



DISTRICT UPDATE

September 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.

Dear Bellevue Union School District Families and Staff,

On behalf of the staff of the Bellevue Union School District, I would like to welcome you and your family to our district for the 2022-2023 school year. This school year is filled with promise and hope as we engage your children in the learning process and support their growth as scholars and citizens.

To ensure that this school year is a success, there are three simple things that you can do:

Parents as Partners:

Your partnership is critical to the academic and social-emotional success of your children. By serving as partners in your child's education, you are giving them the greatest opportunity to succeed.

Presume Positive Intent:

BUSD faculty and staff are here to support your child through the critical stages of childhood development. Our staff care deeply about your child's success. By working together and presuming positive intent, we can support your child no matter the challenge.

Public Promotion of Our Schools:

Bellevue schools are great. The reputation of our schools depends heavily on what you communicate to our community. We want you to share your thoughts and experiences and promote our schools to the community at large.

We currently have a vacancy on the Bellevue Union School District Board of Education. We are actively recruiting for a new trustee to fill the vacant seat beginning at our December board meeting. Contact Moriah Hart (mhart@busd.org) at the District Office with any questions or to obtain an application.

The Bellevue Union School District is in the midst of major facilities construction projects as part of our push to modernize our campuses. Due to the generosity of the citizens residing in the Bellevue School District geographic boundaries, the District was authorized to issue bonds in the amount of \$30 million to address facilities needs district wide. As required by our bond, the District has a Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee that provides guidance and support to district personnel related to the expenditure of bond funds. If you are interested in serving on the BUSD Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee, please contact Chris Kim (business@busd.org) for more information.

SCHOOL SITE UPDATES:

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events:	
Friday, Sept. 16	Sports Day
Thursday, Sept. 22	Student Council Speeches and Elections
Friday, Sept. 23	Parent Coffee and ELAC, 9am
Monday, Sept. 26	Student of the Month, 8:45am & School Site Council, 4pm
Friday, Sept. 30	Hat Day
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

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events:	
Tuesday, Sept 20, 8:15 am	ELAC Meeting @ KS Library
Monday, Sept 26, 2:45 pm	School Site Council Meeting
Wednesday, Sept 28, 6:30 pm	PTO Meeting
Friday, Sept 30, 3:00-9:00 pm	Chuck E. Cheese PTO Fundraiser- Rohnert Park
Other Events:	
Wednesdays after school, 12:30 pm	Move over Mozart
Mondays after school	3rd-6th Chorus
As Notified	4th-6th Grade Volleyball Practices and Games

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events:	
Friday, September 16th 4:00-6:00pm	Welcome Back Event
Friday, September 23rd	Picture Day
Friday, September 30th	Student of the Month
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 Volleyball Practices and Games

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events:	
Monday, September 19	Picture Day
Friday, September 30	Crazy Hair and Hat Day
Friday, Oct. 7	Jog-a-Thon
Other Events:	
Tuesdays 2:00-3:00pm	Food Pantry
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)
Family Engagement = Student Success!

Children with families engaged in their education are more likely to...

- Earn higher grades and test scores
- Graduate from high school and attend college
- Develop self-confidence and motivation in the classroom
- Have better social skills and classroom behavior

They are also less likely to...

- Suffer from low self-esteem
- Require redirection in the classroom
- Develop behavioral issues

Please speak to your school principal and your child's classroom teacher about how you can become more involved. You make a difference!

If you have a 4th, 5th, or 6th grade student, you will soon receive your child's state testing results for English Language Arts and Math. If your child is a multilingual student, he/she will also receive the test results of the English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC). If you have any questions about these tests, please contact Aracely Romo-Flores at (707) 544-8164 or curriculum@busd.org. If you have any questions about the results, please contact your child's school.

Business Service: Chris Kim, CBO (business@busd.org)

The District presented its official report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 at the September 13, 2022 Board Meeting. This Fiscal Report is a district prepared year end financial statement utilizing the State of California's Account Code Structure for all relevant District Funds. This report includes an overview of all financial activity in the District for FY 2021-22 and identifies unused funds and reserves that are carried forward into future years. This report will likewise be utilized by the District's external auditors in the preparation of the official audited report which will be available in the coming months. This report, along with all preceding reports is published on the District's website under [Fiscal Reports](#).

The Bellevue Union School District would like 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](#).

Food Services: Lynn Wong, Manager (lwong@busd.org)

ALL students eat for FREE this year for both breakfast and lunch! Our District qualifies as a Provision 2 district which allows us to feed all our students for free. We serve hot breakfast during Break time, and hot lunch during Lunch time. Please check out the [menus](#) on our website.

Our mission is to provide quality, healthy, nutritious meals that are cooked on site using fresh food, to incorporate a variety of healthy, affordable foods in a clean, friendly environment to all our students.

The Food Service Program is collecting **Alternate Income forms** for new families or for families who have a change in household income or household size. Be sure to complete this form if an eligibility letter is needed for other government programs and benefits. [Alternate Income form](#). [Formulario Alternativo de Ingressos de Hogar](#).

