



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,

During this unprecedented time, there remains so many unanswered questions. When will we return to our schools? What will this look like? ...phrase carries even more meaning. We continue to monitor the conversations and seek direction from the state. Until some definitive answers appear, we can not plan accordingly. Until then we can continue to do our best to offer distance learning and resources to help us all make the most of the situation. We are a mighty network of educators, staff, parents and students. Our interconnectedness has never been more obvious, and the need for mutual support and encouragement more important. Together, we are strong.

Staff Appreciation

Bellevue Union School District Board of Trustees Recognize Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8, 2020, and May 5th National Teacher Day as well as proclaiming the Week of May 17-23, 2020 as Classified School Employee Week by passing resolutions at the last board meeting on April 23rd. We all appreciate everything our staff does to support our students, families and each. A small token of our appreciation is in the mail!

Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 6:00PM. A special presentation: Economic Crisis Planning Presentation. The meeting will be 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.

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. You 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.

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Office Hours: Tuesday, May 5, 8:00-4:00pm

Teacher Appreciation Week! Feel free to drop off cards or pictures for your child's teacher during office hours!

Tech Support for Students and Parents Tuesday, May 5, 11:30-1:30 Help with anything from chromebooks to google classroom.

Food Pantry: Tuesday, May 5; 2:30pm, front bus loop

Sixth grade promotion caravan May 29th; 1:00pm - 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.

Phase One roof replacement work continues.

Kawana Springs: Denise McCullough, Principal

Office Hours: Tuesdays, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Tech support on site for parents: Tuesdays 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Food Pantry @ KS: Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00

6th grade "drive by" promotion- Save the Date- 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 5th, 2020 8:00-4:00

Kindergarten packet pick up, Tuesday the 5th 9:00-4:00 pm in your Kindergarteners classroom

Food Pantry: Tuesday, April 5th , 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!

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

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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 is currently planning ESY services for those students with ESY in their IEPs. ESY will be held through a distance learning model similar to our current model of service during COVID-19. Our department will communicate with the families whose students require this service.

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.

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](#)

You may be wondering, Why is there work being performed at Kawana Springs and Bellevue Elementary School? In a report dating back to 2009 it was determined that the roofs at Kawana Springs and Bellevue needed to be replaced. Over a series of patching campaigns we have things in order to replace those roofs and have deemed this work as essential and are moving forward with it.

BUSD also intends to move forward with the sewer replacement at Kawana Springs to accommodate a new kitchen. We have not yet begun with this because once we start, the sewer system would be non-operational until completion, given the nature of COVID-19 and our need to continue to disinfect areas throughout our campuses we need to have an operational water & sewer system at this time.

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 PRICING: The District has completed a successful pricing of the Bellevue Union School District General Obligation Bonds Election of 2020, Series A (Bank Qualified). The Bonds were sold on the market with a true interest cost of 3.66% at a par amount of \$9 million. The total net deposit to the District's building fund after fees will be \$8,855,000.

(2) 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. (

3) 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.

Stay Healthy!

Dr. David Alexander
Superintendent

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