



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,

The Great Kindness Challenge Week: January 24–28, 2022

From Tony Thurmond, State Superintendent of Public Instruction...

"The California Department of Education, in partnership with the Great Kindness Challenge® (GKC), encourages all teachers, staff, students, and families of California schools to participate in the GKC the week of January 24–28, 2022.

The GKC initiative, presented by Kids for Peace, is a global campaign that promotes kindness in kindergarten through grade twelve schools. It is a positive, action-based bullying-prevention initiative that creates a school culture of kindness, compassion, unity, and respect.

One of my main priorities as the State Superintendent of Public Instruction is student health and safety. It is critical that school staff and students feel safe at schools. Now more than ever, we all need to put safety and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) supports at the forefront of our schools. We invite you to join nearly 17 million students who participated in over 33,000 schools in 115 countries for a positive start to 2022! You can sign up on the GKC website at <https://thegreatkindnesschallenge.com> and get instant access to the free online GKC tools (including the school and home kindness checklists, 50 SEL-focused kindness lessons, GKC toolkit, inspiration videos, translations, and more)... Let's start the new year with kindness, knowing it has the power to create a safe and positive school environment. Your kindness matters."

What an incredible reminder to us all to take the deep breath and be kind to one another in these times of everchanging guidelines and social challenges. We, in the Bellevue Union School District, are thankful for your partnership in working together for the betterment of our students and their families.

COVID-19 Updates - Tracy Whitaker, Covid-19 Coordinator

We would like to thank everyone for your use of the home antigen test kits we sent home for the students. It helped catch positive cases that could have resulted in additional spread of COVID-19. Please know we are following protocols: masking, cleaning, ventilation, contact tracing, etc.

Every site has experienced positive cases on site since we have returned from break. Thank you for your patience as we work through this surge.

New Quarantine and Isolation Guidelines

The California Department of Public Health has released its updated guidance for quarantine and isolation. We are still expecting a few more changes but here you will find the current guidance.

Reminder:

Isolation is for those who have tested positive.

Quarantine is for those who have been exposed to someone who has tested positive.

New Isolation Protocol: This is for everyone (student or staff), regardless of vaccination status, previous infection or lack of symptoms.

- **Stay home** (PDF) for at least 5 days.
- Isolation can end after day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving **AND** a diagnostic specimen* collected on day 5 or later tests negative.
- **If unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present or are resolving, isolation can end after day 10.**
- If fever is present, isolation should be continued until fever resolves.
- If symptoms, other than fever, are not resolving, continue to isolate until symptoms are resolving or until after day 10.
- Wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings (see Section below on masking for additional information)

*Antigen test preferred.

Current Quarantine Protocol for Students:

*****PLEASE NOTE***** CDPH's K-12 guidance is still active, which calls for stricter quarantine guidelines for K-12 students. **Therefore, the quarantine timeline for K-12 students has not changed; a 7-10 day quarantine (modified or standard at-home quarantine) is still required for K-12 students.** CDPH has stated they are actively reviewing the K-12 guidance and may make changes to it soon. Below is an excerpt of the K-12 guidance, outlining the student quarantine options — ***this is the same quarantine guidance we have all already been using.***

New Info: Fully-vaccinated kids under the age of 18 (17 and under) are not required to quarantine if they have not been boosted, even if they are due.

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

ELAC Jan 21; 9am ~ Zoom

Parent Coffee and School Tour Jan 28; 9am ~ MPR

School Site Council Jan 31; 4pm ~ Zoom

Food Pantry Tuesdays; 2:45

Move over Mozart Mondays after school

Violin Wednesdays after school

Chorus Fridays after school

4th-6th Grade Basketball Practices and Games as notified

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

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

ELAC Meeting- Jan 20 3:00 pm

Parent Coffee- Jan 21 8:15 am

School Tour- Jan 25 9:00 am

School Site Council- Jan 27 3:00 pm

Student of the Month Assemblies- Jan 28- Times vary by Grade Level

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:

Coffee with the Principal- January 28th @ 8:15

English Learner's Advisory Committee (ELAC)- January 18th @ 3:30 on zoom

School Site Council- January 26th @ 3:30 on zoom

Food Pantry every Tuesday 2:00

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, 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 & Events:

Coffee with the Principal: Friday, January 14, 2022, 8:00 am in the cafeteria.

