



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,

What does the future hold for educating our students for the rest of the academic school year? As you are aware our school board made the wise decision back in August to go with a Distance Learning model until the end of the calendar year based on recognizing the possible health and safety ramifications to bring back our students into a in-person model. Before you know it the holidays will be here and then what? Our next steps will be to engage our staff and community in examining the plans we put together then and determining if these plans are applicable for after the first of the calendar year. We will be seeking your input regarding your successes, challenges and needs. Together we will do our best to provide our students a quality education.

Thank you for your partnership as we work together to ensure our students are engaged in their education.

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Thank you for joining me for Virtual Coffee today! So great to hear from and see you all.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

TK-2nd grade dance zooms and 3rd-5th ukulele zooms start this week! Contact your child's teacher for link!

Oct. 16; ELAC 9:00am, Site Council 12:00pm

Oct. 19-23rd Outdoor Bookfair 12:00pm-4:00pm

Oct. 30 Drive-thru Halloween Parade 2:30pm

Call or stop by during office hours for tech support!

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am-4pm Please respect social distancing protocols.

Weekly free meal pick up Mondays 11:00-1:00

Food Pantry Tuesdays 12:00-1:00

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 to everyone who joined our ELAC, School Site Council and Parent Tech Nights.

Food Pantry is up and running at Kawana Springs! Wednesdays 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Technology support is now in person at the District Office daily, 8:00-4:00 p.m. On site support is by appointment only.

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

Grab-and-Go lunches: Mondays from 10:00-12:00

You may email or call 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 families for all your support and flexibility during our distance learning program. Please update the online student data verification through the Aeries parent portal. You can find the link through the BUSD app or at busd.org. If you have any questions please call or stop by during office hours. Our Main Office is open 8am- 4pm. Masks and social distancing required for the safety of all. Grab-and Go lunches 11:30 am-1:30 pm every Monday. Food Pantry is every Tuesday @ 2:00 through the parking lot loop. Please call the office or if you have questions email; Principal Walker jwalker@busd.org, Office Manager Ana Peoples, apeoples@busd.org , Office Assistant- Isabel Luna, imluna@busd.org, or Parent Liaison Natali Ramirez, nramirez@busd.org. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our ELAC meeting on Oct 14th @ 5:30 and our School Site Council meeting on Oct 19th @ 5:30. Zoom links coming soon.

Taylor Mountain: Margaret Jacobson, Principal

We value and appreciate the dedication of our students and families to the distance learning program. We are here to support you. Tech and computer support will now be EVERYDAY at the district office: 8 am - 4 pm! Thanks to our parents and staff who attended our School Site Council Committee and ELAC (English Learners Advisory Committee) meetings. This is a great way to be involved. Mark your calendars for the October 23 meetings. Zoom links coming soon! Breakfast and lunch pick up Mondays 10:30 am - 1:30 pm...our new, extended hours! Food Pantry Tuesdays 12:00-1:00 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; Principal Margaret Jacobson mjacobson@busd.org; Office Manager Julie Roza jroza@busd.org, Office Asst. Hope Leon hleon@busd.org, or Parent Liaison Juana Solis jsolis@busd.org with any questions.

COOL School Program, Melissa Moore, CalSERVES Program Manager

COOL School staff appreciate the BUSD families for their flexibility. We hope everyone is staying safe during these challenging times of fires and poor air quality. We hope to reopen and serve students soon!

Child Care

[Community Distance Learning Support/Childcare Resources](#) available throughout our community found in this link.

