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Carmen Robles took 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Allison Hobbs took 4<sup>th</sup> place, and Jamie Macek took 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Sammie Zahradnik sponsors Social Studies. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Avery Campos took 4<sup>th</sup> place, and Dylan Bartek took 6<sup>th</sup> place. In 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade, Dakota Watson took 1<sup>st</sup> place, and Justin Joyce took 6<sup>th</sup> place.



## **BOLING HIGH SCHOOL**

Reported by BHS Faculty

On February 3 members of the BHS Band participated in the UIL Solo/Ensemble contest. The following students earned a first division rating for their performances:

Jakeb Silva-piano solo; Jonathan Martinez-tuba solo; Cullan Frankum, Caleb Korenek, Bianca Camacho and Gabby Gomez-trumpet solos; Jesse Puckett and Erin Torres-saxophone solos; Tierney Steiner and Gabby Alcala-flute solos; clarinet trio with Emily Cheney, Erin Torres and Karla Conde; flute quartet with Amanda Acosta, Gabby Alcala, Savannah Steiner and Tierney Steiner; trombone trio with Dillon Baumgarten, Joshua Gary and Nick Rodriguez. Jesse Puckett and the flute quartet qualified for the State Solo/ensemble contest for their performances. Congratulations to these students and all who participated for their hard work and for representing BHS so well!

Coming up on Thursday, March 1, the band will be having its third annual spaghetti dinner from 5:00-7:00 PM. The meal includes spaghetti, garlic bread, tea, and dessert. It will be held in the BHS cafeteria. Patrons may dine in or take out. Tickets are on sale now through Tuesday, February 21. Proceeds from the event will help fund the band's trip to the Alamo Showcase of Music in San Antonio on April 20-21. In the meantime, the band is preparing for the UIL Concert/Sight-reading Contest, being held on April 18 at Rice High School. Performance time to be announced.

FCCLA members travelled to Galveston to attend the Regional Convention in January. They competed in STAR Events while attending the convention. My'Shonique Jackson and Hayley Baker competed in Focus on Children. Gabrielle Gonzalez and Ashley Youngblood competed in Chapter Service Project Manual in which they placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Nathalie Guia and Meagan Munoz also placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Chapter Showcase Display event.

Members collected formal dresses that could be used by girls on campus for prom. They put on a fashion show for the Junior and Senior girls in order to show what we had available. Girls were able to come by and shop for dresses.

FCCLA members also had their annual Valentine Cookie Cake Fundraiser. Students sold and baked over 90 cookies in Family and Consumer Science classes. We would like to thank everyone that purchased a cookie, making this event a huge success.

Marcus Lopez and Tierney Stienen both won Gold Medals at the HLSR 3D Sculpture show. Gisselle Munoz, Emily Cheney and Roxanne Gangstad all received 2<sup>nd</sup> place with their sculptures.

Boling High School One Act Play will be competing in the UIL District One Act Play performance competition on April 7, 2012 at 4pm in Vanderbilt, TX on the Industrial HS stage. This year we will be performing "The Great Pandemonium" by Pat Cook. The play is a comedy about a high school acting class in the middle of a technical rehearsal. Chaos reigns as the director tries to get everyone to hit their marks and listen. The cast and crew will be participating in an invitational performance on February 23, 2012 hosted by Industrial HS; the clinician is Dennis Maganza, former judge of the OAP District competition. Best of luck to the BHS Players.



## **BOLING HIGH SCHOOL**

Reported by BHS Faculty

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Boling FFA members kicked off the month of January with the annual pig draw for the 2012 Wharton County Youth Fair. The CDE judging teams have been busy practicing and competing in several competitions this month. The results are as followed for all the competitions:

### **Cibolo Creek FFA Invitational Contest**

Livestock team- 10<sup>th</sup> place- team members: Shayelynn Chaka, Kindra Hlavinka, Heath Kulak (20<sup>th</sup> high individual), Hannah Kulak and Walker Monroe

### **Nueces County Junior Livestock Judging Contest**

Livestock team 1- 6<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> place- Team members: Kindra Hlavinka, Heath Kulak, Hannah Kulak, Ben Merecka (4<sup>th</sup> high individual), Jena Herndon, Shawna Hough, Walker Monroe and Shelby Stolle

### **Katy CDE Invitational Contest**

Livestock team- 12<sup>th</sup> place- Team members: Kindra Hlavinka, Heath Kulak, Hannah Kulak and Ben Merecka (10<sup>th</sup> high individual), Walker Monroe, Shelby Stolle, Karli Seymour and Kyla Lockley (17<sup>th</sup> high individual)

Dairy Foods team- 18<sup>th</sup> place- Team members: Joey Garcia, Caleb Korenek, Riley Riojas, Cody Koudela, Jose Ramos and Chance Stidevent

Poultry team- 35<sup>th</sup> place- Team members: Shayelynn Chaka, Britney Orsak and Gabby Alcala

Floriculture team- 33<sup>rd</sup> place - Team members: Hayley Baker, MaKayla Hobbs, Nathalie Guia, Devan Rodgers and Emily Wilkins

### **Walter Gerlach Livestock Contest**

Livestock team 1- 15<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 34<sup>th</sup> place- Team members: Heath Kulak, Kyla Lockley, Ben Merecka (10<sup>th</sup> high individual), Kindra Hlavinka, Hannah Kulak, Walker Monroe, Jena Herndon, Shelby Stolle and Karli Seymour

### **Matagorda Horse Judging Contest**

Horse team 1- 5<sup>th</sup> & 33<sup>rd</sup> place- Team members: Kallyn Davang, Caleb Frankum (17<sup>th</sup> high individual), Abby Herndon, Kirsten Miller, Kortlan Bell, Amanda Casey (7<sup>th</sup> high individual), Peyton Metting and Elyse Tanner

Congratulations to all of the Boling FFA members!!!