



## 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,

# Happy Thanksgiving

Schools will be closed November 22-26

Feliz día de acción de  
gracias

Las escuelas estarán cerradas del 22  
al 26 de noviembre



### ***Wishing you a Wonderful Thanksgiving Week!***

This time of year is the perfect time for being thankful for so many blessings, especially for our family and friends. We, at the Bellevue Union School District are very thankful for the educational partnerships we have with our staff, families and community. Enjoy the gift of time we all have during this Thanksgiving holiday. - Dr. Alexander

## **COVID-19 Vaccine Updates**

The Sonoma County Department of Health Services is working with the Sonoma County Office of Education to deliver COVID-19 vaccinations to children ages 5-11 as the vaccine has been approved for children 5-11. Read more on the county website: [in English](#) | [in Spanish](#)

Sonoma County Public Health has also shared this video about the pediatric vaccine.

[COVID vaccines for children 5-11 years of age with Dr. Brian Prystowsky | Oct. 12](#)

Dr. Brian Prystowsky, Pediatrician at Sutter Health, talks about the pediatric vaccine against COVID-19 for children 5-11. He explains how the pediatric vaccine works, its dosage and side effects:

Sonoma County is hosting a "[Charla](#)," an informal relaxed conversation, with families about the vaccine, every Tuesday and Thursday until winter break. It is in Spanish with English translation.

Tuesday November 16, 23 and 30, and December 7, 14 and 16 p.m. on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87083095500?pwd=UThqYXhoc2dQNIAvM1RBNkwzS1JGQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 8309 5500 Passcode: 163519

Thursday November 18 and December 2, 9 and 16 6 p.m. on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86710442173?pwd=cFV4Qk9SSVc1ems0MGxpb09CQzVJQT09>

Meeting ID: 867 1044 2173 Passcode: 7229089

### Vaccines

- Free vaccines are available to anyone age 12 and older.
- Click here for Sonoma County Vaccine Clinic Information: [in English](#) | [in Spanish](#)

Bellevue Union School District COVID-19 Numbers 11/01/2021-11/16/2021

Tests administered: 537

Number of Positive tests: 4

Inconclusive Tests: 2

Testing Positivity Rate: .75%

[A vaccination clinic will be held at Kawana Springs on December 7, 2021, 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM.](#) The clinic will be open to students within the school district, their families, staff, and local community members that are within ages 5-11 years old.

The following vaccines are available to those that come to the clinic.

- Pfizer pediatric dose
- Pfizer 12+ first and second dose
- Pfizer 18+ Booster
- Moderna 18+ first and second dose
- Moderna 18+ Booster
- J&J dose
- J&J Booster

### **SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:**

#### **Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal**

##### Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving! We are so grateful for our Bellevue Community. Stay safe and see you all on Monday, Nov. 29.

Thanksgiving Break - No School; 11/22-11/26

ELAC Dec 3; 9am

School Site Council Dec 13; 4pm

Violin every Wednesday for 5th and 6th graders.

Move over Mozart every Monday!

Chorus on Fridays

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](mailto:ncraig@busd.org) Office Manager, Karina [kmartinez@busd.org](mailto:kmartinez@busd.org) Parent Liaison, Amy [aflorescasares@busd.org](mailto:aflorescasares@busd.org) with any questions.

#### **Kawana Springs: Denise McCullough, Principal**

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, KS staff, students and families!

##### Upcoming Meetings/Events:

COVID vaccination clinic for students and adults- Dec 7, 2:30-5:30pm

School Site Council Meeting- Dec 9, 2:45pm

ELAC Meeting- Dec 16, 3:00pm

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](mailto:dmccullough@busd.org), Office Manager Susy Bradley [sbradley@busd.org](mailto:sbradley@busd.org), or Parent Liaison Erika Corrales [ecorrales@busd.org](mailto:ecorrales@busd.org) with any questions.

#### **Meadow View: Jean Walker, Principal**

Happy Thanksgiving! We are thankful for our community!

##### Upcoming Meetings & Events:

ELAC meeting, Nov 30th @ 3:30

School Site Council meeting, Dec 1st @ 3:30

Coffee with the Principal, Dec 10 @ 8:15am

Chorus- ongoing every Tuesday

Move over Mozart- ongoing every Wednesday

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](mailto:jwalker@busd.org), Office Manager Natali Ramirez [nramirez@busd.org](mailto:nramirez@busd.org), Office Assistant- Isabel Luna, [imluna@busd.org](mailto:imluna@busd.org), or Parent Liaison Paula Hernandez [phernandez@busd.org](mailto:phernandez@busd.org).

#### **Taylor Mountain: Margaret Jacobson, Principal**

We are thankful for our TM Hawks community!

##### Upcoming Meetings and Events

Boys Basketball Try-outs: Nov. 30, Dec 2-3, 3:00 - 4:15 pm; Grades 4-6

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

ELAC Meeting: Friday, Dec. 3 at 8:00 am in the library

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](mailto:mjacobson@busd.org);

Office Manager Julie Roza [jroza@busd.org](mailto:jroza@busd.org), Office Asst. Hope Leon [hleon@busd.org](mailto:hleon@busd.org)

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

We thank all of you who attended your child's parent/teacher conference. This is an important time to understand how your child is doing in school and to form strong school/home partnerships.

As we move into the holiday season, here are some suggestions to keep the learning going over the Thanksgiving break and the upcoming winter break. Encourage your child to...

- Keep reading (For younger students, we encourage parents to read to them)
- Keep a journal of what each day was like. What was the best part of their day? What was the worst part of their day? Why? (For younger students, they can dictate what to write to their parents)
- Learn online. Continue to use the Freckle program, Lalilo, or other educational platforms
- Create a routine that includes the activities above

### **Student Services: Tracy Whitaker, Director**

The MTSS Committee continues to explore curriculum to address social emotional learning district wide. A big thank you to all of those participating on the committee.

### **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](http://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](http://Edjoin.org).

### **Maintenance & Operations, Roger Farrell, Director**

To represent our United States appropriately we will be refurbishing our flag poles at our Bellevue and Kawana Springs Elementary Schools during our upcoming Winter breaks (weather permitting) &/or Spring Break.

A new electronic marquee sign is being planned to be installed at Meadow View Elementary as early as our upcoming Spring Break.

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. We are 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>. Lastly, the District will be presenting its 1st Interim Financial Report for 2021/22 (the current fiscal year), the official audit of 2020/21 (the prior fiscal year), and its accounting of Developer Fee revenue (and expenditures) in 2020/21.

### **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 still have limited space in our violin program). 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.

### **More Visual and Arts Coming Our Way!**

Bellevue Union School district is excited to announce we will be participating in a Federal AAE Grant continuing the integrated art in education programming that Windsor Unified has benefitted from under the "iAspire" program. The new grant, "iAmplify," will provide teacher professional learning in the arts paired with an arts/ELA/SLA integrated curriculum starting in summer 2022.

We know from solid research that arts integration accelerates achievement in the arts and in reading. We also know that the arts, when taught regularly and rigorously, improve attendance, engagement, social/emotional learning, self-confidence, empathy and a host of other wonderful outcomes for students.

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In partnership with you,

**Dr. David Alexander**

Superintendent

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