



## **DISTRICT UPDATE**

**November 18, 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.*

### **Dear Bellevue Union School District Families and Staff,**

With the Thanksgiving holiday just a few days away, I believe that it is important to reflect upon what we are grateful for and that we take time to express our gratitude and appreciation to those who make our lives better. As the Superintendent of the Bellevue Union School District, I am thankful for the opportunity to work alongside a talented staff, appreciative parents and most importantly, enthusiastic, intelligent children. Every day, I find myself thinking how fortunate I am to have found my new work "home" here in the Bellevue School District.

In the spirit of gratitude and appreciation, I would like to recognize one of our outgoing board members, Stephanie Merrida-Grant. As a lifelong resident of Santa Rosa and an alumnus of Bellevue schools, Stephanie has served her community with honor and distinction both in her role as a trustee and as a parent volunteer. We are grateful for her leadership and wish her well as she transitions out of her role as a trustee. And although she will not be present at future board meetings, her legacy will be felt for years to come. Thank you, Stephanie, for your contributions to the Bellevue Union School District.

The next month of school will be full of joy and merriment. I am excited to celebrate the season with all. Wishing you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving.

### **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:	
Monday, Nov 28; 8:45am	Student of the Month
Friday, Dec. 2; 9:00am	Parent Coffee with the Principal
Wednesday, Dec 14; 5pm-7pm	Winter Wonderland Carnival
Friday, Dec 16; 2pm	Winter Concert
Dec. 19 - Jan. 3	Winter Break
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:	
Tuesday, November 29	Bilingual Author Assemblies K-6
Wednesday, November 30, 6:30 pm	PTO Meeting via <a href="#">Zoom</a>
Monday, December 5, Times vary by Grade level	Student of the Month assemblies
Thursday, December 15, 2:50 pm	School Site Council Meeting @ KS Library
Thursday, December 15, 6:00pm	Winter Tree Lighting Celebration
Other Events:	
Tuesdays/Thursdays after school	Girls on the Run

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:phernandez@busd.org">phernandez@busd.org</a>

### Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Wednesday, November 30th 4:00-5:30	Literacy Faire with Sonoma County Library
Friday, December 2nd 8:15 am	coffee with the Principal
Saturday, December 3rd 10:00-11:30	Pancakes with Santa (buy breakfast tickets in advance)
Thursday, December 15, 6:00 pm	4:30-6:00- Pozole 6:00-7:30- Winter Concert
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>

<b>Upcoming Meetings &amp; Events:</b>	
Friday, Dec. 1, 8:00 am	Parent Coffee with the Principal in the Library
Friday, Dec. 9, 5:00 - 6:30 pm	Pozole, Loteria, and Holiday Lighted-Tree Display
Thursday, Dec. 15	Holiday Sparkle and Shine Spirit Day Dress in your favorite holiday clothes!
Friday, Dec. 16	Pajama Day
December 19-January 3rd, 2023	Winter Break
<b>Other Events:</b>	
Thursdays 10:00 - 11:00 am	Food Pantry; New day and time!
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))

The District has been reviewing the instructional methods and strategies we are implementing in order to strengthen the academic programs in our schools. We are meeting in district grade level teams to discuss the quality of learning time, how to continue to provide an enriched and accelerated curriculum, and how to address the needs of all children at the school sites. Grade level teams are collaborating to ensure coherence throughout the district to guarantee that all students are receiving a similar educational experience. Great efforts have been made to learn a variety of new curriculums that help support teachers in differentiating their approaches to student learning. Teachers are learning and utilizing the tools to help them provide additional interventions and opportunities for acceleration for their diverse student classrooms.

BUSD has offered a variety of professional development training for staff and it is exciting to see the new learning being implemented in the classrooms and on the playgrounds. These trainings include, but are

not limited to: Guided Language Acquisition Design (GLAD), Writing by Design, Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Words (SIPPS), and Comprehension Strategies. As we continue to review student data and strive to support all students with acquiring the necessary skills to be successful scholars, we are thankful for the partnerships we have with our BUSD families. Thank you for all you do to help us make our schools wonderful learning environments for the children of BUSD.

