



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,

Uncertainties regarding the COVID-19 crisis continue to plague us leaving many of us wondering what the future will bring. In our school districts across the county, state and nationally we are all struggling with the information or perimeters we need to make decisions for the plans for next year. There are many variables that make this situation very complex. Health and educational leaders across the county are problem solving to determine the best approach for reentry into a new school year. Please continue to be patient. We appreciate all your support!

Last Day of School

The official last day of school is **May 29**.

2020-21 School Year

This week county and school officials are meeting to discuss when the shelter in place may end and to discuss social distancing perimeters. This discussion may lead to changes in school schedules or the start of the school year. We will do our best to keep you up to date with developing plans.

Special Board Meeting

On Tuesday, May 5, 2020 6:00PM a special presentation: Economic Crisis Planning Presentation was presented to our school board by Dr. Chris Kim, Chief Business Officer and Dr. David Alexander, Superintendent. The meeting was live streamed on the District's YouTube page which can be reached via a link from our Bellevue Union School District homepage @ www.BUSD.org. The slides presentation can be found at <https://www.bUSD.org/domain/136>

Online Kindergarten Registration

We are excited to launch an online Kindergarten registration process. More information will be coming to you this week.

4Cs Child Care Funding Available for Essential Workers

4Cs has received increased state funding to provide child care vouchers for Sonoma County Essential Workers (all Essential Workers defined under the Public Health Shelter In Place Order – including educators, health care, first responders, grocery, delivery, transportation etc etc). Eligible Essential Workers choose a child care provider and 4Cs can pay for the majority of these costs now through June 30, 2020 (this may be extended). Essential Workers already enrolled at a child care program that need support should apply as well (one exception is In Home care). In general there are no income limits, but the employee must not be able to do their work in their home and do not have other options for their children. 4Cs is required to enroll lowest income first and those that meet state eligibility (85% of state median income). If all of those families are exhausted we can enroll families who are over income. Currently, 4Cs is enrolling nearly everyone that applies.

The [application](#) is three pages and a phone call/support with a Case Manager – all the directions are included. 4Cs will help a parent complete the packet if there are questions. If a family needs assistance finding care, 4Cs can provide a child care referral to an open provider as well. See the attached fliers in English and Spanish. If you have questions, please contact Melanie Dodson, Executive Director, Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County (4Cs), at 707-522-1413 x130 / mdodson@sonoma4cs.org.

[Expanded Drive-Through Coronavirus Testing Now Available](#)

New [BUSD Teacher Resource Page](#) (can be found at the top of the BUSD web page under Staff)

We recognize we are being bombarded with resources from every educational institute around the country. I am confident our staff has found meaningful connections and support to create purposeful Distance Learning. Although we are a smaller school district without a dedicated Curriculum/EL Director, we still believe it is our responsibility to provide our teachers with resources, professional development and support. Our strength is within our organization and thus we have created this Teacher Resource page with the idea that our teachers can share their best resources. There are many wonderful resources already embedded including Sonoma County Office of Education's compiled resources. To our teachers, please submit resources to us to include in these pages. Your colleagues will thank you for the additional support.

We appreciate our staff! I personally want to thank everyone for everything you are doing to support our students and families! Thank you.

Our team has put together a few important items to share with you:

Distance Learning Internet Options

- Looking for internet hotspots? Go to <https://hotspots.wifi.xfinity.com> and type in zip code
- AT&T is offering two free months of internet access for new customers. For more details and contact info: [AT&T Access](#)
- Comcast is offering free access to the internet and WiFi for 60-days for new accounts based on income. More details and contact information: [Comcast Internet Essentials](#)
- Spectrum is offering free access to internet and WiFi for 60-days for new Pre-K to 12, college student, and teacher households who don't currently have internet or WiFi service. More details and contact information: [Spectrum.net](#).
- Sonic Internet is offering three months of free internet for new Pre-K to 12, college student, and senior accounts in range of their DSL or Fiber service. More details and contact information: [Sonic](#)

Resources

Our teachers are providing distance learning activities and assignments for each student. Lessons are focused on grade level standards which include activities and assignments that students are familiar with and build off where students left off prior to the Shelter in Place. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

If you are interested in additional or supplemental materials and resources, please explore our [Parent Resources](#) page on our website which includes a variety of helpful parent resources, grades TK-6 resources, Just for Fun, Movement, and English & Spanish Learners activities. Please stay healthy!

I hope you may find the following information and resources helpful!

Food Services Department, Kayla Todd, Food Program Manager
BELLEVUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT MEAL DISTRIBUTION CHANGE

The BELLEVUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT students lunch/breakfast program, "Grab and Go Meal" services will be reduced to once a week. The district will provide a **one time pick up of five days worth of meals** on every Monday of each week. The meals will continue to be available at Taylor Mountain Elementary from 11am-1pm.

We continue to adjust projected quantities for the coming weeks and expect to be able to accommodate more families in our area.

SANTA ROSA CITY SCHOOL MEAL DISTRIBUTION CHANGE

For more information: srcschools.org/freemeals.

COOL School will be distributing to-go bags of snack for families on Tuesday's from 2:00 – 3:00 PM at Meadow View, containing 5 meals per bag, per child. All BUSD families are welcome!

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Office Hours: Tuesday, May 12, 8:00-4:00pm

Tech Support for Students and Parents Tuesday, 11:30-1:30 Help with anything from chromebooks to google classroom.

Food Pantry: Tuesday, 2:30pm, front bus loop

Sixth grade promotion caravan May 29th; 1:00-1:30pm - More information to come!

Please call for information regarding TK and Kinder Registration. We are still accepting registrations!

