



## ***DISTRICT UPDATE***

***October 21, 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,**

As we settle into Fall and the close of the first trimester of the school year (November 4th), I would like to take this opportunity to share how grateful we are to have the opportunity to work with your children. The past couple of years have been challenging in so many ways, however the BUSD staff has emerged stronger and more appreciative of the daily interactions with your children. We continue to work hard to provide your children with high quality educational experiences, and hope that you share in our enthusiasm and gratitude for what is shaping up to be a wonderful (and hopefully “normal”) school year.

Over the next month, you will be invited to attend parent-teacher conferences and will receive your child’s first trimester report card. We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and to develop a strong relationship in order to support your child’s growth and development. Our teachers are natural collaborators and enjoy working in partnership with families in support of children.

With Halloween upcoming, here are a few reminders on how you can ensure your child has a safe and enjoyable day of celebration.

1. Only ‘Trick or Treat’ in known areas and supervise your children as they go from house to house.
2. Inspect your child’s candy and make sure that they only eat candy that comes in sealed packages.
3. Limit the amount of candy that your children eat to ensure their health.
4. Review my letter regarding rainbow fentanyl sent earlier this month. ([Link to rainbow fentanyl letter](#))

As a reminder, November 1st is a teacher training day and students do not have school. School will resume on November 2nd.

In closing, many of you may have noticed that there is a lot of construction taking place within our district boundaries. We are predicting a significant increase in the number of housing units that will become available within the Bellevue District in the next year or so. As such, we have started the process of evaluating our facilities in order to determine how we will manage an influx of new students. Additionally, we are using this opportunity to evaluate our educational program offerings as we work to ensure that all children in the Bellevue Union School District receive a robust and well rounded elementary education. This is an exciting time to be in BUSD.

### 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:	
Friday, Oct 21; 9:00am	Parent Coffee/ELAC
Monday, Oct 24 - Wednesday, Oct 26	6th Grade Outdoor Education Trip
Tuesday, Oct 25	3rd and 4th Grade Mr. Science Lessons
Monday, Oct 31 8:45am	Student of the Month, 8:45am & Costume Parade 9:00am
Tuesday, Nov. 1	No School; Teacher Training Day
Friday, Nov. 11	No School; Veterans Day
Monday, Nov. 14; 4pm	School Site Council Make Up Picture Day
Monday, Nov. 14 - Friday, Nov. 18	Minimum Days; Parent Teacher Conferences
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 Volleyball 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:	
Thursday, Oct 27, 2:45 pm	School Site Council Meeting @ KS Library
Friday, Oct 28	Classroom Door Decoration Contest Student of the Month Assemblies
Friday, Oct 28, 5:30 pm	Family Literacy Night
Monday, Oct 31, 1:45 pm	Costume Parade
Tuesday, Nov 4, 8:00 am	Parent Coffee
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

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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, Oct 28th @ 2:15	Student of the Month
Friday, Oct 28th @ 4:00-6:00pm	Fall Carnival
Monday, Oct 31st @ 2:00	Costume Parade

Tuesday, November 1	No school for students; Staff Day
Friday, Nov 4th @ 8:15 am	Coffee with the Principal and ELAC
Monday, Nov 7th @ 3:00pm	School Site Council
Thursday, Nov 10th	Make-up Picture Day
Week of Nov 14th-18th	Early release days and Parent-Teacher conferences
<b>Other Events:</b>	
Tuesdays 2:00-3:00pm	Food Pantry
Fridays after school	Move over Mozart
Tuesdays after school	3rd-6th Chorus
As Notified	4th-6th Grade Volleyball Practices and Games

<i>Taylor Mountain Elementary School</i>	
<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>	
Wednesday, October 19	School Picture Make-ups
Friday, October 28, 5:00 - 6:30 pm	Dia de los Muertos Celebration
Monday, October 31, 2:00 - 2:30 pm	Halloween Costume Parade
Tuesday, November 1	No school for students; Staff Day
Friday, November 4, 8:00 am	Parent Coffee; ELAC Meeting
Monday, November 7, 2:45 pm	School Site Council Meeting
<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
As Notified	4th-6th Grade Volleyball Practices and Games

### DISTRICT UPDATES:

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

The **District English Language Advisory Council (DELAC)** is a committee of parent representatives from each of our four schools: Bellevue Elementary, Kawana Springs Elementary, Meadow View Elementary, and Taylor Mountain Elementary. The main charge of this group is to serve as an advisory team to improve services for our multilingual students learning English as their second language. Our first meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 25, 2022 from 9:00-10:30 a.m.** at the Learning Center located on the Meadow View Elementary campus. The address is 2641 Dutton Meadow. All are welcome to attend.

