



Tell me something good!

- Crockett students participated in the Rainbow Room Christmas Project again this year. They raised \$185 to purchase Christmas gifts for a child. Crockett uses this as an opportunity to teach students about the importance of community. They tie this project with their leadership habits, including responsibility, caring, and citizenship. They also take this opportunity to teach students about the importance of having compassion for others.
- BHS Theatre held its International Thespian Society officer induction. Congratulations to the following students!

President – Paige Wilson (11th)

Vice President & Sophomore Representative – Caison Hataway (10th)

Treasurer – Shavae Whitfield (12th)

Historian/Publicity – Ambry Weber (12th) (not pictured)

Secretary – Geraldine Medina (12th)

Dramaturg – Kyle Garzon (9th)

Advocate – Latisha Dale (12th)

Senior Rep – Marcos Martinez (12th)

Senior Rep & Freshmen Advocate – Brandon Day (12th) (not pictured)

Junior Rep & Lead Tech Officer – David Gutierrez (11th)

Freshman Reps – Richard Alejandro (9th) & Keagan Farmer (9th)

- Twenty-six 6-8th grade spellers competed in the Senior Spelling Bee at the Borger Intermediate/Middle School Library. The bee went 13 rounds. The Senior Spelling Bee Champion is 6th-grader Bryson Calder. Coming in 2nd was 7th-grader Ryan Smith. The winning word was reservation. Congratulations and great job to all the spellers! Bryson will go on to compete in the Regional Bee in February in Amarillo.
- Forty-one members of the Borger High School band played at the Amarillo Wrangler/ El Paso Rhinos hockey game in Amarillo on Dec 17th. Three members of the BMS band also made the trip. It was the first time for most of the kids to see a hockey game. The Wrangler staff and the fans in attendance were very complimentary of the kids' performance. They played during play stoppages and before and after the game. Mr. Kuehler wants to thank BISD for affording these students the opportunity to perform in a new venue. Thank you, Mr. Kuehler, for all you do for our students!!
- Gateway Family Night had a little over 100 people at the 'Twas the Night Before Christmas Break family night!!

- Mrs. Winks was November ST Math Teacher of the Month! Her students have been working hard solving puzzles and making gains! Thank you to Phillips 66 for supporting our students through this program!
- Several BISD staff applied and were awarded \$750 grants from the Education Credit Union. Below are the teachers and what they will be using their grant for.
 Angie Ferguson, Gateway-Crockett Counselor - transform an old computer lab into a warm environment suitable for emotional/social learning.
 Jodie McKinnis, Paul Belton Elementary - purchase sensory room items, materials, and equipment for fine and gross motor skills.
 Misty Diaz, Paul Belton Elementary - purchase materials for her Pre-K classroom.
 Triniti Escobar, BMS - purchase needed tools, manipulatives, and visual aids for 5th - 8th grade special needs students.
 Casandra Almanza and Hannah Buchanan, Crockett- fund the WIN (What I Need program)
 Brenda Fields, BHS - health science classes to purchase stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, and pulse oximetry for Anatomy and Physiology classes
 The Pocket Change Grant began in 2009 and is funded by Education Credit Union employee donations that are collected throughout the year and matched by the Education Credit Union Board. There have been over \$750,000 in grants given to support worthy classroom projects that impact the learning environments in school districts across the Texas Panhandle since it started 13 years ago. This year, 304 grants were awarded totaling \$200,000. The Pocket Change Grant is the primary grant program of the ECU Foundation. Please go to the Foundation's website <https://ecu-foundation.org/> to find out more information about the grant program and the specifics of how to apply.
- Lady Bulldog Wrestlers recently competed in the very competitive Randall/Lady Randall Ruckus Tournament and did very well!
 Keagan Lopez-2nd
 Julia Stevens-2nd
 Ariana Chavez-1st
- Forty-four 3rd-5th-graders went 7 rounds in the Junior Spelling Bee held at Crockett Elementary! Earning Champion Speller was Raine De-Guzman, a 3rd-grade student at Crockett Elementary, with the word unacknowledged.
- Dane Hamrick was unanimously approved as the new Athletic Director/Head Football Coach at the December board meeting. Hamrick has spent the last 11 years with Tascosa High School in Amarillo, 8 of those years as Defensive Coordinator and Strength and Conditioning Coordinator. Hamrick is married to Bethany, and they have 3 children Kason(9), Kinsley(7), and Keegan(5).
- Phillips 66 recently donated \$3000.00 to Borger Middle and Borger High School's Robotics programs and \$12,000.00 to purchase smart televisions for math classes throughout Borger ISD.



Phillips 66 STEM donation- Kenny Morrison, Refinery and Community Relations Director; Sean Smith, General Manager; Amy Blansett and Michael Cano

- On December 5th, the Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB) High School All-Region Band auditions were held at Panhandle High School. Over 550 students from thirty-two schools across the Panhandle were competing for a spot in one of four honor bands. Borger High School was represented by nine students, and, as a result of these auditions, seven of them were selected to the All-Region Band. Those selected were:

Leif Nelson – 5th chair trumpet, 4A Concert Band
 Clay Elliott – 7th chair horn, 4A Symphonic Band
 Aaron Elliott – 2nd chair euphonium, 4A Symphonic Band
 Jacobi Figer – 4th chair euphonium, 4A Concert Band
 Monica Valenzuela – 6th chair, euphonium, 4A Concert Band
 Jordyn Heredia – alternate, euphonium
 Josh Drake – 5th chair tuba, 4A Concert Band

- The Borger Middle School 7th & 8th-grade band students competed at All-Region auditions at Pampa JH. There were 25 schools and over 600 kids competing in this competition. The following students made the band and will perform at the annual clinic and concert in January at WTAMU.

