




DISTRICT NEWS BRIEF & UPDATES

March 17, 2022

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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,

*Special Announcement from the BUSD Board:
Michael Kellison has been Appointed as New Superintendent*

March 17, 2022

On Wednesday, March 16, 2022, the Trustees of the Board of Education came to an agreement with Michael Kellison to serve as the new district superintendent beginning July 1, 2022. Mr. Kellison will be working closely with current superintendent, David Alexander, as Mr. Alexander works his way toward a well-deserved retirement beginning on June 30, 2022.

Michael currently works as Bellevue's Director of Human Resources. Over the last few months in that position, he has had the opportunity to become acquainted with certificated and classified staff and familiarized himself with our schools. We expect the transition to be smooth. The district has had great momentum under Mr. Alexander's leadership and we look forward to that continuing with Michael's leadership.

Michael knows Santa Rosa and Sonoma County well. During his career, he has served as a principal in the Roseland School District and the Rincon Valley Union School District and as superintendent in the Oak Grove Union School District. Uniquely, Michael and his family traveled to Amman, Jordan where he served as associate superintendent/middle school principal for 4 years at the American Community School. He received his BA degree from Claremont McKenna College in southern California and his Masters from Claremont Graduate University. Michael's wife, Miriah, is a teacher in Sonoma County and they have two children, Makayle and Jeremiah.

Board president, Jamie Padilla, noted that Mr. Kellison "is a hands-on administrator who realizes that visibility in the district and in the community are integral pieces of developing any program for success. The Board and those who interviewed Michael see him as a terrific asset for our team."

Mr. Kellison will be officially welcomed and his contract approved at the April 19, 2022 board.

Spring Break- No School March 18 - March 25th

Enjoy Spring!

Upcoming "no school" days in April and May

Our instructional calendar has designated two days in 2022, April 8 and May 6, as "Emergency Closure Days" for this school year. So far, we have not needed to use those days for emergency school closures. Unless there is an emergency between now and those dates, they will be "no school" days for our students. April 15, 2022, Good Friday is also a no school day.

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Spring Break - March 18-25

Spring Picture Day - April 1st

No School - April 8 & 15

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:

Spring Break- March 18-25

6th grade Outdoor Ed- March 28 & 29

School Site Council- March 31, 2:45 pm

Spring Picture Day- March 31

Student of the Month assemblies- April 1, Times vary by Grade Level

Move over Mozart- Weds ongoing, 12:30pm

Chorus- Thursdays ongoing, 2:40pm

Girls on the Run- 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:

Girls basketball schedule coming soon

Spring Break- No school, March 18-March 25th

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 ramirez@busd.org, Office Assistant- Isabel Luna, imluna@busd.org , or Parent Liaison Paula Hernandez phernandez@busd.org.

Taylor Mountain: Margaret Jacobson, Principal

Kindness Matters at Taylor Mountain! This month's deliberate acts of kindness are:

- March: Do a happy dance for someone!

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Girls basketball schedule coming soon

Spring Break- No school, March 18-March 25th

ELAC Meeting Friday, April 22, 2022 8:00 am in the Library

School Site Council Monday, April 25, 3:00 pm in the Library

Parenting Workshop and Coffee with the Principal, Friday April 29 8:00 am 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

Student Services, Tracy Whitaker, Director of Student Services

BUSD is excited to continue the process of selecting the social emotional learning curriculum for our students in the district. There will be an opportunity for our parents to review the curriculum and ask questions at the District Office on Tuesday, April 5th from 4:00-4:45 PM.

In other news we continue to see the positive impacts of school counselors on each of our sites. They are providing classroom lessons on social emotional topics each month and individual and group counseling services to our students.

Food Services: Rita Kesler, Interim Manager

The District welcomes Ms. Lynn Wong as our incoming Food Service Program Manager. Ms. Wong joins the Bellevue Union School District Team by way of the Petaluma City School District where she most recently served in both Kitchen Operations and in Facilities and Maintenance. Ms. Wong brings extensive food service industry experience having also served as a Nutrition Manager and Wellness Coordinator for Kaiser Permanente, and her supporting educational endeavors include a Bachelors in Nutrition and Food Science from UC Berkeley and MBA from the University of San Francisco.

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

Human Resources, Michael Kellison, HR Director

The Human Resources Department continues to look for talented people to join our team. We are hiring the following positions:

Student Supervision

Instructional Assistants

Literacy Paraprofessionals

We are also looking for people who would like to serve as substitute teachers as well as substitute custodians and food service workers.

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 2nd Interim report to the Board of Trustees on March 8th, where it provided two financial projections dependent on the ADA "Hold Harmless" outcome of the Governor's Budget proposal. The report, including the associated presentation, may be found on the District's website.

Lastly, the District 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>.

Technology Department: Ryan Green, Director of Technology

Maintenance & Operations, Roger Farrell, M&O Director

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
7. If you have previously volunteered and you are not showing up on your school's approved list you may need to update your TB test or submit your COVID vaccine card (or both!). Please call the district office to see what you may need - 707-542-5197 xt 2

TK/K Registration is now open



El registro de TK/K ya está abierto

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 is now open. Register [online](#) or in person today!

We have the traditional one-year kindergarten, and also a two-year transitional kindergarten (TK), sometimes called kinder academy or kinder bridge. The state of California has defined transitional kindergarten for those students turning 5 on or after September 2 through February 2nd, but we at Bellevue Union School District want to support and teach all of our students who are ready for TK with birthdays Sept. 2, 2017-June 30, 2018. For more information and school tour dates contact your school or follow us on facebook.



Visual and Performing Arts Update

March is Arts in Education month in the Bellevue Union School District! Join us as we celebrate the creative work being done by our teachers and students as we post on [Facebook](#). We will also feature our chorus and violin programs.

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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