As a reminder, if your student needs a special diet due to medical reasons, please have an authorized medical professional complete the [Medical Statement form](#) as soon as possible. The Food Service program needs this form before we may provide any special diets. We cannot accept notes from the doctor's office; The State requires this form to request special diets.

Eat well and be healthy! 🍎

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

Job Opportunities:

Get paid to be with your child at school. The best employees are ones who already know our students. This means YOU, our parents and family members. BUSD is hiring. We are looking for people interested in any of the following positions:

- Maintenance Technician PART TIME
- Day Custodian Substitute Pool
- Night Custodian Substitute Pool
- Cook Substitute Pool
- Kitchen Operator (Food Server) Substitute Pool
- Special Day Class (SDC) Instructional Assistant (IA) Substitute Pool

If interested in any of these positions, please use the link below to fill out an application.
[Classified Job Application](#). Questions can be directed to Stacy Spector, Director of Human Resources.

Making Sure our Kids Have the Best Teachers and Staff:

The start of school each year is an exciting time. “Who will be my child’s teacher?” is a question asked by many parents. They want to know that their child is with an adult who has high expectations for their learning, supports their curiosity and growth, knows their content, and wants to have a positive relationship with their child.

In BUSD, we have these same expectations for all staff that work with our students. This is why staffing our schools with amazing teachers is a top priority. Here’s what we look for when hiring:

1. Valid training and/or credential in their area of expertise
2. A willingness to also be a learner and to continue their professional growth
3. A commitment to equity and opportunity for all students

When we staff schools, we consider some of these priorities:

1. Student need (social, emotional, behavioral, academic)
2. Student to teacher ratio
3. Safety and security

Uniform Complaints:

BUSD works to provide a safe, secure and healthy environment for all staff, students, and visitors. If you ever have a concern or complaint about staff, facilities, or textbooks and curriculum, please use the information in the following link to contact the appropriate person. [Uniform Complaint Procedure \(UCP\) Annual Notice](#). Questions about UCP can be directed to Stacy Spector, Director of Human Resources.

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

- We have completed the restoration work to our portable classrooms at each of our sites. All buildings were re-roofed, siding was replaced and painted, and ramps were repaired and installed.
 - Kawana Springs MPR & Admin Offices Modernization: We went out to bid on the project and narrowed the search down to three qualified contractors. The final selection will be revealed after approval at the September 20th, 2022 board meeting.
 - Planning continues for the landscape retrofitting to refresh each site's curb appeal, minimize maintenance requirements and to make our sites more drought tolerant.
 - Please send any questions or maintenance requests you may have about our facilities to mohelp@busd.org. Thank you!
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Student Services: Tracy Whitaker, Director (studentservices@busd.org)

BUSD is excited to launch its new social emotional learning curriculum, *Character Strong*. This curriculum supports character development of traits like respect, responsibility, gratitude, empathy, perseverance, honesty, cooperation, courage, and creativity. *Character Strong* also supports social emotional competencies such as self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making. The district wide focus for September is Respect.

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

- We installed voice-amplification systems in every classroom to support student learning. These systems provide wireless voice amplification for both students and teachers in a compact portable solution.
 - We assessed, cleaned, and repurposed all student devices district-wide for the 2022-2023 school year. This includes reinstallation of all software the students utilize and any updates needed to keep the technology working optimally.
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General Questions About the District: Moriah Hart, Executive Assistant (mhart@busd.org)

Want to volunteer at school?

1. Bring a negative TB test & Photo ID to the District Office.
 2. Exchange TB test and ID for fingerprint form. (we will make copies)
 3. Make an appointment or walk-in. (info on flier we provide)
 4. Go to your appointment. Take fingerprint form.
 5. Wait to be cleared. (1 day to 3 months)
 6. The District Office will notify your school when everything is cleared.
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MUSIC - Bellevue Union School District is providing free after school chorus and piano to students enrolled in our schools. As soon as we can locate a violin instructor we will also offer violin instruction to our 5th & 6th graders after school. For more information: www.busd.org/music



Every once in a while you might notice that the American flags flown on Bellevue Union School District campuses are lowered to 'half-mast'. Who makes the decision to lower flags? The President of the United States, the California Governor, and others are allowed to direct flags to be lowered. In the case of our current lowering, the directive was given by President Biden.

As a tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth II, who met 13 out of the last 14 U.S. Presidents with the exception of Lyndon B. Johnson, President Biden ordered the American flag to fly at half-mast at the White House and on all U.S. government buildings, military bases, warships, and embassies until her funeral is over.

Known as Britain's longest reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth II passed away last Thursday at age 96, having reigned for 70 years.

The American flag was already scheduled to be lowered to half-mast last Sunday, Sept. 11, in honor of the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives in the attack on the World Trade Center, as well as the numerous heroes who sacrificed their time and health in the aftermath.

If you are interested in learning more about why American flags are flown at half-mast, you can visit <https://bit.ly/flagsathalfmast> for more information!

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

With pride,

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