



# DISTRICT NEWS BRIEF & UPDATES


## September 22, 2020

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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,

Kudos to our school community for successfully implementing the Distance Learning Academy model! We all recognize we will continue to grapple with all the nuisances of a new model in education; however, it is only by the collective efforts of our teachers, principals, support and administrative staff, parents and community that will continue to improve. After all... isn't this what life is about.... learning and growing together? Thank you for everlasting patience and understanding. We appreciate how much you are all willing to invest in our student's education, despite the obstacles we must navigate through. Thank you for caring so much!

### Parent Technology Support, Lawrence Black, Director of Information Technology

Come learn about getting started with iPads, Chromebooks, Clever, Google Classroom, and SeeSaw

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- [Date: Sept 23, 6:30 - 7:30 pm English](#)

iPad Raffle: an iPad will be raffled off at each session Moderator at the session will draw the winner at the end of the session

### 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

### SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

#### Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Thank you to our parents who were able to join our ELAC and SSC committee meetings on the 18th! We will be hosting these meetings monthly, so please consider attending next month's meeting.

In person Expert Tech Support for students and parents: Wednesday 8:00-11:00am, Friday 12:00-3:00pm

Call or stop by the office during office hours for additional tech support as needed!

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](mailto:ncraig@busd.org) Office Manager, Karina [kmartinez@busd.org](mailto:kmartinez@busd.org) Parent Liaison, Amy [aflorescasares@busd.org](mailto:aflorescasares@busd.org) with any questions.

### **Kawana Springs: Denise McCullough, Principal**

Thank you students, families, teachers and staff members for your dedication and effort to make Distance Academy successful.

Technology Support on campus: Wednesdays 12:00-3:00 p.m., Fridays 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Office hours: 8:00-4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday Please respect safety protocols.

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

You may email or call Principal McCullough [dmccullough@busd.org](mailto:dmccullough@busd.org), Office Manager Susy Bradley [sbradley@busd.org](mailto:sbradley@busd.org), or Parent Liaison Erika Corrales [ecorrales@busd.org](mailto:ecorrales@busd.org) with any questions.

### **Meadow View: Jean Walker, Principal**

School Site Council meeting Monday the 21st @5:30. Join our Meadow View community by volunteering to be part of our School Site Council or the English Learners Advisory Committee. You may email or call Principal Walker@ [jwalker@busd.org](mailto:jwalker@busd.org) today! In person technology support for parents and students every Wednesday 12-3 and Friday 8-11 am. 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 Office Manager Ana Peoples, [apeoples@busd.org](mailto:apeoples@busd.org) , Office Assistant- Isabel Luna, [imluna@busd.org](mailto:imluna@busd.org), or Parent Liaison Natali Ramirez, [nramirez@busd.org](mailto:nramirez@busd.org).

### **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. Join us to learn how to support your child in learning from home!

“Parent Tech Night”

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Also, we offer in-person tech support in our main office every Wednesday 8 -11 am and Friday 12 - 3 pm.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am-4pm. Masks and social distancing required for the safety of all.

Week of breakfast and lunch pick up Mondays 10:30 am - 1:30 pm...our new, extended hours!

Food Pantry Tuesdays 12:00-1:00 pm

Please call or stop by with questions: 542-3671; Principal Margaret Jacobson [mjacobson@busd.org](mailto:mjacobson@busd.org); Office Manager Julie Roza [jroza@busd.org](mailto:jroza@busd.org), Office Asst. Hope Leon [hleon@busd.org](mailto:hleon@busd.org), or Parent Liaison Juana Solis [jsolis@busd.org](mailto:jsolis@busd.org) with any questions.

## **DISTRICT SUPPORT:**

### **Student Services/Special Education, Tracy Whitaker, Director**

Our Special Education Teachers and Related Service providers (School Psychologists, Speech, OT, PT, APE, and Behavioral services) are working hard to support our students who have IEPs. They are encouraging student engagement anyway they can to keep students connected to their classroom community and progressing on their goals. BUSD is fortunate to have a team of professionals who are creative, effective, dedicated, and caring. Thank you for all you do.

Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your commitment to your child’s distance learning school schedule. We acknowledge that many of you are juggling multiple children, schedules, and needs in your home. Your diligence is key to your child’s achievement. Parents and school staff are partners in the success of each child. We know how much your participation makes a difference!!

North Bay Children’s Center is successfully providing child care to a small group of 3 to 5 years olds on multiple sites. They started out with one child care program as a pilot at the Early Learning Center in June. They were then able to open at other sites. NBCC follows strict procedures and guidelines to keep everyone healthy.

### **Human Resources: Siara Goyer, Director**

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

### **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](mailto:mohelp@busd.org). Thank you!

### **Information Technology, Lawrence Black, Director**

The technology and curriculum teams will be teaming up for a series of parent support nights. These events will be focussed on supporting the needs of parents as our partners in supporting student learning. The first meetings will be on the 22nd and 23rd of September from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

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### **Executive Assistance, Moriah Hart**

You may have received an email, voicemail, text message, or reminder on our [mobile app](#) to complete either the [online data confirmation](#) process or a paper opening packet (available at your school). The data Confirmation/Opening Packet contains annual notifications we are required to provide to all of our families. It is also your opportunity to update your contact information as well your student's emergency contacts. BUSD communicates out important information through email, text, auto dialler, our mobile phone app, [www.bUSD.org](http://www.bUSD.org) and our facebook page [www.facebook.com/bUSD.org](http://www.facebook.com/bUSD.org)

Our partners at Move Over Mozart are offering [piano, guitar/uke](#) and [art](#) to our students this year, sign up online. Music begins the first week of October, as does Kinder-3 grade art. Art for 4-6 has begun, but you can sign up throughout the year.

In partnership with you,

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