**November 1, 2022** - No School for Students, Professional Development Day for Teachers.

Almost one third of the school year is behind us. Our first trimester ends **November 4, 2022**. Soon we will schedule parent conferences where we will discuss your child's progress towards priority standards. These are standards that students need to meet by the end of the school year in order to be successful as they enter the next grade level. You will see these specifically in the language arts section of the report card. If you have any questions about these, you will have an opportunity to discuss these at your **parent/teacher conference the week of November 14-18**. Please note that in order to meet with all parents, this will be a week of early dismissal. Stay tuned for your appointment time.

Parents, there are also great learning opportunities **for you** through the Sonoma County Adult Education Department. There are many classes to choose from. Some are offered at Meadow View Elementary School and *many* are provided online and in English and Spanish. Best of all, these classes are free! Here is the link to the [Fall Schedule](#).



**“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”**

- BB King

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

The District presented its unaudited actuals financial report for the period ending June 30, 2022 at the September 13, 2022 Board Meeting, and will be subsequently engaging with the accounting firm Christy White and Associates to complete its official audit of said financials in the month of November. This audit report, along with the District's 1st Interim Financial Update will be presented at the Board Meeting scheduled for December 13, 2022. The District's current and prior year financial statements 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))

#### **Happy National School Lunch Week, Oct 10 - Oct 14**

The Food Services Program proudly serves over 2000 healthy and nutritious breakfast and lunch meals per day at all four schools in the District. All our meals meet federal and state nutrition standards. Good nutrition has been proven to support student achievement and wellness. [Activities for National School Lunch Week](#)



In addition, all students eat for **FREE** and may enjoy one breakfast and one lunch each school day at no cost.



**Announcing a special chef prepared lunch menu** at Taylor Mountain, Meadow View, and Bellevue Schools! The school cooks will be training with a professional chef to create a delicious and special meal for the students. Be sure to encourage your student to enjoy school lunch on these days:

Tue, Oct 25 - Taylor Mountain School  
Wed, Oct 26 - Meadow View School  
Thu, Oct 27 - Bellevue School

**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.



**Snack Healthy** try these [healthy snack ideas](#)!

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

The Bellevue Union School Districts recognizes parent Involvement leads to student success.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Please contact your school office directly for current opportunities.

*Want to volunteer in the classroom or go on a fieldtrip?*

- Bring a negative TB test & Photo ID to the District Office
- Exchange TB test, and ID for fingerprint form (we'll make copies)
- Make appointment to get fingerprints or go to walk in service
- Go to the appointment. Take fingerprint form.
- Wait to be cleared (usually in a matter of days)

Your TB expires after four years and you will need to provide an updated negative TB test to continue volunteering.

As long as you do not make a request to be removed from our volunteer list, your fingerprints will continue to remain active and you will not need to be re-fingerprinted.

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



Ridgeview Construction has taken over the Kawana Springs project and work has resumed on the construction of a new multi-purpose room. We look forward to sharing updates as construction ramps up. (The picture on the side is a drawing of the new building.)

The District welcomes a new addition, Xyth Atkinson, as the night custodian for Kawana Springs.

Planning continues for the landscape retrofitting to refresh our site's presentation, minimize maintenance requirements, and to make our sites more drought tolerant.

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

The IT Department continues to provide staff and students with updated technology to meet their needs. The latest rollout includes devices for our student supervisors, cooks, and custodians. We are also replacing all office manager and office assistant computers with new computers, providing a significant performance boost.

In addition, we are working with principals to identify needs for additional instructional tool kits at the schools which include flat-screen TVs, stands with sound bars, AppleTVs, and voice amplification systems that will be purchased and installed in the coming weeks.

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General Questions 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)

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We love to see all of our community, but sometimes students should stay home and get better.

## WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



**Send me to school if...**

- I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.
- I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.
- I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



**Keep me at home if...**

- I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.
- I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.
- My eyes are pink and crusty.
- I've tested positive for COVID.



**Call the doctor if...**

- I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.
- I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.
- I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.
- I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



Adapted with permission from Baltimore City Public Schools.

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## For BUSD Grade 6 Families

Are you beginning to think about middle school? To check what middle school your child will attend next year, enter your address using this [link](#). If you would like to select a middle school that is different from the one you are assigned to, the window for open enrollment in Santa Rosa City Schools (SRCS) is Oct. 1 - Nov. 15, 2022.

Intra-district applications to attend a different middle school must be completed online with SRCS during that window. Families who need assistance can go to the S.A.F.E. office at 211 Ridgway Avenue. School capacities may restrict availability. See the SRCS district website for more information on intra-district transfer for 7th grade.

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With pride,

**Michael Kellison**

Superintendent

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