



# Boling ISD Enlightenment

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Approved the 2019 Summer School Program  
Approved to purchase a New School Bus

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# **BOLING HIGH SCHOOL**

## **Reported by: BHS Staff**

### ***BHS FCCLA***

FCCLA members attended the State Convention in Dallas. Members attended workshops and leadership training. They also had the opportunity to listen to guest speaker, Trent Shelton. He provided motivational words to the students about striving to succeed and moving past obstacles to become the best version of themselves. The members also participated in STAR events and FCSA's. In FCSA's several students received awards. Chloe Merecka and Natalia Narvaez received a gold medal in the Creed, Mission and Purpose event. Celeste Rodriguez received a gold medal in Step One and Dasia Taylor Received a bronze medal in Step One. Overall, it was a great experience for the students.

PLCC students attended their field trip to Bayou Wildlife Zoo where students got to learn about various animals and their habitats. Students were excited to see and feed the different animals.

### ***BHS UIL ACADEMICS***

During the week of UIL District Academic competition, students from Boling High School competed in various events. On Monday, March 25th, in Needville, the Computer Science team of Trace Alvarez, Victoria Castillo, Jose Conde, and Hannah Deleon placed 3rd; Sara Gonzales placed 2nd in Literary Criticism and qualified for Region; in LD Debate, Autumn Becerra placed 5th, Azalynne Chilek placed 3rd, and Rhea Bhakta was the District Champion. Azalynne and Rhea will also compete at Region.

On Thursday, March 28th, the District writing events took place in Needville. The BHS Journalism team took 2nd overall with the following students placing: Sara Gonzales was the District Champion in Copy Editing and will be competing at Region with the 3rd place winner Carl Merecka. Josephine Huddleston placed 4th and is the alternate to Region. In Feature Writing, Maria Gonzalez placed 2nd and Kailey Davis placed 3rd and both advanced to Region. Maria also placed 6th in Headline Writing while Kailey placed 2nd and will also be competing in that event at Region. Kailey also placed 5th in News Writing and Hailey Davis placed 6th. Rachel Wittig placed 2nd in Ready Writing and advanced to Region.

The rest of the Academic events took place at WCJC on Friday, March 29th. Boling placed 2nd overall (by a mere 16 points!) with several more medals and Region qualifiers. In Accounting, Ryley Shoppa placed 6th; in Calculator Apps., which placed 2nd as a team, Jackson Gray placed 5th and Drake Bartos was the District Champion and will compete at Region; Mercedes White placed 5th in Current Events; Drake was also the District Champion in Mathematics, which also placed 2nd as a team, and will compete at Region in that event also; in Number Sense, Blaze Chaka led the team as the District Champion followed by Drake with a 2nd place finish and the team, including Aryan Bhakta and Preston Miller, placed 1st in District and they will all be competing at Region; Hunter Rahunek placed 4th in Social Studies and is the Region alternate; the Spelling team placed 1st overall and District Champion Ana Gonzalez along with 4th place Araceli Hernandez, 6th place Kimberly Santillan, and Journey Hines, will compete at Region.

The BHS Speech team took 1st place in District thanks to earlier debate wins and several medalists in individual events including: District Champion Tylea Medders and 5th place Alicia Mata in Poetry; District Champion Katherine Gubbels in Prose; District Champion Yatziri Ramirez and 6th place Andrew Machart in Informative Extemp; and District Champion Jason Mach, 2nd place Rhea Bhakta, and 3rd place Katherine Gubbels in Persuasive Extemp. Tylea, Katherine, Yatziri, Jason, and Rhea will be competing at Region. Region competition will take place on Saturday, April 13th, at Blinn College in Brenham.

### ***BHS UIL ONE ACT PLAY***

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, students from the Boling High School One Act Play competed at the UIL District competition in Bay City. The cast and crew gave an outstanding performance and were selected to advance to the next level of competition. Several members received individual awards as well: Jody Konvicka was awarded outstanding technical crew, Autumn Becerra and Jackson Gray each received an Honorable Mention to All Star Cast, Katie Gubbels and Sydney Archer were selected to the All Star Cast, and Karis Meek was chosen for Best Actress. The cast and crew will be competing at Bi-District in Sealy on March 23rd. Congratulations to everyone involved!

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the cast and crew of Boling High School's One Act Play competed at bi-district in Sealy. The production placed in the top three and advanced to Area competition in Houston on April 6th. Individual awards went to Alma Barajas for outstanding tech, Jackson Gray for Honorable Mention to All Star Cast, Katie Gubbels for All Star Cast, and Karis Meek for Best Actress.

