



DISTRICT NEWS BRIEF & UPDATES

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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,

Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Survey

Each year school districts in the state of California undergo updating and revising their Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). The LCAP is a three-year plan that describes the goals, actions, services, and expenditures to support positive student outcomes that address state and local priorities. The LCAP provides an opportunity for local educational agencies (LEAs) to share their stories of how, what, and why programs and services are selected to meet their local needs. We will be sending out a survey as part of the stakeholders' input process in the coming days. We would greatly appreciate your thoughts on how we can add additional value to our existing plan. In order for you to begin to gather your thoughts, we are sharing with you the survey contents here; however, we will send the survey in a separate announcement with a specific link to the survey in the coming week.

The Bellevue Union School District has been actively engaged in creating and maintaining a strong Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Our LCAP has and will continue to address equity by working towards a system that meets the needs of all students so that they may thrive in our district and beyond.

According to Ron Edmonds, Harvard educator and researcher, "Educational equity means that each child receives what they need to develop to their full academic and social potential. Working towards equity in schools involves: Ensuring equally high outcomes for all participants in our educational system; removing the predictability of success or failures that currently correlates with any social or cultural factor. Discovering and cultivating the unique gifts, talents and interests that every human possesses."

Our two overarching LCAP goals focus our work on addressing equity. As part of our continuous improvement work, please take this opportunity to share your ideas and suggest specific strategies (actions/services) that may not be currently in place to support the following two goals:

Goal 1: Increase Student Success and Support Student Learning

- **Ensure quality learning for each and every student to reach their potential**
- 1. *What do we need to do (actions & services) to support our students' success and learning?*

Goal 2: Increase Connectedness, Involvement and Positive School Environments

- Ensure a positive and respectful school climate for students, staff and families which includes positive school cultures, safe, secure accessible and efficient classrooms, facilities and grounds.
2. What do we need to help us (actions & services) connect to our students, parents, staff and greater community?

Town Hall Meetings:

In addition to this survey we will be hosting two LCAP Town Hall Meetings. At these meetings we will be sharing our progress toward our goals and will be seeking input from our community. We will be available to seek clarification from your suggested strategies in order for us to fulfill our district goals. Parents, staff and community members are welcome!

1. **In-person Meeting: Tuesday, April 12 6:00 -7:30 at Taylor Mountain School Library**
2. **Virtual Town Hall: Thursday, April 14, 6:00-7:30 via Zoom**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85715219009?pwd=TUNMV0xjWTd2bVltZnVvZWJmVEJFUT09>



Upcoming "No School" Days in April and May

Our instructional calendar has designated two days in 2022, April 8 and May 6, as "Emergency Closure Days" for this school year. So far, we have not needed to use those days for emergency school closures. Unless there is an emergency between now and those dates, they will be "no school" days for our students. April 15, 2022, Good Friday is also a no school day.

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

No School - April 8 & 15

Parent Coffee and ELAC April 14, 9am In Person

TK-2 Literacy Night - April 14, 6pm; Zoom link and materials provided

Move-A-Thon April 22nd

School Site Council April 25th, 4pm; Zoom Link to come

Food Pantry Tuesdays; 2:45

Move over Mozart Mondays after school

Violin Wednesdays after school

Chorus Fridays after school

4th-6th Grade Basketball Practices and Games as notified

Office hours: Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30

Please call with questions: 707-542-5195; Email Principal Craig ncraig@busd.org Office Manager, Karina kmartinez@busd.org Parent Liaison, Amy aflorescasares@busd.org with any questions.

Kawana Springs: Denise McCullough, Principal

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

No School - April 8 & 15

TK/K Tour- April 19, 9:00am

ELAC- April 21, 3:00 pm

Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser- April 19, 3-9:00pm

Garden Clean-up Day- April 23 9:30-1:30pm
SBAC Testing 3rd-6th- April 25-May 6
School Site Council- April 28, 2:45pm
Superhero Day- Dress up! April 29
Student of the Month Assemblies- April 29, Times vary by grade level
Move over Mozart- Weds ongoing, 12:30pm
Chorus- Thursdays ongoing, 2:40pm- NO chorus April 14 and 21
Girls on the Run- ongoing, 2:40pm
Girls Basketball- practices and games as notified
Office hours- Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00 pm
You may call 707-545-4283 or email Principal McCullough dmccullough@busd.org, Office Manager Susy Bradley sbradley@busd.org, or Parent Liaison Erika Corrales ecorrales@busd.org with any questions.

