



## **DISTRICT UPDATE**

**December 16, 2022**

*From the Office of Superintendent Michael Kellison*  
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### ***Mission:***

*Inspire learning*

### ***Vision:***

*Engaging and  (valuing/caring) for our families, students and staff to empower our community.*

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Dear Bellevue Union School District Families and Staff,

With Winter Break and the holiday season quickly approaching, I find myself asking, where has the time gone? It feels as though we were just talking about the start of the school year and now we are approaching the end of December and the start of a new calendar year. With our students learning, growing, and achieving every single day, I am reminded how fortunate I am to work in the business of educating and supporting children.

Earlier in the month we held our first community engagement session with district staff entitled, "Planning for Our Future: Bellevue 2025 and Beyond". In the new year I will be visiting the school campuses and asking for input from our parents and students. I will be focusing on three main themes: Programs for Students, Facilities Needs, Community Partnerships. Within each of these categories, I will ask people to share their thoughts and generate ideas in an effort to improve the experience for all members of our learning community.

COVID testing kits have been distributed to all students and we are requesting that you will test your child prior to returning to school on January 4th. If your child tests positive, please keep them home until they no longer produce a positive test result. We appreciate your commitment to keeping our students and staff healthy and safe.

Enrollment for the 2023-24 school year begins January 9th. We will send home postcards during the Winter Break notifying all residents living in the Bellevue Union School District boundaries that enrollment for the upcoming school year will begin in early January. All school offices are preparing to welcome new families to our district and school principals are in the process of scheduling tours of their campuses in the new year. Our principals are so proud of their schools and cannot wait to share their enthusiasm for our schools with a new group of families and students. If you know someone who is interested in enrolling in the Bellevue Union School District, let them know that they can visit any of our four school offices to begin the enrollment process.

In closing, I would like to wish you and your families a joyous holiday season and a restful Winter Break. We appreciate your ongoing support of the Bellevue Union School District and look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.

With pride,  
Michael Kellison

### SCHOOL SITE UPDATES:

Bellevue Elementary School	
<b>Office hours:</b> Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:30	<b>Contact Us @</b> 707-542-5195
<b>Principal</b> , Nina Craig: <a href="mailto:ncraig@busd.org">ncraig@busd.org</a>	<b>Office Assistant</b> , Blanca Ramirez: <a href="mailto:bramirez@busd.org">bramirez@busd.org</a>
<b>Office Manager</b> , Karina Martinez: <a href="mailto:kmartinez@busd.org">kmartinez@busd.org</a>	<b>Family Engagement Facilitator</b> , Amy Flores Casares: <a href="mailto:aflorescasares@busd.org">aflorescasares@busd.org</a>

Upcoming Meetings & Events:	
December 19 - January 3rd	Winter Break
Friday, January 13, 9am	Parent Coffee with the Principal
Monday, January 16	No School, Martin Luther King Jr Observed
Monday, January 23, 4pm	School Site Council
Monday, January 30, 8:45am	Student of the Month
Other Events:	
Tuesdays 2:30-3:30pm	Food Pantry
Mondays after school	Move over Mozart
Thursdays after school	3rd-6th Chorus
As Notified	4th-6th Grade Boys Basketball Practices and Games

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Kawana Springs Elementary School	
<b>Office hours:</b> Monday-Friday, 7:30-4:00	<b>Contact Us @</b> 707-545-4283
<b>Principal</b> , Denise McCullough: <a href="mailto:dmccullough@busd.org">dmccullough@busd.org</a>	<b>Office Assistant</b> , Michelle Williams: <a href="mailto:mwilliams@busd.org">mwilliams@busd.org</a>
<b>Office Manager</b> , Susy Bradley: <a href="mailto:sbradley@busd.org">sbradley@busd.org</a>	<b>Family Engagement Facilitator</b> , Erika Corrales: <a href="mailto:ecorrales@busd.org">ecorrales@busd.org</a>

Upcoming Meetings & Events:	
Monday, Jan 9	TK/K 2023-24 Registration opens
Friday, Jan 13, 8:10am	Parent Coffee w/the principal @ KS Library
Thursday, Jan 17, 8:15am	ELAC Meeting @ KS Library
Wednesday, Jan 25, 6:30pm	PTO Meeting via <a href="#">Zoom</a>
Thursday, Jan 26, 2:50pm	School Site Council Meeting @ KS Library
Thursday, Jan 26, 4:00-5:30pm	Family STEM event
Friday, Jan 27, Times TBA/ vary by grade level	Student of the Month assemblies
Other Events:	
Beginning Thursday, Jan 5	Basketball <a href="#">Game Schedule</a>
Mondays after school	1st-6th Chorus @ KS Library
Wednesdays after school	Move Over Mozart @ KS Library
Thursdays, 10:00-11:00	Food Pantry
As notified	4th-6th Grade Boys Basketball Practices/ Games

