



## DISTRICT NEWS BRIEF & UPDATES

June 3, 2021

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*Mission: Inspire learning*

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

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### Dear Bellevue Union School District Families and Staff,

We can hardly believe the last day of the 2020-2021 school year is already here!

#### Next Year?

The classroom is a great place for students to learn. We will continue to do all we can to make sure school classrooms are as safe as possible. Quality air filtration systems, sanitation efforts and protective equipment are all in place. At a recent school board meeting, our school board discussed what our next year will look like and directed the superintendent to develop a resolution addressing our return to full in-person instruction in August. We will also be exploring some options and will share that information as soon as possible. We are so excited to have all our students back on campus again for the 2021-2022 school year

#### Summer School Updates:

We are busy planning for a BUSD Cool School Summer Program. This program will be by invitation only and a first come, first serve basis as space is limited. The program will be held at Taylor Mountain Elementary School and will run from 8:00-2:00 daily from June 9, 2021 through June 30, 2021. If you have been invited, be sure to get your application returned to your school office as soon as possible. There will be a waiting list to accommodate students as spaces become available.

#### Summer Learning Opportunities:

Because space is limited for our Summer School program and we want to support all students, BUSD is allowing all returning TK through fifth graders to keep their devices over the summer in order to access some wonderful computer adaptive learning programs that our students can access from home. These programs will support students' literacy and math skills. These programs will adjust according to how students perform on the learning tasks. If the task is too challenging, the program will automatically adjust to the students' performance level. If the student breezes through the assignments, the program will automatically adjust to provide a more appropriate learning challenge.

We recommend that students use Lalilo if they are not yet reading independently in English. If students are reading somewhat independently, we recommend students use Freckle Language Arts (available in

English and Spanish). For our Dual Immersion students at Kawana Springs, we recommend the students practice their Spanish reading skills using Imagine Español. All students are encouraged to use Freckle Math (available in English and Spanish) to develop their math skills. Each of these programs should be used 15 -20 minutes per day.

All of these programs will be accessible through Clever, which all of our students are familiar. These programs will be accessible beginning on June 9, 2021 and will be available all summer. Lalilo and Freckle will also be accessible throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

Here is more information about these programs:

### **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 English Language Arts (K-6):**

Freckle Math and English Language Arts is an online learning platform that allows students to practice Math and English Language Arts at their own level. 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 English 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)**

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.

If you have trouble accessing these resources, please contact us at (707) 544-8164.

### **SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:**

**Bellevue:** Nina Craig, Principal

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Last Day of School June 3; Dismissal 1:30pm

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

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

**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

Kindergarten Virtual Promotion- June 3 11:45 a.m.

Last Day of School June 3; Dismissal 12:50 p.m.

Device Turn In for Kindergarten, First, Sixth graders and students not returning to BUSD; June 3-11 8am-4pm

Office hours- Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00 p.m.

You may email or call Principal McCullough [dmccullough@busd.org](mailto:dmccullough@busd.org), Office Manager Susy Bradley [sbradley@busd.org](mailto:sbradley@busd.org), or Parent Liaison Angelina Estrada [astrada@busd.org](mailto:astrada@busd.org) with any questions.

**Meadow View: Jean Walker, Principal**

**Upcoming Meetings & Events:**

Last Day of School: Thursday, June 3rd; Dismissal 12:50 pm

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

Please call the office 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**

Last Day of School: Thursday, June 3; Dismissal 12:50 pm

Office hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am-4pm. Masks and social distancing required for the safety of all.

Please call or stop by with questions: 542-3671; minutes 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 x3 Romo-Flores, Director & Information Technology, Lawrence Black, Director**

**Learning Center:**

We are open at our Learning Center office at 2641 Dutton Meadow from 8:00-4:00 for all parent support needs. English and Spanish support available.

