



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,

On behalf of all of the Bellevue Union School District, Welcome Back to School! We are very excited to continue our focus on student learning, connectedness and safety for the 2021/22 school year.

All students are expected to attend in-person instruction beginning on Thursday, August 12, 2021.

Our school district will implement the following safeguards based on the latest local and state guidelines:

- Masks will be required indoors for all staff and students regardless of age or vaccination status.
- Students with a medical condition that prevents wearing a mask **MUST** obtain a medical exemption from a qualified physician in order to attend in-person classes.
- Masks will not be required for staff and students when outdoors.
- Social distancing will not be required on campus (indoors) or outdoors per CDC guidelines except during lunch and snack periods. Students will be socially distant when masks are removed for eating.
- Updated ventilation systems and air purification throughout campuses continue to be utilized.
- Cleaning protocols continue to be in place.

However, for the 2021-22 school year only, ***students whose health would be at risk by in-person instruction*** will have the option of in-person instruction or Independent Study (IS) (Assembly Bill 130) .

We are asking families to share with us if your child will need to participate in the Independent Study option for the 2021-2022 school year. To assist in your decision, we would like to share the most current information at this point. However, as we have all learned over the last two years, information, rules, and guidelines change often.

As per the California Department of Education, the Independent Study program will include daily live instruction for students in grades TK-3, opportunities for daily live instruction and at least weekly live instruction for grades 4-8.

As of now, BUSD will offer the following program:

- Kinder-Third Grade:
 - 30 minutes of live instruction in English Language Arts with the teacher
 - 30 minutes of live instruction in Math with the teacher
 - Approximately 3 hours of independent study (independent work)
- Fourth-Sixth Grade:
 - 40 minutes of live instruction in English Language Arts with the teacher
 - 40 minutes of live instruction in Math with the teacher
 - Approximately 3 hours of independent study (independent work)

Here is some important information to consider prior to completing the request form for those of you considering the Independent Study option for children ***whose health would be at risk by in-person instruction***:

- The Dual Immersion Language program at Kawana Springs will not be available in the Independent Study program.
- Prior to enrollment in the Independent Study program, families must meet with BUSD staff to discuss the program and procedures for enrolling, disenrolling, and re-enrolling.
- Students who select Independent Study will be permitted to return to BUSD within five days of requesting a return. Every effort will be made to return students to the home school pending space availability. If space is not available, the student will be considered for another school selected by the district.
- Prior to selection and approval of Independent Study for students with disabilities under IDEA, an IEP meeting must be held to review and determine if independent study is an appropriate placement for the student.
- Students in the Independent Study program may be prohibited from extra-curricular activities.

We hope you find this information helpful.

[2020/21 Independent Study Request Form](#)

The request form needs to be completed no later than *Wednesday, July 28, 2021*.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you soon!

2020/21 School Year

A new start for our students and we are excited about the start of our 2021-2022 school year! Our classrooms are a great place for students to learn. As we return to in-person instruction on our first day of school, Thursday, August 12, 2021, we would like to assure you we will continue to do all we can to make our schools as safe as possible including: quality air filtration systems, sanitation efforts and protective equipment.

Please update your Emergency Contact Information

Online data confirmation is now open ([LINK](#)) and available to update/confirm emergency contact information for your child for the 2021-22 school year. If your email is up to date in our student system you will receive an email reminder before the start of the school year. The link is also provided on our website. Online data confirmation (and our traditional paper Opening Packet distributed the first day of

school) contain annual notices and important information. Please complete your data confirmation as soon as possible to make sure we have current emergency contact information on the first day of school for your child.

Food and Nutrition

Bellevue Union School District continues to be a Provision 2 school district providing free meals for all students in the district. We still need to collect lunch forms from all new students. New students only please complete the lunch form in your opening packet schools send home during the first week of school, or in online data confirmation.

Incoming Transitional Kindergartners and Kindergartners

Our schools' site staff will be reaching out to incoming TK and K students before the start of the school year with information regarding orientation.

School Offices Open August 2, 2021

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

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

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:

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

You may call 707-545-4283 or email Principal McCullough dmccullough@busd.org, Office Manager Susy Bradley sbradley@busd.org, or Parent Liaison Angelina Estrada aestrada@busd.org with any questions.

Meadow View: Jean Walker, Principal

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

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

Please call the office at 707-541-3715 or if you have questions email; Principal Walker jwalker@busd.org, Office Manager Natali Ramirez qramirez@busd.org, Office Assistant- Isabel Luna, imluna@busd.org , or Parent Liaison Paula Hernandez phernandez@busd.org.

Taylor Mountain: Margaret Jacobson, Principal

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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 & Information Technology, Lawrence Black, Director

Summer Learning

We hope students are enjoying and continuing to use the learning resources provided by BUSD. 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 are accessible through Clever, with which all of our students are familiar. These programs are available all summer. Lalilo and Freckle will also be accessible throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

If students use **Lalilo (K-2)**, they will need to click on the box that says “in school” and enter their school codes. See codes below:

- Bellevue Elementary School - **MQJRS**
- Kawana Springs Elementary School - **XTVGYQ**
- Meadow View Elementary School - **RFPHUW**
- Taylor Mountain Elementary School - **MFFSRC**

They will then need to pick their teacher from the 2020-21 school year, then their name.

Go to <https://clever.com/in/bellevue>

This is a great way to help students be more prepared and successful as they enter their new grade levels!

If you have trouble accessing these resources, please contact us at (707) 544-8164 or with email at ithelp@busd.org.

Learning Center

Our Learning Center at 2641 Dutton Meadow is currently open from 8:00-10:00 am for all parent support needs. English and Spanish support available. Beginning on Thursday, August 12, 2021 the 8:00-4:00 pm office hours will be available.

- Email - 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.

Student Services: Tracy Whitaker, Director

We are pleased to share that we have full-time counseling support available for each school site this year. We look forward to further developing our social emotional programs to better support our students' social emotional well-being and academic success.

Human Resources: Siara Goyer, Director

We are about to welcome back all our fabulous staff. Please check out your work calendars at <https://www.bUSD.org/Page/2198>.

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

Any questions can be directed to my office at sgoyer@busd.org or 707-542-5197 ext. 5.

Business Services, Chris Kim, CBO

The District Office welcomed Ms. Victoria (Tori) Tuscano as our new Business/Payroll Technician. All inquiries related to payroll and benefits may continue to be directed to payroll@busd.org.

The Board of Trustees adopted the District Budget for the 2021/22 Fiscal Year on June 30, 2021. This budget includes a retroactive 5% increase to salaries in the prior fiscal year, and a subsequent 4% increase in the current fiscal year. Also included is a \$2000 annual increase to District Contribution towards Employee Health Benefits. All Retroactive one time payments were processed and should have been received by this time.

Beginning with the 2021-22 School Year, Certificated Employees will be set up on a 11 month pay cycle (August - June) to reflect the District's work calendars which extend over a period of 11 months as well. If you would like to participate or continue participating in the District' Deferred Net Pay (DNP) program, you will receive 11 equal regular paychecks with an 8.333% deduction set aside to provide for an additional 12th paycheck in the month of June. Please note that any Certificated Employees wanting to enroll in DNP this coming Academic Year must contact our Payroll Office at payroll@busd.org.

Technology Department, Larry Black, Director of Technology

If you need help applying or have questions, please contact the technology department at 707-544-8164 or 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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