



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,

I hope and trust everyone had a chance to relax and enjoyed the Holidays and are now getting back into the swing of the new year. I am hopeful our new year will bring us back to some form of normalcy and yet last week's attack on our capitol was not a good start of a new year. I am speechless as we continue to experience more local, regional, state and national tragedies. All I can do is offer my thoughts and prayers to our world and remain hopeful for building a better tomorrow with you for our students.

Without a doubt there are many new developments in the reopening of schools. We will do our best to keep you up to date. There are a few items worth mentioning for us to keep an eye on as we enter the New Year:

Governor Newsom: Update on Education and the Early Action Package Proposal

Governor Newsom announced last week his pledge to advance, with the Legislature, California's Safe Schools for All Plan. The proposed plan is built on four pillars: funding to support safe reopening, safety and mitigation measures for classrooms, hands-on oversight and assistance for schools, and transparency and accountability for families and staff. [California's Safe Schools for All Plan](#). Under the Governor's plan, distance learning would remain an option for families that choose it. Only schools in counties with fewer than 28 positive COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population can participate in the plan. Right now, Sonoma County and most other counties in California do not meet this standard. Dr. Steve Herrington, Sonoma County superintendent of schools, stated, "*We have seen the summary of the proposed guidance and appreciate the Governor's intent to provide financial support and streamlined directives for schools to reopen. At this point, the plan is just a proposal that must be worked out in the legislature, and many important details remain to be seen. We will continue working closely with our public health partners and our districts to determine what this means for Sonoma County schools and how we can best support a safe reopening.*"

COVID-19 Updates:

Updates and Q&A with Sonoma County's Public Health Officer on January 6, 2021

video: <https://socoemergency.org/sonoma-county-covid-19-community-update-january-6-2020/>

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution - Phase 1 Population Details

<https://socoemergency.org/emergency/novel-coronavirus/vaccine-information/phase-1-details/>

Please continue to take following precautionary measures:

- Wear a mask
- Practice social distancing
- Wash hands frequently for 20 seconds or more with soap and water
- Use hand sanitizer
- Make sure to complete the COVID symptom screener before entering BUSD sites

Thank you for considering the health and safety of our students, your coworkers, and their families.

Although we do not know the exact day when we will be returning to an in-person education model, we will continue to work with our local officials and our community to be ready when the opportunity exists. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we consider all the variables to ensure we can offer the best educational model and a safe environment for all.

Please note: Modified School Day Thursday, January 14, 2021. All Teachers will be engaged in this planning day to work on our in-person educational model.

Special Parent Workshop: Supporting Student Social Emotional Wellness During Distance Learning. January 21, 2021, 4:30-5:30 PM. Please click [here](#) to view additional information. Spanish translation will be available. [Parent Participation Notice 2.docx](#)

Resources:

COVID: [Pop up testing sites](#)

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Happy New Year, Bulldogs! Time to get back to work!

Hiring for Special Education Instructional Aide - Please call if you're interested! 542-5195

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Parent Coffee Jan 15 9:00

No School Jan 18 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

ELAC Jan 22, 9am

Site Council Jan 22, 12pm

Weekly Meals Tuesday 11:00-1:00

Food Pantry Tuesdays 12:00pm

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

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

Happy 2021, Kawana Springs Community!

We have openings for Special Education Instructional Assistants- please email Principal McCullough or call the office if interested! 545-4283

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

ELAC meeting- Jan 14 2:45-3:45 p.m.

No School Jan 18- MLK Jr. Day

School Site Council- Jan 21 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Chat with the Principal postponed to- Jan 22 9:00 a.m.

Food Pantry- Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

Grab-and-Go lunches: Tuesdays, 10:00-12:00 p.m.

You may email or call 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

Kindergarten Registration starts Jan 11th!!!

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Grab n Go meals Tuesday 11:30-1:30

Food Pantry Every Tuesday 2:00-3:00

No School Jan 18th-MLK Jr. Day

If you have any questions please call or stop by during our office hours (8:00-4:00). Masks and social distancing required for the safety of all.

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.

Taylor Mountain: Margaret Jacobson, Principal

Happy New Year TM Hawks!

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Jan. 13, 9:00 am: Coffee Zoom with the Principal

Grab n Go meals Tuesday 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Food Pantry Every Tuesday 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

DISTRICT SUPPORT:

Curriculum and English Learners, Aracely Romo-Flores

In anticipation of returning to in-person instruction at some point in the future, we will be having a teacher planning meeting on **Thursday, January 14, 2021**. In order to have all teachers participate in this meeting, we will have a **modified day schedule**. Teachers will reach out to share what the modified day schedule will look like once we return from winter break. Thank you in advance for your flexibility and Happy New Year to you all!

Student Services, Tracy Whitaker, Director

Welcome Back and Happy New Year! As mentioned above, Student Services is hosting a Parent Participation event: **Supporting Student Social Emotional Wellness During Distance Learning**. See information at the beginning of the newsletter.

Interested in working with students who have special needs? We have several positions open for Special Education Instructional Assistants at Bellevue Elementary and Kawana Springs Elementary. Please call the site principal if you have questions.

Information Technology, Lawrence Black, Director

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We are open at our Learning Center office from 8:00-4:00 for all parent support needs. English and Spanish support available.

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

Human Resources: Siara Goyer, Director

Join the BUSD team!

We currently have the following opportunities:

3 hour/ day Dishwasher at Taylor Mountain

Several Special Education Instructional Assistant Positions

Several Student Supervisor Positions

Applications for these exciting job opportunities and more at Bellevue Union School District can be found at Edjoin.org

Food Services, Kayla Todd, Food Program Manager

Meal Distribution at Bellevue Union School District will be Tuesday January 5th, 2021.

Reminder: School lunches are FREE FOR ALL CHILDREN under 18, pick up 5 days worth of breakfast and lunch 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

Maintenance and Operations, Roger Farrell, Director

At Bellevue Elem on Jan. 8th we had 11 different Contractors gather to perform a pre-bid job walk to upgrade the electrical system and ultimately provide Air Conditioning to each of the sites Classrooms and MPR. Sealed bids are scheduled to be opened on 1/26/21. The project is scheduled to begin as early as 3/1/21.

At Kawana Springs we are working with our architectural firm, TLCD to perform preliminary structural analysis to confirm how best to provide the much needed expansion of our Kitchen, MPR & remodel of our Admin areas.

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

Business Services, Chris Kim, CBO

The State's Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) recently projected higher state general fund revenues than the revenue assumptions used in the June Budget Act for 2020-21. The LAO now estimates the 2020-21 Proposition 98 guarantee at \$13.1 billion higher compared to June Budget assumptions. New revenue estimates also mean that Proposition 98 funding will be stronger than anticipated for 2021-22. As to how this trickles down to our District has yet to be seen, but Governor Newsom's January budget proposal to be outlined by the Capital Advisors Group on January 19th will provide valuable insight. Also presented on January 19th at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting, the District will be presenting its annual accounting of Developer Fee Revenue for the prior fiscal year.

Executive Assistance, Moriah Hart

New student registration opens Monday January 11th 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 we may accept students born December 3rd through March 1 to what we call TK plus.

In partnership with you,

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