English Learner's Advisory Committee (ELAC): Friday, January 21, 8:00 am in the library

School Site Council Meeting: Monday, January 24, 3:00 pm in the library

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

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

Next week, our students and staff are letting us know how they feel about their school with the YouthTruth Survey. We're excited to gather student and staff feedback.

Parents are also encouraged to let us know about their school experience. **Please take the survey before it closes at midnight on Friday, January 28, 2022, by clicking this link:**

<http://www.ytsurvey.org/busdfamily22>

Please note:

- The survey needs to be completed in one sitting.
- We ask that one member of each household fill out the survey.

- If you have more than one child who attends the same school, you may respond to the survey multiple times - one time per child.
- If you write any comments, please do not include your name or anything else that might identify you. Your responses are anonymous, and they will be combined with the responses of other parents and guardians before being shared back with school and district leadership.

We sincerely thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback. **Your response is incredibly valuable to us.**

As part of State Superintendent Tony Thurmond's new literacy initiative, students will have free and unlimited access to thousands of digital books and news articles on the Renaissance myON platform from **December 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022**. Students can read these books and articles on any digital device that is connected to the Internet, even in low bandwidth areas. myON books can also be downloaded onto mobile devices for offline reading. See the attached letters for specific information about how to log in. Please note, when signing in, instead of entering your school name, in that box you must type in ***Gift of Literacy***.

[Family Letter-English](#)

[Family Letter-Spanish](#)

Food Services: Rita Kesler, Interim Manager

The District welcomes Ms. Rita Kesler as its Interim Food Service Program Manager. Ms Kesler retired from San Rafael City Schools as its Director of Nutrition Programs and has graciously agreed to support Bellevue's Food Service Program while seeking a permanent candidate for the position. The position description and application may be found via the following link:

<https://www.edjoin.org/Home/DistrictJobPosting/1519919>

Programmatically, all students continue to be provided free meals. Meal menus and additional information into our Food Service Program may be found on our website at: www.busd.org/cafe

Technology Department, Ryan Green, Director of Technology

The AppleTVs have arrived! The district purchased a 4k AppleTV for every classroom TV in the district and will begin installation in the afternoons starting on **Tuesday 1/18/2022**. Teachers will be sent an email Tuesday with links to a tips and tricks document as well as a how-to video.

Friendly reminder to staff: For technical assistance please send email to ithelp@busd.org.

Human Resources, Michael Kellison, HR Director

BUSD is hiring! We are always looking for talented and dedicated individuals to join our team. We have a variety of positions available and many offer schedules that align with the daily school schedule. If you are interested in learning more about our open positions, contact Michael Kellison, Director of Human Resources, at mkellison@busd.org or call (707) 542-5197 ext. 5.

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

Business Services, Chris Kim, CBO

The District presented its 1st Interim Financial Report for 2021/22 (the current fiscal year), and its annual accounting of Developer Fee revenue (and expenditures) for the prior fiscal year at the regularly

scheduled board meeting on December 14, 2021. The presentation and full report(s) are available on the District's website at <https://www.busd.org/Page/53>.

The District is subsequently planning on presenting its official audit of its 2020/21 financials by Christy White and Associates at the Board Meeting scheduled for February 15, 2022.

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

TK & Kindergarten Registration Opens January 10!

Do you have a child who has just turned five years old, or turns five next year? Perhaps a neighbor or friend does and you can share this information! Registration for next year's (2022-23) kindergarten class begins on Monday, January 10. We have the traditional one-year kindergarten, and also a two-year transitional kindergarten, sometimes called kinder academy or kinder bridge. For more information and school tour dates contact your school or follow us on facebook.

CityBus Survey

CityBus is trying to determine the level of impact future service reductions may have on riders. Due to a driver shortage and the Omicron surge they need to reduce service to have consistent operations day-to-day. Below are links to a two question survey (Spanish and English).

English: https://bit.ly/CityBus_Survey

Spanish: https://bit.ly/CityBus_SurveyEsp

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In partnership with you,

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