Elizabeth Villa- Flute	Iker Ramos- Cornet/Trumpet
Ailey Vasquez- Flute	Seth Aikin- French Horn
Ashley Cospers- Bb Clarinet	Giana Aragon- French Horn
Zaidee Barclay- Alto Saxophone	Drake Akens- French Horn
Victor Cervantes- Alto Saxophone	Brooklyn Drake- French Horn
Hurli Keller- Alto Saxophone	Alex Allred- Tenor Trombone
Ashton Garcia- Tenor Saxophone	Ryan Webb- Tenor Trombone
Aliah De La Rosa – tenor Saxophone	Marcello Gayton- Tenor Trombone
Mason Hughes- Baritone Saxophone	Nicky Chavez- Tenor Trombone
Fernando Pimental- Baritone Saxophone	Madison Schneck- Tenor Trombone
Hunter Reneau- Cornet/Trumpet	Camron Jones- Tuba
Mason Porterfield- Cornet/Trumpet	Ashton Mitchell- Percussion
Camila Marquez- Cornet/Trumpet	Jonah House- Percussion

- Borger Intermediate and Middle Schools collected 193 pairs of socks and 73 puzzle books in this year's community service project. Thanks to the generous donations, they delivered items to Borger Nursing Center, Caprock Nursing Center and Rehabilitation, Salvation Army, CareNet, and Robbin's Nest Assisted Living and sang some Christmas songs to residents!! The BHS Graphic Arts class made the gifts extra special by creating gift tags.
- Crockett Elementary held a contest for the cover of their 2022-2023 yearbook. The theme was leadership and the 8 habits of leadership that Crockett follows. The winner was, Alec Lopez, second place was Maggie Hardin and third place was Mary Ansley Fox. Alec's drawing will be the cover for the Crockett yearbook.





BHS Student Council getting BHS ready for the holidays!



Mrs. Winks- ST Teacher of the month for November



Second-grade students have really enjoyed reading the Borger News-Herald generously donated by our friends at Morton Lumber. Morton Lumber/Ace Hardware donated 20-3 month subscriptions of the Borger News-Herald to Borger ISD for reading literacy. Scholars are reading the daily newspaper and becoming aware of what is happening around Hutchinson County!



Crockett Rainbow Room Donations



BIS Staff enjoyed a hot chocolate bar provided by Mrs. Purcell and Mrs. Favela



Keagan Lopez-2nd
Julia Stevens-2nd
Ariana Chavez-1st



BMS All-Region Band



BHS Theatre International Thespian Society Officers

Borger
ISD
Salvation
Army Bell
Ringers



Pocket Grant Presentations



Senior Spelling Bee Winners
Bryson Calder and Ryan Smith



The Borger Middle School Girls Wrestling team placed 4th overall at the Randall JH Duals! Coach Bass stated, "I am very proud of these young ladies."



BMS One Act Play Cast



Spelling Bee Junior Champion
Raine De-Guzman



Gateway received a nice gift basket from Frank Phillips College!



Principal Purcell reported, "BIS had Grinch day and to our surprise, the Grinch actually showed up!! He was nice at first and took pictures with our students but that didn't last long before he went back to his old ways. He entered classrooms and stole stuff, in true Grinch form."

The Grinch returned to BIS that Thursday. After seeing the love the students and staff have for one another and the kindness they showed to even a mean one like Mr. Grinch, he started to see the true meaning of Christmas. He had a change of heart and returned the gifts causing his heart to grow three sizes. Mr. Grinch even brought a small treat for all to celebrate the holidays.



BHS All Region Band members and All-Area Aaron Elliot



BIMS delivering socks, puzzles and singing carols to residents at Borger Nursing Center



Athletic Director Dane Hamrick at the December board meeting with Mr. Welch and with his family



Tags for fuzzy socks and puzzles made by BHS Graphic Design Students





BHS band members at the Amarillo Wrangler/ El Paso Rhinos hockey game



Borger High School PEAK students had a wonderful day full of ice adventure at the Amarillo Ice Ranch!



In the BIS ugly sweater contest, there were three teacher winners and one student from each grade. Mrs. Boren won first place, Mrs. Hipolito won second, and Mrs. Cardenas won third place!

In 5th grade the winner was Slade Garcia and in 6th grade Noel Chavez Cueto!



Paul Belton Elementary winners from their sweater contest!

PK 1-Brian Evans, 2-Brynlee Phelps, 3-A'zariah Dorsey

Kindergarten 1-Lorrelia Baynes (not pictured), 2-Waylen Porter (not pictured), 3-Arianna Marquez

Staff

- 1-Ms. Ari
- 2-Mrs. Mitchell
- 3-Mrs. Murphy



Belton and BIS celebrating the holidays with treats!

