



DISTRICT NEWS BRIEF & UPDATES

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***Mission:** Inspire learning*

***Vision:** Engaging and  (valuing/caring) for our families, students and staff to empower our community.*

Dear Bellevue Union School District Families and Staff,

Governor Newsom Announces COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate

On Friday, October 1, 2021, Governor Newsom announced that all staff and students in California schools will be required to receive a vaccine protecting against COVID-19. The requirement will be clarified in the coming months by regulations by the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”).

Students

The Governor announced that all students attending in-person instruction will be required to obtain the COVID-19 vaccine, adding COVID-19 vaccine to the list of other mandatory vaccinations.

Once the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) gives full approval to a COVID-19 vaccination for individuals younger than 18 years old, the requirement for vaccination will go into effect the following legislative term (January 1 or July 1).

The Governor announced that the requirement will apply to students in two grade spans - 7th-12th and K-6th - based on when FDA approval for the corresponding age is received. Students who are not age-eligible for vaccination but are within the grade span will be required to be vaccinated within a reasonable amount of time once they attain the applicable age. The State currently anticipates the requirement would apply to grades 7-12 starting July 1, 2022, subject to action by the FDA.

Vaccination will be a requirement for in-person instruction for those students in the applicable range. Students who are enrolled in independent study will not be required to be vaccinated, but may not return to in-person instruction until vaccinated as required.

Employees

The mandate will apply to students in “any private or public elementary or secondary school.” Health and Welfare Code § 120335, sub. (b).

All K-12 school employees will be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Staff members will be required to be vaccinated “no later than when the first phase of the student requirement becomes effective.” Once the requirement is in effect, there will no longer be an option for employees to forego vaccination by testing.

Exemptions to Requirement

The announcement noted that Health and Safety Code Section 120335 allows CDPH to add to the list of required immunizations for school admission. However, Health and Safety Code Section 120338 provides that if CDPH expands the list of required immunizations they must

permit exemptions “for both medical reasons and personal beliefs.” The scope of these exemptions will be addressed through the rulemaking process by CDPH.

COVID-19 Testing & Extracurricular Activities:

BUSD is pleased to offer extracurricular activities like sports, piano, chorus, violin etc. It is a requirement that students who participate in extracurricular activities be tested for COVID-19 on a weekly basis. We have the capacity to test students at school to support student participation. Please contact your school principal if you have questions about this requirement.

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

ELAC; Tuesday 10/26; 4pm. Dr. Jenny Fish to discuss Covid Vaccine for ages 5-11. Zoom link emailed.

Costume Parade; Friday 10/29 @ 2:30pm

Dia de los Muertos Altar; 10/27-11/3

No School; 11/1 or 11/11

Parent Conferences/ Minimum Days; 11/15-11/19

Violin every Wednesday for 5th and 6th graders.

Move over Mozart every Monday!

Food Pantry; Tuesdays 2:45-3:45pm - Walk up to Outdoor Picnic Tables

Office hours: Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30

Please call with questions: 707-542-5195; Email Principal Craig ncraig@busd.org Office Manager, Karina kmartinez@busd.org Parent Liaison, Amy aflorescasares@busd.org with any questions.

Kawana Springs: Denise McCullough, Principal

Keep up the good work, Cougars!

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Student of the Month Celebrations- October 26

School Site Council- October 28 2:45 pm

Costume Parade Oct 29 1:30pm

Move over Mozart- Weds ongoing, 12:30pm

Chorus- Thursdays ongoing, 2:40pm

Office hours- Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00 pm

You may call 707-545-4283 or email Principal McCullough dmccullough@busd.org, Office Manager Susy Bradley sbradley@busd.org, or Parent Liaison Erika Corrales ecorrales@busd.org with any questions.

Meadow View: Jean Walker, Principal

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Halloween Parade, Friday Oct 29 @ 2:00; parents stand in the car lane to view the parade

Halloween Trunk or treat, Friday Oct 29th @ 4:00

Coffee with the Principal November 19th @ 8:30

ELAC meeting, Tuesday November 15th @ 3:30 via zoom

School Site Council , Weds November 17th @ 3:30 via zoom

Office hours: Monday- Friday 8:00-4:00 pm

School Food Pantry, Tuesday, 2:00-3:00- please bring bags- walk up only
Please call the office at 707-541-3715 or if you have questions email; Principal Walker jwalker@busd.org,
Office Manager Natali Ramirez nramirez@busd.org, Office Assistant- Isabel Luna, imluna@busd.org , or
Parent Liaison Paula Hernandez phernandez@busd.org.

Taylor Mountain: Margaret Jacobson, Principal

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Halloween Parade, Friday Oct 29 at 2:00 pm; parents stand in the car lane to view the parade

Dia de los Muertos Celebration, Friday, Oct. 29, 5:00 - 6:30 pm: outdoor games and food

Coffee with the Principal: Friday Nov. 5 at 8:00 am in the cafeteria

ELAC Meeting: Friday, Nov. 19 at 8:00 am in the library

School Site Council Meeting: Monday, Nov. 29 at 3:00 pm

School Food Pantry every Tuesday, 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Drive-Through only

Office hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am-4pm.