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Meadow View Elementary School	
<b>Office hours:</b> Monday-Friday, 7:30-4:00	<b>Contact Us @</b> 707-541-3715
<b>Principal,</b> Jean Walker: <a href="mailto:jwalker@busd.org">jwalker@busd.org</a>	<b>Office Assistant,</b> Isabel Luna: <a href="mailto:imluna@busd.org">imluna@busd.org</a>
<b>Office Manager,</b> Natali Ramirez: <a href="mailto:qramirez@busd.org">qramirez@busd.org</a>	<b>Family Engagement Facilitator,</b> Paula Hernandez: <a href="mailto:pfernandez@busd.org">pfernandez@busd.org</a>

Upcoming Meetings & Events:	
Friday, Jan 20th @ 8:15am	coffee with the Principal
Friday, Jan 27th TBD	Student of the Month assemblies
Monday, Jan 16, No School	Martin Luther King, Jr Day
December 19-January 3rd, 2023	Winter Break

Other Events:	
Tuesdays 2:00-3:00pm	Food Pantry
Fridays after school	Move over Mozart
Tuesdays after school	3rd-6th Chorus
As Notified	4th-6th Grade Boys Basketball Practices and Games

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Taylor Mountain Elementary School	
<b>Office hours:</b> Monday-Friday, 7:30-4:00	<b>Contact Us @</b> 707-542-3671
<b>Principal,</b> Margaret Jacobson: <a href="mailto:mjacobson@busd.org">mjacobson@busd.org</a>	<b>Office Assistant,</b> Hope Leon: <a href="mailto:hleon@busd.org">hleon@busd.org</a>
<b>Office Manager,</b> Julie Roza: <a href="mailto:jroza@busd.org">jroza@busd.org</a>	<b>Family Engagement Facilitator,</b> Elida Guerrero: <a href="mailto:eguerrero@busd.org">eguerrero@busd.org</a>

Upcoming Meetings & Events:	
Friday, Jan. 6, 8:00 am	Parent Coffee with the Principal: Library
Monday, Jan. 9, 2:45 pm	School Site Council Meeting: Library
Friday, Jan. 13, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Family Game Night
Monday, Jan 16, No School	Martin Luther King, Jr Day
December 19-January 3rd, 2023	Winter Break
Other Events:	
Thursdays 10:00 - 11:00 am	Food Pantry
Thursdays after school (2:40-4:20 pm)	Move over Mozart
Fridays after school (2:40-4:10 pm)	3rd-6th Chorus
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday (2:45 - 4:15 pm)	Boys Basketball Practice

## DISTRICT UPDATES:

**Curriculum and English Learners:** Aracely Romo-Flores, Director ([curriculum@busd.org](mailto:curriculum@busd.org))

As the end of December approaches, we are thrilled with the progress our educators, staff, and students have made this year. We are thriving and we continue to hone our instructional practices and strategies to best meet the unique needs of our students. We have concluded the first series of grade level collaboration days with a focus on our English Language Arts program. Staff worked collaboratively to align our instruction and build coherence at all sites throughout the district. Great conversations, dialogue, and debate ensued, and we are bolstering the District's capacity to increase student academic achievement. We will continue meeting with the grade levels when we return from the winter break to carry on our discussions and build upon our common assessments and measurable outcomes.

Please be on the lookout for the Youth Truth Survey in the new year. Our families will be asked to participate in completing this survey to help provide the District with input and feedback that will drive our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA). It is essential that we hear from all of our educational partners as we begin planning for the next school year.

We would also like to have folks put a hold on their calendars for the next District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC) meeting on January 31, 2023, at 9:00, in the Learning Center on the Meadow View campus. We will be discussing our English Language Master Plan and we need your voice and ideas.

Once again the Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE) will be hosting a Parent Leadership Institute. This is a free event that will be held at SCOE located at 5340 Skylane Blvd., Santa Rosa on Thursday, February 9th from 8:30-2:30. All the presentations, resources, and materials will be provided in Spanish. Unfortunately, child care will not be provided. To register, please go to <https://bit.ly/2023institodepadres> or contact Elsa Vera at 707-524-8407, [evera@scoe.org](mailto:evera@scoe.org).

Another opportunity for parents is the upcoming **Free Computers Level 3 class** that the Santa Rosa Junior College will provide at Meadow View Elementary School. ALL are welcome to join. The participants will learn how to create email contacts, format text and attach pictures in Word. The class will take place on Thursdays from 6-9 pm, starting on January 19th. Click here to reserve your spot: <https://form.123formbuilder.com/6276797/> or call 707-521-7962.