Meadow View: Jean Walker, Principal

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Lotteria- April 7th @ 4:00

Girls basketball practices and games as notified

No School- April 8th & 15th

Vaccination Clinic- April 20th 4:00-6:00pm

Food Pantry every Tuesday 2:00

Chorus- ongoing every Tuesday

Move over Mozart- ongoing every Wednesday

Office hours: Monday- Friday 8:00-4:00 pm

School Food Pantry, Tuesday, 2:00-3:00- please bring bags- walk up only. Please call the office at 707-541-3715 or if you have questions email; Principal Walker jwalker@busd.org, Office Manager Natali Ramirez qramirez@busd.org, Office Assistant- Isabel Luna, imluna@busd.org, or Parent Liaison Paula Hernandez phernandez@busd.org.

Taylor Mountain: Margaret Jacobson, Principal

Kindness Matters at Taylor Mountain! This month's deliberate acts of kindness are:

- April 1 - 15 : Only Positive Words: Go a whole day without complaining and use only positive words for the entire day!
- April 18 - 29 : Hold the door open for someone

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Wednesday, April 6 12:30 - 6:00 pm Lost-and-Found Clothing pick-up at the flagpole

Friday, April 8, No School

Thursday, April 14: 2:30 - 3:00 pm Sonoma County Library Free Book Give-away

Friday, April 15, No School

Monday, April 18: After school Chorus is canceled

Monday, April 25, 3:00 pm School Site Council Meeting in the library

Friday, April 29: 8:00 am: Parenting Workshop, ELAC and Coffee in the Library

Friday, April 29: Rainbow Day! Wear your brightest colors!

School Food Pantry every Tuesday, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Office hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am-4pm.

Please call or stop by with questions: 542-3671; Principal Margaret Jacobson mjacobson@busd.org; Office Manager Julie Roza jroza@busd.org, Office Asst. Hope Leon hleon@busd.org

Learning Center: Curriculum and English Learners, Aracely Romo-Flores, Director



Bellevue Union School District is offering a rich summer learning opportunity for all our students! Space is limited so we encourage you to register early. Here is some information about our Summer Learning Academy:

When: Friday, June 10, 2022 through Friday July 22, 2022 (6 week program. No program on July 4th)

Where: Meadow View Elementary

Hours: 8:00-12:00 (Language Arts & Math)

12:00-5:00 (Enrichment & Extra Curricular)

Breakfast, Lunch and Snack will be provided daily.

A plan is in the works to provide bussing to and from Meadow View Elementary to Bellevue Elementary, Kawana Springs Elementary and Taylor Mountain Elementary to get students to school by 8:00 a.m and on the bus back to original pick up locations at 5:00 p.m.

Parents may choose to have their children attend the whole day from 8:00-5:00, or only the academic session from 8:00-12:00, or just the Enrichment & Extra Curricular portion of the day from 12:00-5:00. Spots will fill up quickly. Enroll early: [ENROLLMENT LINK](#)

Testing Season has begun. Our 5th graders will be taking the **California Science Test (CAST)** next week. Check with your child's teacher or principal for exact dates. Here is the [Parent Guide to Understanding the CAST in English](#) and the [Parent Guide to Understanding the CAST in Spanish](#). Please ensure your child is well rested and nourished each day to help him/her do his/her best.

Student Services, Tracy Whitaker, Director of Student Services

BUSD is excited to continue the process of selecting the social emotional learning curriculum for our students in the district. There will be an opportunity for our parents to review the curriculum and ask questions at the District Office on Wednesday, April 13th from 4:30–5:30 PM.

In other news we continue to see the positive impacts of school counselors on each of our sites. They are providing classroom lessons on social emotional topics each month and individual and group counseling services to our students.