Parents/Guardians, this is an opportunity for you. The Sonoma-Marín Bus Operator Pre-Apprenticeship program at SRJC is recruiting individuals to participate in a semester-long, pre-professional program that *pays* qualified candidates to learn the job of a Golden Gate Transit Bus Operator. Upon completion of the pre-apprenticeship, eligible candidates are employed full-time (while they are trained up) as bus drivers (operators). It is a unique and life-sustaining career opportunity.

Here is information about this program and the application to apply.

- Program [application](#) (due Nov. 30th)
- Info session [RSVP](#) (Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> & 21st)
- The website with [program information](#)

**If you have additional questions about this opportunity, please contact Monica Argenti, Faculty, Grant Coordinator** [margenti@santarosa.edu](mailto:margenti@santarosa.edu)

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

The District is in the process of engaging with the accounting firm Christy White and Associates to complete its official audit of its FY 2021/22 financials. This audit report is currently scheduled to be presented at the Board Meeting on January 17, 2023. In advance of this, the District will be presenting its 1st Interim Budget Updates at the Board meeting scheduled for December 13, 2022. The District's current and prior year financial statements (including past audits) may be found on the District website under Fiscal Reports.

The Bellevue Union School 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))



THANKFUL  
GRATEFUL  
BLESSED

The Food Service Program and its staff give our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the opportunity to offer healthy, nutritious meals to all students. We are grateful to be able to feed the students, and are blessed to see their happy and cheerful faces each day. **Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!**

Our three talented school cooks completed a 3-day, on-site, hands-on, training in October. They created delicious and healthy lunch meals for the students and learned a lot!



**What makes up a School Lunch?** Five components are offered each lunch meal for the students to take: meat/meal alternative, grains, vegetables, fruit, and milk. We encourage students to enjoy all five components, but the minimum they must take is three!

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

**Pick an Option:**

1. Got 30 minutes? An hour? If so, interested in working a 'short shift'?
2. Want to choose the days that you work?
3. Want to work different jobs to have some variety?
4. Like to work with your hands or outdoors?



**BUSD can make all 4 of these options work for YOU!** BUSD is looking to hire people as Student Supervisors before and after school and/or during lunch.

We also want to hire people to substitute occasionally as Student Supervisors, Instructional Aides, Dishwashers, Food Service Workers, Custodians, and Groundskeepers.



These positions are perfect for anyone, but especially for parents and family members who have already been cleared to volunteer. Please contact your child's principal or Human Resources if interested.

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

Construction continues at Kawana Springs. Underground utilities and ground preparation are nearly complete, and interior wall framing has started. Soon the new MPR footings will be excavated, then concrete will be poured.

The Bellevue Union School District Maintenance Team has been working hard to weather-proof our facilities. We have focused on making sure that every District roof is either new or has received significant repairs that prevent us from having any foreseeable roof leaks for years to come. If you notice an area of campus that needs our attention before the rainy season, report it to [mohelp@busd.org](mailto:mohelp@busd.org).

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

Common Sense is the nation's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of all kids and families by providing the trustworthy information, education and independent voice they need to thrive in the 21st century. Parents and Staff this is a great resource to check out.

<https://www.common sense media.org/>

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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. For more information email [mhart@busd.org](mailto:mhart@busd.org) or check out our music page: [www.bUSD.org/music](http://www.bUSD.org/music)

New World Ballet is offering a \$15 discount on tickets for students and their family members using code **ART4SCHOOLS** for the **Sunday Dec 4th** showing of **Duke Ellington's Nutcracker**. (Regular price is \$45 and \$60). Tickets can be purchased at: [New World Ballet's Presentation of Duke Ellington's Nutcracker Featuring the Marcus Shelby Orchestra - Luther Burbank Center for the Arts](#) Or at the Luther Burbank box office.

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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With pride,

**Michael Kellison**

Superintendent

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