We look forward to working with you as we advance in continuously improving our services for our students and families. Have a wonderful holiday season.

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**Business Service:** Chris Kim, CBO ([business@busd.org](mailto:business@busd.org))

The District presented its 1st Interim Budget Update at the Board meeting that took place on December 13, 2022. The District will subsequently be presenting its annual audit of FY 2021/22 financials at the meeting scheduled for January 17, 2023.

The District's current and prior year financial statements and past audits may be found on the District website under Fiscal Reports.

The District would like to continue to invite your participation as a contributing member of the District's Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee. Additional information regarding this opportunity, including

responsibilities, roles, and corresponding application may be referenced on the District website under Facility Improvement Bonds.

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**Food Services: Lynn Wong, Manager ([lwong@busd.org](mailto:lwong@busd.org))**



We are excited to introduce new breakfast and lunch menu items starting in January. Old favorites will be joined by some soon to be new favorites, such as chorizo scrambled eggs, oatmeal muffin squares, pozole, burrito bowl, patty melt, and spicy chicken burgers. Join us for breakfast and lunch in the new year - students eat for FREE!

Looking for a healthy fun snack to make with your child? Try this [Crispy Peanut Butter Ball](#) recipe. Only four simple ingredients needed to make these healthier crispy peanut butter balls that kids and grownups will love. Other nut butters can be used if you are allergic to peanuts.

CalFresh Program [CalFresh](#), also known as the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), is for people with low-income who meet federal income eligibility rules and want to add to their budget to put healthy and nutritious food on the table. [Apply](#) today in just 10 minutes.



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**Human Resources: Stacy Spector, Director ([hr@busd.org](mailto:hr@busd.org))**



We are hiring for a Preschool Special Day Class teacher. Please apply or encourage someone you know to do so!

[Ed Join Posting link](#)

[Indeed Position Link](#)

We are also hiring for classified staff: [Classified Job Application](#)

Human Resources hires year round and we offer great benefits:

1. Salaries above minimum wage
2. Paid vacations and holidays
3. Paid sick days
4. Paid medical, dental, and vision health benefits
5. Retirement contributions
6. Stipends for bilingual staff
7. Stipends for staff with an AA or BA degree
8. Continuing education and tuition reimbursement

Right now we are seeking applicants for::

1. Instructional Assistants
2. Custodians, maintenance, and groundskeeper

3. Kitchen staff-dishwashers, servers, cooks
4. Student Supervisors

Contact Stacy Spector by phone or text at 916-996-3493 for more details.

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**Maintenance & Operations:** Bill Jereb, Director ([maintenance@busd.org](mailto:maintenance@busd.org))

We welcome you to spend some time reviewing our [BUSD Maintenance & Operations Webpage](#). Take a look at the BUSD Facility Improvements Accomplishments and Plans section to gain an understanding of what lies ahead as we improve our district facilities for our school community.

Please send any questions or maintenance requests you may have about our facilities to [mohelp@busd.org](mailto:mohelp@busd.org). Thank you!

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**Technology:** Ryan Green, Director ([it@busd.org](mailto:it@busd.org))

The IT department recently refreshed all office staff computers and copiers district wide. These new devices are quicker and more reliable allowing our staff to efficiently support staff and families of BUSD. We are also procuring additional classroom instructional A/V toolkits to support both in class instruction as well as after school programs.

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**General Information About the District:** Moriah Hart, Executive Assistant ([mhart@busd.org](mailto:mhart@busd.org))



**MUSIC** - Bellevue Union School District is still searching for an after school violin instructor for our 5th & 6th graders after school. Instructors are not required to be classical musicians, but need experience teaching kids in groups and we'd love to get some mariachi opportunities for our students. We'd also love to add some ballet folklórico in the fall. If you have an instructor to recommend or would like more information email [mhart@busd.org](mailto:mhart@busd.org) or check out our music page for more info:

[www.bUSD.org/music](http://www.bUSD.org/music)

Follow us on Facebook to learn more about the awesome folks who make us 'the little district with a big heart' as we post weekly micro-bios of our teachers and staff.

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# TK/K Registration Opens January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023



## Inscripción TK/K abierta el 9 de enero de 2023

Our newsletters are always available on our [website](http://www.bUSD.org), on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/bUSD.org](https://www.facebook.com/bUSD.org) and via our mobile phone app available here: [www.bUSD.org/app](http://www.bUSD.org/app)

With pride,

**Michael Kellison**

Superintendent

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