- Email - [ithelp@busd.org](mailto:ithelp@busd.org)
- Call - 1-707-544-8164

If you are needing support to access the internet please reach out to your school offices and talk with us about your needs.

**Human Resources: Siara Goyer, Director**

Join the BUSD team! Applications for job opportunities and more at Bellevue Union School District can be found at [Edjoin.org](http://Edjoin.org).

**Food Services: Kayla Todd, Food Program Manager**

Students will be able to pick up "grab and go" meals as they leave campus until the last day of school June 3rd.

There will be no summer food distribution.

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

Bellevue Elementary School HVAC Improvement project is moving forward very nicely since the first week in March.

Kawana Springs: We are working with TLCD Architectural firm to create a design to best provide the much needed expansion of our Kitchen, MPR and remodel of our Admin areas.

We are working with GSM Landscaping Designers for a District Wide landscaping master plan to make our landscaping nicer, more drought tolerant and reduce maintenance cost.

In addition to these milestones we continued this week to make progress on preparations for the s we of schools & the planning required to perform YEAR 2 projects from our [BUSD Facility 5 Year Plan](#) at our other sites.

### **Business Services, Chris Kim, CBO**

**May Revision of the State Budget:** On May 14, Governor Gavin Newsom presented his May Revision Budget (also known as the May Revise), representing his best budget projection since the release of his January Budget Proposal. The budget includes \$93.7 billion in Proposition 98 funding for public schools and community colleges - nearly \$14,000 per student. That doesn't include an additional \$15 billion for K-12 schools and \$2.3 billion for community colleges from the federal government. Newsom also announced \$20 billion to "reimagine public schools," including a \$2.7 billion proposal to extend transitional kindergarten to every 4-year-old. Specific details on how this additional funding will be allocated and apportioned to our School District will be released into the coming weeks.

**Budget for Adoption:** The District's FY 2021/22 Budget for Adoption is being developed in alignment with the LCAP and is scheduled for public review the week of June 21st. The BUSD Board of Trustees will review the Budget and LCAP on June 29th and consider approval of the Budget at the Board Meeting scheduled for June 30th.

**Business Technician:** Ms. Victoria (Tori) Tuscano joined the District Office as the Business/Payroll Technician on May 17th. All inquiries related to payroll and benefits may continue to be directede to [payroll@busd.org](mailto:payroll@busd.org).

### **Technology Department, Larry Black, Director of Technology**

The Technology department would like to thank our families for playing such an integral part in the support of students accessing school this year. Your commitment to this work has been excellent and we are sincerely grateful.

We would also like to welcome **Jose Santamaria** to the Technology Team. Jose is the Technology Coordinator for the district and already jumping in to tackle all of the challenges for our students and families.

We continue to offer hotspots to families that need access to the internet at home. Please reach out if you have any questions to [ithelp@busd.org](mailto:ithelp@busd.org) or 707-544-8164

New programs have been made available by the federal government and state agencies to support internet services and low cost computers for qualified families. A summary of the program includes.

- up to \$50/month for a service plan
- up to \$100/device
- Limited to single plan and device per household
- May be used in addition to existing Lifeline benefit
- Ends six months after public health emergency declared over or until funds are exhausted (Predicted to be 5 months)

If you are interested in applying, please go to <https://www.internetforallnow.org/applytoday>

If you need help applying or have questions, please contact the technology department at 707-544-8164 or [ithelp@busd.org](mailto:ithelp@busd.org)

**Executive Assistance, Moriah Hart**

New student registration is open both [online](#) and hard copy packets available at the school sites. Students eligible for kindergarten are 5 years old on or before September 1, 2021. Students turning 5 years old September 2 through December 2, 2021 are eligible for TK (transitional kinder). Depending on space and student assessment we may accept students born after December 2 to TK/TK PLUS. To register you will need a copy of the birth certificate, proof of residence (PG&E or water bill, lease), immunizations, physical and dental exam. Please call your school office with any questions.

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