



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,

As we enter our last week of school for the 2019/20 school year, I am reminded that this year was the most interesting school year we have ever experienced in the United States, the State of California and Sonoma County. The last few years have been challenging to say the least and have tested our fortitude. No doubt these last few years and especially this year have been tough on all of us including our students, parents, teachers, staff and community. Ending this year this way is not what any of us wanted and yet we have finished strong once again. What the future holds for our school is anyone's guess. Yes, this is frustrating for us all; however, I have hope that we will all get past it. Thank you for working with us!

Plans for the 2020/21 School Year

We are in a holding pattern as there are several variables which still remain unanswered for reopening our schools for the 2020/21 school year. In a recent letter written by Sonoma County Superintendent Steve Herrington to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and County Public Health to issue guidelines for reopening. Dr. Herrington states that *school district leaders are not health experts* and cannot be left on their own to decide how, or when to reopen. To date, the County Health Department has not provided us specific guidelines. Dr. Herrington requested a response by June 1st with specific guidelines to assist the 40 school districts in the County of Sonoma to plan for reopening our schools.

Many of you are aware of the discussions throughout the county revolving around dividing classes and having only half of the kids on a school site at a time (for example every other day). Without clear guidelines from County Public Health, we are not clear if such a plan would be safe. I am concerned if this is the plan that our families would have challenges as it relates to childcare.

We are waiting patiently to receive clear guidelines for reopening our schools, with the hopes that all our county schools will have similar plans as many of our families have students in multiple school districts within the country. Once we receive clear and specific direction from the County's Public Health we will be in place to make better informed decisions.

Last Day of School

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

Online Kindergarten Registration

We launched our online new student registration last week and we are excited parents have been using it!

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

Food Services Department, Kayla Todd, Food Program Manager

We will be extending the drive through meal service at Taylor Mountain Elementary School until June 30th, 2020. As always, the District will provide a **one time pick up of five days worth of meals** on every Monday of each week from 11am-1pm.

Also, please note that since Monday May 25th is a holiday, **the curbside meal service will be available the following day, Tuesday May 26th**, at Taylor Mountain Elementary School from 11am-1pm.

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Office Hours: May 26th and 27th 8:00-4:00pm; May 28th and 29th 10:00-2:00pm

Pick up Report Cards, personal items, and Yearbooks. 6th graders drop off chromebooks.

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

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

Sixth grade Drive Thru Promotion May 29th; 1:00-1:30pm - Drive thru main parking lot

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.

Phase one of Painting the School has begun!!

Kawana Springs: Denise McCullough, Principal

Sewage construction will begin on May 25th, and campus will be closed. Distance Learning will continue through May 29th.

Chromebook/Ipad collection- Tuesday May 26th 9:00am-3:00pm at the ELC- 6th graders and students not returning to BUSD in the fall must turn in their devices.

6th grade "drive by" promotion- May 28 1:00 p.m. Information has been sent to 6th grade families.

Food Pantry- Continuing at Taylor Mountain Elementary, Tuesdays 12:00-1:00. Drive-up only.

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Please feel free to call the school office, email 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

Report Card and personal belongings pick up, Tuesday thru Friday (5/26-5/29).

6th grade chromebook return, Tuesday 5/26th and Weds 5/27th.

Office Hours: Tuesday- Friday, May 26th-May 29th, 2020 9:00-4:00.

Food Pantry & Calserves snack drive thru Tuesday, May 26th, 2:00pm, Parking lot loop.

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

6th grade "drive thru" promotion-Thursday, May 28th @ 3:00 p.m.

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

6th grade "drive-through" promotion- Save the Date- May 29 3:00 p.m.- More information to come

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

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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

Student Services department is working on the end of the year organization and transitions. We still have a few transition meetings for 6th graders moving to 7th grade next week. Preschool to kindergarten transitions are ongoing. Assessments for initial requests during the school closures are delayed until school resumes. We have sent letters home to families impacted by this. Thank you for your patience. We look forward to serving your children when we all return.

Thank you teachers and related services providers for all of your effort and success in delivering IEP services to our students. Your hard work, dedication, and creativity supported students during distance learning. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Reminder: 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. The 2020-2021 District Calendar was approved by the Board at the Board Meeting on May 19, 2020. The 2020-2021 Work Calendars for other Classifications will be complete soon and will be sent out via email. They will also be posted on the BUSD website.

All Reasonable Assurances for applicable staff are due by June 1, 2020. This deadline is fast approaching! Please return this form either via email (sgoyer@busd.org) or by mail (to the District office with attn: HR).

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 Phase 2 and the sewer retrofit has begun. 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

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 continue to assist families at the District Office through the summer on Tuesdays from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Special accommodations can be made for families who are unable to meet with us during this time.

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.

Classified Appreciation Week (officially last week... I was engaged in a huge move last week and did not want for this to go unmentioned)

A big shout out to our classified employees as they begin to close out our school year and get ready for the next. Your support to our students, staff and community is appreciated!

Stay Healthy!

Dr. David Alexander
Superintendent

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