Food Services: Lynn Wong, Manager

The District welcomes Ms. Lynn Wong as our incoming Food Service Program Manager. Ms. Wong joins the Bellevue Union School District Team by way of the Petaluma City School District where she most recently served in both Kitchen Operations and in Facilities and Maintenance. Ms. Wong brings extensive food service industry experience having also served as a Nutrition Manager and Wellness Coordinator for

Kaiser Permanente, and her supporting educational endeavors include a Bachelors in Nutrition and Food Science from UC Berkeley and MBA from the University of San Francisco.

All students continue to be provided free meals. Meal menus and additional information into our Food Service Program may be found on our website at: www.busd.org/cafe

Bellevue Union School District is looking for volunteers to participate in the review of our Local School Wellness Policy. If you are interested please contact Lynn Wong, Food Services Program Manager at 707-542-5197 ext 4 or lwong@busd.org

Human Resources, Michael Kellison, HR Director

The Human Resources Department continues to look for talented people to join our team. We are hiring the following positions:

Student Supervision

Instructional Assistants

Literacy Paraprofessionals

We are also looking for people who would like to serve as substitute teachers as well as substitute custodians and food service workers.

If you are interested in learning more about our open positions, contact Michael Kellison, Director of Human Resources, at mkellison@busd.org or call (707) 542-5197 ext. 5.

Join the BUSD team! Applications for job opportunities and more at Bellevue Union School District can be found at Edjoin.org.

Business Services, Chris Kim, CBO

The District presented its 2nd Interim report to the Board of Trustees on March 8th, where it provided two financial projections dependent on the ADA "Hold Harmless" outcome of the Governor's Budget proposal. The report, including the associated presentation, may be found on the District's website.

The District continues its effort to solicit membership on its Bond Oversight Committee; for additional information and an application, please visit our website at <https://www.busd.org/Page/161>.

Technology Department: Ryan Green, Director of Technology

Maintenance & Operations, Roger Farrell, M&O Director

Spring Break was a productive season around the BUSD Campuses. Here is a link to some projects we accomplished [2022 Spring Break Project Completion](#)

April 6th we will be performing a bid walk for the restoration work to our portable classrooms at each of our sites. Here is a link to what that work has been planned to be [BUSD Portable Bldg - Summary of Scope for BUSD Staff Reference](#)

We continue to wait for DSA to complete their review of the building plans that TLCD Architectural firm submitted on our behalf. Snapshot of what will be coming [Kawana Springs Modernization plan set](#) plan set was submitted to [DSA](#) 12/24/21.

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

Executive Assistance, Moriah Hart

[Want to volunteer at school?](#)

1. Bring a negative TB test, COVID Vaccine Card & Photo ID to the District Office
2. Exchange TB test, COVID Vaccine Card, and ID for fingerprint form (we will make copies)

3. Make appointment to get fingerprints by calling number on fingerprint form
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
7. If you have previously volunteered and you are not showing up on your school's approved list you may need to update your TB test or submit your COVID vaccine card (or both!). Please call the district office to see what you may need - 707-542-5197 xt 2

TK/K Registration is now open



El registro de TK/K ya está abierto

Do you have a child who has just turned five years old, or turns five next year? Perhaps a neighbor or friend does and you can share this information! Registration for next year's (2022-23) kindergarten class is now open. **Register [online](#) or in person today!**

We have the traditional one-year kindergarten, and also a two-year transitional kindergarten (TK), sometimes called kinder academy or kinder bridge. The state of California has defined transitional kindergarten for those students turning 5 on or after September 2 through February 2nd, but we at Bellevue Union School District want to support and teach all of our students who are ready for TK with birthdays **Sept. 2, 2017-June 30, 2018**. For more information and school tour dates contact your school or follow us on facebook.

Do you have a few minutes to complete a survey? [Sonoma County Career Technical Education](#) (CTE) Foundation is seeking input from Sonoma County parents of high-school-age students and the broader community to understand perspectives and feelings about the opportunities our youth have to explore local careers and build skills to be college- and career-ready. Survey Link:

<https://ctesonomacounty.org/padres/>

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In partnership with you,

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