Please call or stop by with questions: 542-3671; Principal Margaret Jacobson mjacobson@busd.org;

Office Manager Julie Roza jroza@busd.org, Office Asst. Hope Leon hleon@busd.org

Learning Center: Curriculum and English Learners, Aracely Romo-Flores, Director

We have great learning opportunities and resources for our students and our families.

All BUSD students have access to the following learning tools:

Lalilo (K-2):

Is an online learning platform that will help your students learn foundational reading skills in:

- Phonics (Letter-sound Correspondence)
- Phonological awareness
- Sight words
- Word families
- Independent reading
- Listening comprehension
- Grammar and conventions

Recommended Usage Time: 15-20 minutes daily

Students can access Lalilo from home for free using an iPad or computer.

Freckle Math and Freckle Language Arts (K-6):

Freckle Math and Language Arts is an online learning platform that allows students to practice Math and Language Arts at their own level in either English or Spanish. Freckle continuously adapts to each student's individual skills so each student is getting the appropriate challenge, whether they're working at, above, or below grade level.

Recommended Usage Time: 15-20 minutes daily per content area (15-20 minutes for Language Arts and 15-20 minutes for Math)

Students can access Freckle from home for free using an iPad or computer.

Imagine Español (TK-2) - Available until November

Imagine Español is a personalized learning solution that accelerates grade-level reading and language proficiency in Spanish for students in grades TK–2. Designed to address the diverse instructional needs of native speakers and students learning to read in Spanish. Imagine Español teaches foundational literacy skills in an engaging, game-like environment that celebrates the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world.

Recommended Usage Time: 15-20 minutes daily

Students can access Imagine Español from home for free using an iPad or computer.

Parents, there are also great learning opportunities for you through the **Sonoma County Adult Education Department**. There are many classes to choose from and *most* are provided online and in English and Spanish. Best of all, these classes are free! Here is the [link to the Fall Schedule](#). Please note the tabs at the bottom of the page. There is a tab with classes offered in English and a tab for classes offered in Spanish.

Student Services: Tracy Whitaker, Director

The MTSS Committee, School Counselors, and School Psychologists are working to support the social emotional wellness of our students. We are close to finalizing criteria so we can evaluate and determine which social emotional curriculum will best fit the needs of our students.

PARCCS Program: Our special education preschool program has expanded to include an additional special day class. The classes are located at the Early Learning Center and have the unique opportunity to interact with general education students. Our program prioritizes partnerships with families, service providers, and our NBCC community partners. This child-centered program supports students who qualify for special education and require specialized services and need support with communication, behavior, and academic foundations.

Food Services: Kayla Todd, Manager

Food Service will continue to provide a light fruit snack paired with a granola bar or seeds in the morning with breakfast served at recess. All students will continue to be provided with free meals, all new students should turn in an alternative income meal form. We rely on these forms for funding from the state.

Please note our food vendors are having shortages and may give us last minute substitutions or not provide as many options as previously.

Meal menus are posted to our website at: www.busd.org/cafe

Human Resources:

Join the BUSD team! Applications for job opportunities and more at Bellevue Union School District can be found at Edjoin.org.

Maintenance & Operations, Roger Farrell, Director

TLCD Architectural firm has completed the [schematic design](#) for the Kawana Springs kitchen, multi-purpose room and remodel of the front office complex. The next steps are refining the design and [DSA design review](#) before going out to bid. Beginning to make preparations for the much needed landscaping improvements throughout our sites.

Business Services, Chris Kim, CBO

The District's Business Services website has been updated to reflect all the District's statutory financial reports going back to Fiscal Year 2013/14. The requisite reports may be found at <https://www.busd.org/Page/53>. The District also continues its effort to solicit membership on its Bond Oversight Committee; for additional information and an application, please visit our website at <https://www.busd.org/Page/161>.

Executive Assistance, Moriah Hart

Want to volunteer at school?

1. Bring a negative TB test, COVID Vaccine Card & Photo ID to the District Office
2. Exchange TB test, COVID Vaccine Card, and ID for fingerprint form (we will make copies)
3. Make appointment to get fingerprints by calling number on fingerprint form
4. Go to your appointment. Take fingerprint form
5. Wait to be cleared (1 day to 3 months)
6. The District Office will notify your school when everything is cleared

After School Enrichment

We are super excited to be able to continue our after school chorus for all grades at all school sites and violin at our Bellevue and Taylor Mountain school campuses for 5th & 6th graders. We began weekly COVID-19 testing for all enrichment activities this week. Both chorus and violin are a privilege and school rules apply. Please be respectful to our enrichment instructors and be prompt to pick up your student.

Our newsletters are always available on our [website](#) on facebook: www.facebook.com/busd.org and via our mobile phone app available here: www.busd.org/app

In partnership with you,

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