DISTRICT SUPPORT:

Food Services; Kayla Todd, Food Program Manager

Reminder: School lunches are FREE FOR ALL CHILDREN under 18, pick up 5 days worth of breakfast and lunch every Monday at the following sites:

- 10am-12pm Kawana Elementary
- 10:30am-1:30pm Taylor Mountain Elementary
- 11am-1pm Bellevue Elementary
- 11:30am-1:30pm Meadow View Elementary

Curriculum/English Learners, Aracely Romo-Flores

Parent Technology Nights

Bellevue Union School District hosted two Parent Technology Nights; one in Spanish (Tuesday, September 22nd) and one in English (Wednesday, September 23rd). We are thrilled that so many of you were able to join us to learn some helpful tips and to gain a better understanding of how to use some of the digital tools teachers and students use in our distance learning. Thanks to all of you who joined us! If you weren't able to make it or if you left wanting more, please know that we are planning other similar events. Please let your principals know what you would like us to focus on in the future so that we may tailor these nights to your needs.

Summative English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC)

As you know, because of the pandemic, our schools moved to distance learning in March. Because of this, some of our students were unable to finish taking the English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC). This test gives teachers important information about how best to help your child learn as they

develop their English proficiency. To get these results, we will be inviting students whose testing was interrupted to come to a scheduled testing appointment. If you get this invitation, please be sure to work with the school so that your child may complete this important test. Thank you.

Student Services/Special Education, Tracy Whitaker, Director

Student Services is continuing to provide services outlined in student IEPs. Teams worked with families on distance learning plans to provide services on the digital platform. Thank you everyone for your diligence.

The Sonoma CAC (Community Advisory Committee) for Special Education has a scheduled meeting on October 6, 2020 at 6:30 PM. The CAC is a forum for parents and special educators in the county to discuss topics that impact the special education community. There are also various topics and training opportunities for parents. [Click here for more information on the CAC and the Zoom link for the October 6th meeting.](#)

With everything that is happening in our county, I would like to provide additional links to mental health and community support. Remember that in times like this, self-care is incredibly important for staff, families, and students.

www.MySonomaStrong.com

[2-1-1 Sonoma County](#)

Call or text NAMI Sonoma County confidentially at 866.960.6240 for Individual and group counseling sessions.

Human Resources: Siara Goyer, Director

Join the BUSD team! Check out Edjoin.org for several exciting employment opportunities with the Bellevue Union School District. Many new positions have recently been added. Check it out!

Business Operations, Chris J. Kim, Chief Business Official

The District presented its revised 2020/21 budget on September 29th taking into account the updated cash balances from closing out the prior fiscal year, the allocation of \$2.6 million in one time Learning Loss Mitigation Funding from the State and Federal Governments to support Distance Learning, and the projected \$2.9 million in cash apportionment deferrals starting in February 2021. In summary, based on continued and accelerated enrollment declines, the District projects deficit spending in the current and subsequent two fiscal years, resulting in a draw down of unrestricted reserves to the statutory minimum of 3% of operating expenditures by the end of FY 2022/23. A copy of the presentation and report can be found on the District's website on the [Business Services Webpage](#). The District will continue its analysis of its operating costs with the presentation of the 1st Interim Report for FY 2020/21 in December.

Maintenance and Operations, Roger Farrell, Director

We welcome you to please spend some time reviewing our [BUSD Maintenance & Operations Webpage](#) where you can see the [BUSD Facility Improvements Accomplishments and Plans](#) to gain an understanding of what lies ahead to make our District Facilities more wonderful for our Students, Guests and Staff. Additionally, there are some photos to give you a glimpse of some of the work that was accomplished this past spring and summer. Please send any questions or maintenance requests you may have about our facilities to mohelp@busd.org. Thank you!

Information Technology, Lawrence Black, Director

Office hours for technology support is shifting locations and times to better serve our community. Office hours will be from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at the District office. 3150 Education dr Santa Rosa CA 95407. Spanish Language support available at all times. If travel is an issue, please contact us at the provided options below and we will schedule to meet you at a convenient location.

- Email - ithelp@busd.org
- Call - 1-707-544-8164

Thanks to everyone who came to our first parent technology nights. We will be announcing future meetings soon.

In partnership with you,

Dr. David Alexander

Superintendent

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