

# BLUFF DALE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Community,

Our first round of interviews for the new positions for the high school went very well. We will be adding a 20-year veteran teacher to teach special education and a 4-year veteran teacher with 100% state testing rate to teach social studies and history. We will be moving Mrs. Merkle from second grade to physical education, athletics, and girls coaching for next year as well.

We will continue our search for high school content area teachers and as well as a high school elective teacher. We will also be looking for an elementary teacher to replace Mrs. Merkle in second grade. These positions have all been posted.

We will have a Meet the New Teacher Night scheduled sometime in April for everyone to meet all the new staff that we will be adding to district.

With the addition of seasoned experienced teachers we will move to teacher-driven content and curriculum. Odysseyware will be used for credit recovery and credit gain only. As a student or parent you will see a very dramatic change in class presentation and content starting in August.

To assist with teacher needs and resources, we will be adding 25 new computers so that we can create more technology access to students. Once the second set of new computers are in, we will shift over to our two new servers to increase speed, memory, and service.

On Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, the school board called for a school bond project to build a Junior High/High School, add classrooms to the existing Elementary School to included PK thru 6 grade, and address district updates. These updates would include remodeling the kitchen,

existing gym, and school entry points to increase safety. Safety changes will be made to the flow in and out of the school to secure the district.

The staff and facility committee has met with the design and construction team already this month. The design and construction team will put those recommendations down into the design and will meet with the school board and facility committee to show the changes. Once that has been presented to the school board, there will be a number of community meetings scheduled for the board and facility committee to present their plan and direction for the district.

The school board also is in the process of purchasing the Mrs. Willis property that sits between the school and the football field. This is where the new school would go. Mrs. Willis will be able to live in her house and be part of our district for as long as she wishes as she has been given a living estate.

During our recent days off for sickness we had GermBlast from Austin spray and clean the school. We will have them do this for us several times a year as we move forward in hopes we can prevent closures from occurring. This year has been a very high-risk flu season which has come in waves as well.

We have a lot of student activities going on as we head into the spring. Please check the school website as events are continually being added or changed. Currently, we have softball, track, baseball, golf, and volleyball. FFA and Ag will continue to have meetings and competitions as we move forward. The Book Fair will be open until March 8<sup>th</sup>. Open House is March 6<sup>th</sup> along with an 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting. We will also have Bluff Dale ISD student art on display from now until April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Stephenville Public Library. There are also a lot of field trips scheduled so make sure you check your reminds and class newsletters.

Lots and lots of stuff happening! And many things planned for next year!

## Welcome to the Bobcat Nation!