



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,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to a new calendar year with the Bellevue Union School District! Whether you created a New Year's resolution or not, we believe we all want to maintain or get healthier for this coming year. Keeping this in mind our school district will keep you updated on COVID-19 as it pertains to the health of our students, families and staff. In addition, we will continue to keep up on our protocols to maintain the healthiest school environment possible. And for those of us who made the resolutions related to health, keep the body moving and eat healthy. We wish everyone a successful and healthy new year.

COVID-19 Antigen Tests Coming Home in Backpacks Today, 01/07/2022

Antigen test kits have been provided to the district. Each student will be sent home with an antigen test kit in their backpack. The instructions for the test kit are in English and we will be providing a supplemental sheet of instructions in Spanish. There are two tests in each kit. New guidance allows students who tested positive to return to school after 5 days of isolation if symptoms are resolving and *proof of a negative test result* can be provided to the school. It is intended that each student has access to both tests in the kit and they are used by the end of next week. It is not meant to be used by other family members or friends.

Make sure to:

- Write your child's name and date you administer the test on the test
- Take a picture of it right after the results have appeared
- If your child is positive, call the school to inform the office of the positive result
Five days later, test your child again with the second test, again write your child's name and the date the test is administered. Take a picture of it. If the test comes back negative, your child can return to school. The school will ask for proof of the negative result. If your child still has a positive test result they need to continue the isolation period.
- If your child tests negative after the first test, administer the second test 3 days later to ensure they are still negative

Thank you for all of your support and patience as we work through the new guidance and implement changes.

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Happy New Year!

ELAC Jan 21; 9am ~ Zoom

Parent Coffee and School Tour Jan 28; 9am ~ MPR

School Site Council Jan 31; 4pm ~ Zoom

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-

¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

ELAC Meeting- Jan 20 3:00 pm

Parent Coffee- Jan 21 8:15 am

School Tour- Jan 25 9:00 am

School Site Council- Jan 27 3:00 pm

Student of the Month Assemblies- Jan 28- Times vary by Grade Level

Move over Mozart- Weds ongoing, 12:30pm

Chorus- Thursdays ongoing, 2:40pm

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

Happy New Year!

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

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 nramirez@busd.org, Office Assistant- Isabel Luna, imluna@busd.org, or Parent Liaison Paula Hernandez phernandez@busd.org.

Taylor Mountain: Margaret Jacobson, Principal

Happy New Year to our Taylor Mountain community!

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Coffee with the Principal: Friday, January 14, 2022, 8:00 am in the cafeteria.

English Learner's Advisory Committee (ELAC): Friday, January 21, 8:00 am in the library

School Site Council Meeting: Monday, January 24, 3:00 pm in the library

School Food Pantry every Tuesday, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (No Food Pantry Dec. 21 or Dec. 28!)

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

Next week, our students and staff are letting us know how they feel about their school with the YouthTruth Survey. We're excited to gather student and staff feedback. Parents are also encouraged to let us know about their school experience. **Please take the survey before it closes at midnight on Friday, January 28, 2022, by clicking this link: <http://www.ytsurvey.org/busdfamily22>**

Please note:

- The survey needs to be completed in one sitting.
- We ask that one member of each household fill out the survey.
- If you have more than one child who attends the same school, you may respond to the survey multiple times - one time per child.
- If you write any comments, please do not include your name or anything else that might identify you. Your responses are anonymous, and they will be combined with the responses of other parents and guardians before being shared back with school and district leadership.

We sincerely thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback. **Your response is incredibly valuable to us.**

As part of State Superintendent Tony Thurmond's new literacy initiative, students will have free and unlimited access to thousands of digital books and news articles on the Renaissance myON platform from **December 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022.**

Students can read these books and articles on any digital device that is connected to the Internet, even in low bandwidth areas. myON books can also be downloaded onto mobile devices for offline reading.

See the attached letters for specific information about how to log in. Please note, when signing in, instead of entering your school name, in that box you must type in ***Gift of Literacy***.

[Family Letter-English](#)

[Family Letter-Spanish](#)

Food Services: Rita Kesler, Interim Manager

The District welcomes Ms. Rita Kesler as its Interim Food Service Program Manager. Ms Kesler retired from San Rafael City Schools as its Director of Nutrition Programs and has graciously agreed to support Bellevue's Food Service Program while seeking a permanent candidate for the position. The position description and application may be found via the following link:

<https://www.edjoin.org/Home/DistrictJobPosting/1519919>

Programmatically, 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

Human Resources:

The District welcomes Mr. Michael Kellison as the Director of Human Resources. Michael's background both in his educational preparation and experience will greatly assist our needs in human resources as well as provide a new perspective in meeting our new challenges.

Join the BUSD team! Applications for job opportunities and more at Bellevue Union School District can be found at [Edjoin.org](https://www.bUSD.org).

Business Services, Chris Kim, CBO

The District presented its 1st Interim Financial Report for 2021/22 (the current fiscal year), and its annual accounting of Developer Fee revenue (and expenditures) for the prior fiscal year at the regularly scheduled board meeting on December 14, 2021. The presentation and full report(s) are available on the District's website at <https://www.bUSD.org/Page/53>.

The District is subsequently planning on presenting its official audit of its 2020/21 financials by Christy White and Associates at the Board Meeting scheduled for January 18, 2022.

The District also 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>.

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

TK & Kindergarten Registration Opens January 10!

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 begins on Monday, January 10. We have the traditional one-year kindergarten, and also a two-year transitional kindergarten, sometimes called kinder academy or kinder bridge. For more information and school tour dates contact your school or follow us on facebook.

Please remember to keep all of our students and community safe by respecting neighborhood speed limits and keep your eyes out for crosswalks and pedestrians.

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

In partnership with you,

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