On April 6th, the cast and crew of the Boling High School One Act Play competed at the Area competition in Houston. The show, A Young Lady of Property by Wharton native Horton Foote, placed in the top three and advanced to Region. Individual awards included Maria Gonzalez with an All Star Tech award, Autumn Becerra and Wil Harborth receiving Honorable Mention to All Star Cast, Katie Gubbels with All Star Cast, and Karis Meek with Best Actress. Congratulations and break a leg at Region!

## BOLING HIGH SCHOOL Continued

### **BHS POWER SET and WIT**

*Boling High School Students at Meet and Greet Reception for IAEA Deputy Director General Chudakov*

Members of BHS POWER SET and WIT hosted the Deputy Director General Mikhail Chudakov of the International Atomic Energy Agency from Vienna, Austria. The DDG also serves as the Head of the Department of Nuclear Energy at the IAEA. The DDG was joined by Jac Goodman, who is the DOE representative at the US Mission. POWER SET and WIT officers inducted Deputy Director General Chudakov and Mr. Jac Goodman into the aforementioned programs as honorary members. The Deputy Director General then took time to address the students and discuss the importance of working hard and going the distance. After a break



for light refreshments, the students were given an opportunity to sit with the distinguished guests to discuss the impact that POWER SET and WIT have had on them. At the end of the reception, the BHS officers presented the DDG and Mr. Goodman with gift baskets filled with items from Wharton County, V8 Ranch, and Boling High School. The children of the DDG and Mr. Goodman were also presented gifts from BHS and V8. Additional guests attending included Judge Spenrath of Wharton, Judge McDonald of Matagorda, Dr. Peddicord (Professor at Texas A&M and Director of the Nuclear Power Institute), and Dr. Segovia (Outreach and Development Director at the NPI at Texas A&M). Mikhail Chudakov has been the Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Nuclear Energy since February 2015. Until his appointment at the Agency, Mr. Chudakov served as the Director of the Moscow Centre of the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO) since February 2007. Prior to this, from 1995, he held a number of senior managerial positions in Russia's Rosenergoatom nuclear utility, including being appointed the Deputy Director General of Rosenergoatom and Director of Bilibino Nuclear Power Plant in April 1999. From 1993 to 1995, Mr. Chudakov served as Adviser at WANO in Moscow and in London. Between 1983 and 1993, he worked in a variety of roles at the Kalinin Nuclear Power Plant, including Senior Reactor Operator. Mr. Chudakov holds a Ph.D. degree in nuclear engineering from the Moscow Engineering Physics Institute.

### **BHS STUDENT COUNCIL and NHS**

In the month of March, BHS Student Council submitted all 5 of the TASC State Reports, which included Outstanding, Pride and Patriotism, Energy and Environment, Community Service and DASH. The reports were verified and documented. They received an award in each of the above categories and will be recognized at both the district and state level. Once again, we were one of the few schools from District 14 who turned in all 5 reports and will be receiving the Sweepstakes recognition. Our council continues to exceed expectations and achieve the highest recognition they can attain in our state. Our reputation among Texas student councils continues to be one of prestige.

### **BHS CHEERLEADERS**

Boling High School held cheer and mascot tryouts on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. 12 cheerleaders and one mascot were selected by 3 out of town judges. Next year's squad is as follows:

- Kimberly Castillo, Head Cheerleader
- Cesley Campos, Asst Head Cheerleader
- Alyasha Castillo
- Shannon Dube
- Zeni Elliot
- Layla Fry
- Natalie Gonzales
- Karli Joyce
- Kylee Joyce
- Gracie Page
- Aailiyah Rodriguez
- Logan Simpson
- Damion Castro, Mascot

This squad is already preparing for next school year. They will represent Boling High School and Boling very well. Congratulations to all, and a special thanks to all who tried out!

# BOLING HIGH SCHOOL

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### **BHS BAND**

We are pleased to announce the drum majors and color guard for 2019-2020. Drum majors are Adrianna Botello and Adriana Garcia. Color guard members are Maria Gonzalez, Allison Ezell, Suzanna Garcia, Perla Blanco, Ana Gonzalez, Alicia Mata, and Victoria Kalmus. Color Guard co-captains are Kailey Davis and Hailey Davis. Congratulations to these and to all that tried out.

The Spring Concert and Cake Auction will be presented on Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 in the BHS gym. Mark your calendar! See you there!

