



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,

Congratulations on a successful school year! This will be our last newsletter for this school year. We cannot believe how quickly this school year flew by and want to thank you for all of your support in our students' education. I also would like to wish everyone the best as this will be my last newsletter as our school district superintendent. I am very confident that our team under the leadership of your new superintendent, Michael Kellison, will continue to flourish and provide even more incredible educational opportunities for our students. I wish only the best for our students, families, staff and our wonderful school board.

Bellevue Union School District Refinances Bonds; Saves Taxpayers \$\$\$

Once again good news for our local property taxpayers. About four years ago in December 2017: The Bellevue Union School District refinanced a portion of its Election of 2008, General Obligation Bonds, Series A and Series 2011C, which saved District property owners nearly \$1.4 million in taxes. We are always looking for opportunities to help out our taxpayers. That looked like a good opportunity and ended up a huge win for the District and its taxpayers. Most recently, we once again found yet another opportunity! The final numbers for the *Bellevue Elementary School District 2022 General Obligation Refunding Bonds* resulted in savings of \$868,995! These refunds are the least we can do to ensure these bonds are used not only wisely for the intended purposes in building and facilities improvements, but also to ensure the best oversight and fiscal opportunities of the bonds. A true win-win! A big thanks to Isom Advisors for their partnership in our bond work!

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

What an incredible year! Thank you to our entire Bulldog community for making this year a success. I am beyond proud of our students and all they have accomplished!

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Kindergarten Promotion May 27; 9:30am

No School; May 30 - Memorial Day

Carnival/Field Day May 31

Sixth Grade Promotion June 2; 9:30am

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

Thank you so much to our KS community for all of your involvement in our community events this month! Please note, our school office will be relocating to Room 1 on June 8th.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

No School- Monday, May 30th

Kindergarten Promotion- June 1, 10:45 am

6th grade Promotion- June 2, 10:30am

Last day of School- June 2, early dismissal 12:25pm

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

Thank you Meadow View families, staff and students for making our school so great!

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

No School- Monday, May 30th, 2022

6th grade promotion, Weds 9:00 am June 1st, 2022

K promotion, Thursday 9:00am June 2nd, 2022

Field Day, Thursday June 2nd, 2022

June 2nd last day of School (early dismissal 12:25)

Food Pantry every Tuesday 2:00

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

We are wrapping up a fantastic year of learning and growing at Taylor Mountain. We thank all of our families for their support and wish everyone a fun and relaxing summer!

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Monday, May 30: No school; Memorial Day Holiday

Wednesday, June 1, 10:00 am: 6th grade promotion in the MPR

Thursday, June 2: Field Day; Last Day of School 12:25 pm Dismissal

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

Congratulations to all our recently *Reclassified Fluent English Proficient (RFEP) Students*! These students entered our school system as English Learners/Emerging Bilingual Students and have met both state and district criteria to be classified as proficient students. This is a great accomplishment and we thank both our teachers and their families for all their support to get our students to this point. We also applaud the great work of these students as not only did they have to learn the grade level content, they had to do this work while learning a new language! Congratulations to them!

Summer School

We are excited to offer a wonderful Summer Learning Academy this summer. This program will run from June 10-July 22nd. All students in the program have been notified. Attendance is important. If students

miss three days, they will be dropped as we have students on a waiting list. As space becomes available we will be reaching out to our families on the waiting list.

We encourage all students to keep up with their reading over the summer. We hope they will visit our public libraries for rich reading materials. We also encourage our students to continue to use Freckle Reading and Freckle Math. These programs will continue to be up and running for our students to keep their learning going over the summer. We hope all students will take advantage of these great resources and we look forward to seeing our returning students on **August 11, 2022** and wish our 6th graders much success in the years ahead! Happy Summer to All!

Student Services, Tracy Whitaker, Director of Student Services

Thank you to all of our teachers and staff who work so hard for our students everyday! We appreciate you and so do the students and their families.

Food Services: Lynn Wong, Manager

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

If you need further information, then please contact Lynn Wong, Food Services Program Manager at 707-542-5197 ext 4 or lwong@busd.org

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's FY 2022/23 Budget will be available for public review during the week of Monday, June 20th, followed by a public hearing scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2022. The Board is subsequently scheduled to consider the Budget for approval on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

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

The District is moving forward with the purchase of voice amplification systems to support instruction in every classroom! These systems are high fidelity, portable, and require no installation. They also use bluetooth instead of infrared so they no longer require line of sight.

This summer, utilizing Erate funding, the district will be upgrading the network infrastructure at Taylor Mountain and Meadow View elementary schools including new fiber-optic cabling and switches increasing the school backbone to 10Gb.

Maintenance & Operations, Roger Farrell, M&O Director

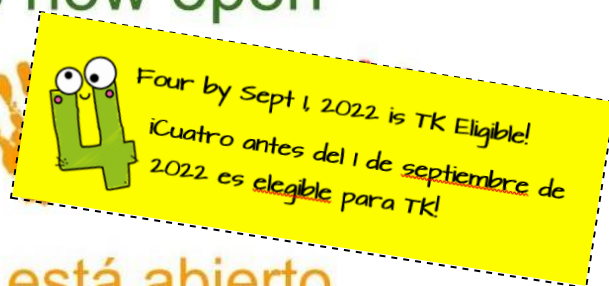
We have supplied a notice of award to a contractor for the restoration work to our portable classrooms at each of our sites. Here is a link to what that work has been planned to be performed [BUSD Portable Bldg - Summary of Scope for BUSD Staff Reference](#)

Kawana Springs Modernization: Some preliminary work is scheduled to begin 6/6/22. Sealed bids are scheduled to be received and opened 6/22/22. We continue to wait for DSA to complete their review of the building plans that TLCD Architectural firm submitted on our behalf; once received a contract will be issued to the awarded contract firm. Here is a snapshot of what will be coming to the [Kawana Springs Modernization plan set](#).

Planning continues for the Landscape retrofitting to refresh our site's presentation, minimize maintenance requirements and to make our sites more drought tolerant.

Executive Assistance, Moriah Hart

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** and who will have their **fourth birthday by September 1 of the 2022-23 school year**. For more information and school tour dates contact your school or follow us on facebook.

The 2022-2023 School year begins August 11, 2022. ([2022-23 Calendar Link](#)) Please note the first two days of school in August are minimum days.

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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Superintendent

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