



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,



Winter Break

Schools will be closed December 20-
January 2

Vacaciones de invierno

Las escuelas estarán cerradas del 20 de
diciembre al 2 de enero



Wishing you Happy Holidays!

We, at the Bellevue Union School District, are wishing you, our community, a wonderful and warm holiday season. Enjoy the gift of time with family and friends during this winter break.

Special Announcement

It is with mixed emotions, I share with you that I have announced my retirement to our school board and our community at last night's (Tuesday, December 14th) board meeting. I will be retiring at the end of this fiscal year, June 30, 2022.

It has been my honor to serve the Bellevue Union School District for the last five years as your superintendent. On one hand, I will greatly miss the work in education and most importantly, I will miss the students, staff, parents, community members and a great BUSD Board of Trustees. On the other hand, after 32 years (26 years as an administrator) in the education field, I look forward to regaining health, spending time with my family and pursuing shelved recreation and leisure activities.

My promise to our community... I will continue to work diligently to the end of my tenure for our school district to ensure we provide a quality education for each and every student and provide continued stability. Our school board will be announcing the process to select our next superintendent in the coming months. I look forward to our next six months together and a smooth transition - *Dr. David Alexander*

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

The Sonoma County Department of Health Services is working with the Sonoma County Office of Education to deliver COVID-19 vaccinations to children ages 5-11 as the vaccine has been approved for children 5-11. Read more on the county website: [in English](#) | [in Spanish](#)

Sonoma County Public Health has also shared this video about the pediatric vaccine.

[COVID vaccines for children 5-11 years of age with Dr. Brian Prystowsky | Oct. 12](#)

Dr. Brian Prystowsky, Pediatrician at Sutter Health, talks about the pediatric vaccine against COVID-19 for children 5-11. He explains how the pediatric vaccine works, its dosage and side effects:

Sonoma County is hosting a "[Charla](#)," an informal relaxed conversation, with families about the vaccine, every Tuesday and Thursday until winter break. It is in Spanish with English translation.

Tuesday 21 6 p.m. on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87083095500?pwd=UThqYXhoc2dQNIAvM1RBNkwzS1JGQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 8309 5500 Passcode: 163519

Thursday December 16 6 p.m. on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86710442173?pwd=cFV4Qk9SSVc1ems0MGxpb09CQzVJQT09>

Meeting ID: 867 1044 2173 Passcode: 7229089

Vaccines

- Free vaccines are available to anyone age 12 and older.
- Click here for Sonoma County Vaccine Clinic Information: [in English](#) | [in Spanish](#)

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Happy Holidays!

Winter Spirit Week Dec 13-17

School Site Council Dec 13; 4pm

Winter Wonderland Fundraiser Dec 15; 3pm-5pm Pictures with Santa Buddy, Food and Crafts To-Go!

No Food Pantry over Winter Break

Winter Break Dec 18-Jan 2

See you back at School on Jan 3!

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 aflorescares@busd.org with any questions.

Kawana Springs: Denise McCullough, Principal-

Have a wonderful winter break, KS students and families!

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Winter Singalong- Dec 16, 1:45pm (We will need to cancel this event if it's raining)

ELAC meeting- Dec 16, 3:00 pm

Pajama Day- Dec 17

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 Holidays!

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Spirit Week, Dec 13th-17th!

Crafts with Santa, Dec 16th 3:30-4:30

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

Taylor Mountain: Margaret Jacobson, Principal

We are thankful for our TM Hawks community!

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Dec. 13- 17: Holiday Spirit Wear Week!

- Monday: Holiday Hat Day: Santa hat, elf ears, reindeer antlers
- Tuesday: Holiday Sparkle, Lights, and Shine: WEar something that glitters, glows, and sparkles
- Wednesday: Candy Cane Day: Wear red, white, or green
- Thursday: Holiday Socks and Sweater Day
- Friday: PAjama Day

Dec. 15 - Dec. 30: Holiday Lighted Tree Display: Drive by after sunset to see our Taylor Mountain holiday trees!

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

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](#)

Also, please encourage your child to continue to use the following learning tools to support their learning over the break:

Lalilo (K-2):

Is an online learning platform that will help your students learn foundational reading skills in:

- Phonics (Letter-sound Correspondence)
- Phonological awareness
- Sight words
- Word families
- Independent reading
- Listening comprehension
- Grammar and conventions

Recommended Usage Time: 15-20 minutes daily

Students can access Lalilo from home for free using an iPad or computer.

Freckle Math and Freckle Language Arts (K-6):

Freckle Math and Language Arts is an online learning platform that allows students to practice Math and Language Arts at their own level in either English or Spanish. Freckle continuously adapts to each student's individual skills so each student is getting the appropriate challenge, whether they're working at, above, or below grade level.

Recommended Usage Time: 15-20 minutes daily per content area (15-20 minutes for Language Arts and 15-20 minutes for Math)

Students can access Freckle from home for free using an iPad or computer.

Student Services: Tracy Whitaker, Director

The MTSS Committee continues to explore curriculum to address social emotional learning district wide. A big thank you to all of those participating on the committee.

Food Services: Kayla Todd, Manager

All students will continue to be provided with free meals, all new students should turn in an alternative income meal form. We rely on these forms for funding from the state.

Please note our food vendors are having shortages and may give us last minute substitutions or not provide as many options as previously.

Meal menus are posted to our website at: www.busd.org/cafe

Human Resources:

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

Maintenance & Operations, Roger Farrell, Director

During Thanksgiving break we installed Owl Boxes at each of our campuses to help minimize our gophers.

We removed the rubber bark from Bellevue playground areas & installed new wood chips for fall protection. During the upcoming winter break we will be removing the rubber bark from all other playground areas and installing new wood chips for fall protection.

To represent our United States appropriately we will be refurbishing our flag poles at our Bellevue and Kawana Springs Elementary Schools during our upcoming Winter breaks (weather permitting) &/or Spring Break.

A new electronic marquee sign is being planned to be installed at Meadow View Elementary as early as our upcoming Spring Break.

TLCD Architectural firm will be submitting our [Kawana Springs Modernization plan set](#) to [DSA](#) 12/24/21.

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 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.

District Office Winter Break Closures

The District Office will have minimal coverage during the winter break (call ahead at 707-542-5197) and will be closed the following days:

Christmas – Friday, December 24 and Monday December 27, 2021

New Year's – Friday – December 31, 2021.

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

In partnership with you,

Dr. David Alexander

Superintendent

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