### **COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY**

Boling High School participated with other county schools in County Government Day on April 8<sup>th</sup>, visiting the Courthouse, Jail, and County Annex Building. Students heard from The County Judge, Commissioners, and other county officials about their jobs and responsibilities



*Boling High School Students attend County Government Day*

### **BHS FFA**

March was a busy month for the Boling FFA chapter! We went to the Houston Livestock Show, competed in multiple judging events, and traveled many miles. But it was a very successful month!

The Houston Livestock Show results are as follows, Steers: Laelah Bickham, Payton Calk, and Kamryn Mears. Hogs: Morgan Krasucky - 8<sup>th</sup> (Made Auction), Allison Jedlicka - 10<sup>th</sup> (Made Auction), Barron Weaver - 13<sup>th</sup> Heifers: Karli Joyce - Polled Hereford Heifer (1<sup>st</sup> in class)- Khloe Joyce - Brahman Heifer. Lambs: Madison Floyd, Allie Floyd, and Kendall Calk. Goat: Hailey Sanchez. Poultry: Victoria Kalmus (placed 61<sup>st</sup>, made auction), Samantha Kalmus (placed 103<sup>rd</sup>) and Morgan

Krasucky (placed 105<sup>th</sup>). Our judging teams at the Houston Livestock Show did very well also! Floriculture: Emily Woytek, Kaylynn Macek, Allison Ezell, Kodey Sulak, and Dillon Petrosky placed 16<sup>th</sup> out of 90. Poultry: Samantha Kalmus, Gracie Bosch, Colby Bosch, Amber Orsak, and Colt Hough placed 26<sup>th</sup> out of 103. Our Dairy Cattle judging team competed which consisted of Josie Huddleston, Jesse Huddleston, Jerry Richards, and Kaden Hanson. And our livestock judging team competed which consisted of Krista Wittig, Andrew Machart, Cameron Macha, and Kade Sweat. We are very proud of the work these students put in during this contest it was tough and they were competing against several teams across the state!

A huge congratulations to Laelah Bickham for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in her class at the Austin Livestock Show, Steer show. She made it to auction! We recently had a few students compete at the Gulf Coast District Speaking Development Events in El Campo. Madison Floyd - Natural Resources - 3<sup>rd</sup> - advancing to area, Yatziri Ramirez - Extemporaneous - 1<sup>st</sup> - advancing to area, Allison Jedlicka - Agricultural Technology and Communications - 1<sup>st</sup> - advancing to area, Gracie Bosch - Agricultural Business - 1<sup>st</sup> - advancing to area, and Kimberly Castillo - Agricultural Technology and Communications - 4<sup>th</sup>. They will be headed to the area contest on May 16<sup>th</sup>!

On Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, our judging teams competed at the area contest. Poultry (Amber Orsak, Samantha Kalmus, Colby Bosch, and Gracie Bosch) placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of 23 and will be going to the state level to compete. Floriculture (Emily Woytek, Allison Ezell, Kaylynn Macek, and Kodey Sulak) placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of 28. Livestock (Allison Jedlicka, Laelah Bickham, Krista Wittig and Allison Jedlicka) placed 11<sup>th</sup> out of 40. And the entomology team (Preston Miller, Aryan Bhakta, Colby Chilek, and Nathan Rowland) placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 10 and will be advancing to state as well! Their competition will be at the beginning of May so if you see any of them wish them luck!

We knocked March out of the park, and we are now preparing for the Wharton County Youth Fair, in April! We are ready!

# IAGO JUNIOR HIGH

**Reported by: Sarah Harborth**

Our yearbook has been submitted and will be here the third week of May. Our Yearbook Staff will host a signing party for students who purchased a yearbook on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Also- they will host a dance for all students to attend on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to the yearbook staff for 2019-2020! The new members are: Ty Rolf, Stephanie Borges, Ryleigh Bialas, Emma Jones, Preston Lee, Summer Clark, Aiden Meek, Chard Hayes, Kyler Sweat, Caitlin Richardson, Vianney Gallegos, Chloe Joyce, Chloe Schoenberg, Harmony Brooks, Kendall Calk, Elena Villasana, Cayden Volden, Jayme Reyes, and Jayden Cordero.

Our Stuco visited 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Newgulf to give them information about Student Council activities and responsibilities. Stuco campaigning will begin this week with president and vice president elections being held on the 17<sup>th</sup> and member elections on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Members of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band visited 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Newgulf to encourage them to choose band as an elective when they get to IJH.

IJH cheerleader tryouts will be on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Prospective cheerleaders will attend cheer camp after school starting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Good luck!