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

On site Office Hours: Tuesday, May 12 & 19, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Tech support on site for parents: May 12 & 19 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Food Pantry @ KS: May 12 & May 19, 12:00-1:00 May 19th is the LAST DAY for Food Pantry this school year.

Sewage construction will begin on May 25th, and campus will be closed. Distance Learning will continue through the last day of school on May 29th.

Student Personal Item pick-up day- May 20th- more information to come

6th grade "drive by" promotion- May 28 1:00 p.m.- More information to come

Please contact your child's teacher directly with any specific questions regarding lessons or assignments.

Please call for information regarding TK and Kinder Registration. We are still accepting registrations!

You may mail 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

Office Hours: Tuesday, May 12th, 2020 8:00-4:00

Food Pantry & Calserves snack drive thru Tuesday, May 12th, 2:00pm, Parking lot loop

Technology support for families, every Tuesday 2:00-4:00pm

6th graders, please send a baby photo and selfie to your teacher via text or email ASAP! 6th grade "drive thru" promotion-Save the Date-May 28th @ 3:00 p.m. More information to come.

Please call for information regarding Kindergarten registration. We are accepting registration packets.

Feel free to 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, with any questions.

Taylor Mountain: Margaret Jacobson, Principal

School Food Pantry: Every Tuesday, 12:00 pm Curbside drive-up only, in the car lane

Office Hours: Every Tuesday 8:00 am -3:00 pm

Technology Support for families: Every Tuesday in the TM Main Office, 8:30 - 11:30 am

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Please email Principal Jacobson: mjacobson@busd.org, Office Manager Julie Roza: jroza@busd.org, Office Assistant Hope Leon: hleon@busd.org or Parent Liaison Juana Solis: jsolis@busd.org

Weekly Grab-and-Go Student Lunch/Breakfast: Monday only at Taylor Mountain 11 am - 1 pm

DISTRICT SUPPORT

Student Services/Special Education, Tracy Whitaker, Director

Transition IEP meetings for both our 6th graders transitioning to middle school with Santa Rosa City Schools and our preschoolers moving to kindergarten have been scheduled. These are big and exciting transitions for our students and families. Our teaching staff and related service providers continue to provide distance learning opportunities to address IEP goals and services.

BUSD has a district needs survey. This is presented by our DELAC committee. We would love it if each of our families filled out the survey. Only one per family is needed. [District Needs Assessment 2020](#). Thank you for your participation!

Human Resources: Siara Goyer, Director

All paid employees, whether essential or non-essential, will continue to receive their regular pay

All Reasonable Assurances for applicable staff will be going out on 4/30/2020. Please return this form either via email or by mail by June 1, 2020.

CSEA and the District has come to agreement on a Covid-19 MOU and a Tentative Agreement.

BEA has ratified both the 2020-2021 Calendar and the Covid-19 MOU.

Maintenance and Operations, Roger Farrell, Director

Please use the Social Distancing Symptom Screening Questionnaire to help increase health awareness and healthy environment at our school sites for our staff and vendors. [Social Distancing Symptom Screening Questionnaire](#)

We are very pleased to share that at Bellevue ES we are nearing completion of the plaster, fascia repairs, phase 1 and 2 of the single-ply TPO roof and the exterior painting is set to begin 5/25/20 and the plan set for HVAC retrofit is being submitted to the Department of State Architecture Office for review and approval. At Kawana Springs phase 1 of the single-ply TPO roof has been completed and 5/13/20 we are due to start Phase 2 and the sewer retrofit the week of 5/25/20. Additional essential projects are progressing nicely throughout our District.

Please send any questions or maintenance requests you may have about our facilities to mohelp@busd.org.

Thank you!

Business Operations, Chris J. Kim, Chief Business Official

(1) BOND OVERSIGHT: On a related note, we would like your continued help in finding members for the District's Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee. The Committee must consist of at least seven members of which: one member must be an active member of the business community; one member must be active in a senior citizens' organization; one member must be active in a taxpayers' organization; one member must be a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the district; and, one member must be the parent or guardian of an enrolled child and be active in a parent-teacher organization. The final 2 members must be community members “at large” (on call) and all members must be appointed by the BUSD Board of Trustees. No District employee or officer, vendor, contractor nor consultant may serve on the Committee. If you know of anyone who would fit these roles, please contact Chris Kim at business@busd.org asap.

(2) BUDGET: The District's Revenue assumptions for the current fiscal year will be greatly revised due to fiscal uncertainty and instability at the State and County level. That said, the District's Budget for the next fiscal year will likewise deviate from the variables outlined in the multi year projection of the District's Second Interim Report. The public Inspection of the District's Budget for Adoption is preliminarily scheduled for June 6 - 12, with a public hearing scheduled for June 12, and the adoption date by the Board of Trustees on June 16.

Information Technology, Lawrence Black, Director

We are here for you parents! Reach the technology team by calling 1-707-544-8164 or emailing ithelp@busd.org. The technology team will also assist families in person at all Bellevue school sites on Tuesdays. Bellevue Elementary will be from 11:30 to 1:30. Taylor Mountain will be from 8:30 to 11:30. Kawana Springs will be from 2:00 to 4:00. Meadow View from 2:00 to 4:00. Our goal is to support parent questions and troubleshoot.

Superintendent's Office, Moriah Hart, Executive Assistant

Please look for BUSD COVID updates on our Facebook page, our website, peachjar and via text, email, and our mobile app.

If you are not receiving notices or your contact information needs to be updated, please contact your school site.

IT and the Executive Assistant are working closely to make online registration for new families available.

School sites continue to hand out and accept TK/K registration packets during open office hours on Tuesdays.

Stay Healthy!

Dr. David Alexander
Superintendent

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