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Volunteer Parent Bulletin

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From the Principal-Mr. Manley

I hope each of you had a relaxing winter break and were able to spend time with family and friends.

This past fall we have been busy refining our craft as educators to better serve the needs of our 21st Century Learners that we have at Bowie High School. This past fall staff received professional learning on Collaborative Study Groups, online database training for instructional resources, Canvas Learning Management System and Mastery Pathways inside of the Canvas system to differentiate our instruction for the varied learners we have on the Bowie campus.

Continued professional development and growth is the key to staying current in the fast paced, technology driven world that we are in. In order to continue to enhance our practices, staff will be trained on the following instructional practices during the spring semester. ELLevation to assist our ELL learners, understanding Gen Z as well as training on a Rigor and Relevance framework to help develop lessons that are challenging to the students, but also relatable to them.

I also want to let you know that we will be adding two additional security officers in the spring semester as well as a new security sergeant. I have included information about Sergeant Kinlen in the bulletin and she is a great addition to our staff.

The spring semester is a busy time with all of the activities and testing that takes place. Seniors are anxious as they can easily see the end of their public school career came to an end. Yet there is still much to celebrate, there are multiple banquets and celebrations that take place. We also have prom, award assemblies and of course Graduation.

Students are currently finalizing their course selections in Career Cruising for the 2018-2019 school year. The counselors will be working with students to finalize their schedule requests as we begin to prepare for the next school year.

I would like to close with asking you to be active in your students education. It is challenging being a young adult and students will benefit from a strong relationship between school and home. Please reach out when you have questions and concerns that we can address. The positive impact for our students, as we continue to partner together so they reach their maximum potential, will continue to benefit students long after they leave Bowie and help ensure that they are prepared for their next step. Mr. Manley

Welcome Sergeant Kinlen



Sergeant Joanna A. Kinlen has over 18 years of security experience as Security Police in the United States Air force (USAF) and Department of Defense (DOD). Contracts overseas for companies like Northrop Grumman Corp, DynCorp International and within the last two years working, for Arlington ISD security department. She has a diverse background in

a diverse background in Information Security, Physical Security, IT Security and Management. Sergeant Kinlen possesses a Bachelor of Science degree in Security Management. Sergeant Kinlen brings a wealth of experience to our campus and is focused on developing strong relationships with students and staff. Her background in security services will help us develop systematic practices in regards to our security team at Bowie. Please welcome Sergeant Kinlen to Bowie as

you see her in the hallways, we are excited to have her as part of our staff.



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Spring Open House-Texas Public Schools Week

As part of Texas Public School Week, we will have our Spring Open House for parents to visit the Bowie campus on Monday, March 5th from 6:30 to 7:30. This will be a come-an-go event for parents. This is a great opportunity for our staff to highlight all of the great work from the year and emphasize the excellence that our students exhibit through their work in the classroom. Please mark your calendars and discuss with your PLC ways that you and your team can demonstrate all of the work we have been doing with students this year for parents as they visit us during open house.

OPEN HOUSE

AP Capstone Pinning Ceremony

Students enrolled in AP Seminar at Bowie High School recently took part in a pinning ceremony with their teachers and parents. The ceremony included dinner with guests, students receiving a pin, and each student sharing the impact that AP Seminar has had on them so far. AP Seminar is part of the AP Capstone Diploma Program by College Board offered at Bowie. These students are the only students in AISD that have the opportunity to enroll in this program. Their stories were inspiring and emotional for their parents. Dr. Cavazos shared the district theme for the year during our August Convocation. AP Seminar is creating an opportunity for students "where their potential gets real!" Thanks to Dr. Barrett, Ms. McKisscak, Ms. Ward and Ms. Paxson for the outstanding event and working together to bring this outstanding program to our students.