# NEWGULF ELEMENTARY

## Reported by: Dawn Prochaska

### RESOURCE ROOM

The month of March has flown by. Everyone enjoyed their Spring Break and said it was a much needed. Several students hit the 150 sight word mark, which is a great accomplishment. . The older students have been preparing for their STAAR and ready to tackle them. It has been a very productive month for us.

### PE

In PE, the top Roadrunners are continuing to keep their lead. It is such a tight race this year. We look forward to warm weather so we will be able to do our Roadrunners outside. We will continue to practice our exercises to help keep us stretched and in shape.

### MUSIC

Music has been a really busy place! First grade had a great performance of "The Box." Kindergarten is working hard on getting their April show. The recorder race is on in fourth and fifth grade. They are really enjoying all the new things recorders are teaching!

### PRE-K

Pre-K classes have learned twenty one alphabet letters and sounds. They are working on counting sets of numbers 0-10, measurement skills using length, height and weight. The students are also continuing to make AB patterns using blocks, cubes and buttons. Pre-K students celebrated Dr. Suess' birthday with Read across America. Students from the Boling High School read books to the class. They loved it! Students are learning about how plants, animals and people change and grow. The scent of spring is in the air!

### KINDERGARTEN

March blew by quickly for our Kindergarteners. We were ready for spring! In Math we are working on addition and subtraction skills, coin recognition and counting to 100. All of our reading classes are reading! We are also learning how to use capitalization and punctuation in sentences. Patriots, presidents and symbols were discussed in Social Studies. In Science we discussed living and nonliving things. We are hard at work preparing for our Kindergarten program in April. This is a busy time of year!

### FIRST GRADE

First Grade, along with the rest of the school, enjoyed our time off for Spring Break. Our students came back ready to finish out the school year. Many of our 1<sup>st</sup> graders have started reading 2<sup>nd</sup> grade books to go along with their reading level. We have continued to review our maps. We are excited to start learning about the 7 continents. In Math and Science, we finished up our units over 2 and 3-D Shapes and Objects in the Sky.

### SECOND GRADE

In math, we are learning how to subtract with regrouping. We have really been practicing on those subtraction facts too! In Social Studies, we are also learning about the early settlers that came into the United States. In Science, we are learning about the solar system. The second grade class is finishing up learning to write in cursive. They will soon learn their names and start writing all their work in cursive. In English, the students have been learning about pronouns this six weeks. They are reviewing subjects and predicates in a sentence. Students are continuing to read and take AR Test.

### THIRD GRADE

In math, they are almost done learning all the TEKS they will need to know for the STAAR test. We took a benchmark test to help us narrow down the areas we need to critique. We are starting small group activities to help engage and review different concepts. We will start to learn about different capacities, how to measure them and learn elapsed time. Students in third grade English are studying pronouns. They are also learning about the parts of an expository and annotating them. Social Studies classes are learning the capitals of the Northern and Southern states. In science, they will be studying weather. Mrs. Krenek's third grade class is reading a variety of texts about animals with unique talents and homes. All the students enjoyed the class project comparing animal homes. They are currently reviewing reading skills to be read for the STAAR test in May.

### FOURTH GRADE

Fourth grade Reading students have been practicing various strategies and applying them which is helping the students gain confidence in their reading. We have been reading expository text and focusing on main idea, details, and writing summaries. The students had a practice STAAR test day and we are gearing up for Reading tutorials as we are getting ready for the STAAR Test. In 4th grade Social Studies, student are learning how geographic factors influenced the location and growth of the cattle industry in Texas. In 4th grade math, the students are learning intervals of time. We are learning to calculate elapsed time when given a start or end time and a duration. In 4th grade ELA-W, we are working on perfecting our expository essays. Our editing and revision skills are improving daily. We are ready to show that STAAR test who's boss! Remember that Education Galaxy and Quizlet are always available for extra practice.

### FIFTH GRADE

The Fifth grade reading students have played games, sang songs, and worked together during critical thinking practice in a fun way to practice their skills. This group is ready to rock the STAAR test and are prepared to show off all they have learned. In math, we are really working hard at reviewing everything we have learned this year. We are practicing our test taking skills and putting them to the test on STAAR type questions. Social Studies classes showcased their Black History Month projects on Ruby Bridges! Not only did students do an interactive study week on Ruby, they created a shoebox diorama, written report and presented their projects. All students did a phenomenal job! Next stop is the Civil War! In Science, we have been discovering new things about Earth's past through fossils. Students have learned that fossils provide clues to what the Earth was like hundreds and even millions of years ago.