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## **DISTRICT NEWS BRIEF & UPDATES**

### **September 17, 2021**

*From the Office of Superintendent David Alexander, Ed.D.*

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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,**

We are now six weeks into our 2021-22 school year and there is nothing better than to see our students' and staffs' smiling faces back on our campuses each and every day. Although we are not back to the same routines as in the past, our staff continues to work diligently to keep our students safe during this pandemic while offering a quality education. Following the complex guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Sonoma County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) can be challenging; however, rest assured we have incredible teams at each site and at the district office working through the COVID-19 management requirements. We greatly appreciate your support and patience as we continue to work through the challenges together.

As we move forward this year we will keep our eyes on our priorities as defined in our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)/ Strategic Plan. We are excited to begin the implementation of many of the actions and services identified in our plans.

**Goal 1: Increase Student Success and Support Student Learning**

- *Ensure quality learning for each and every student to reach their potential*

**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.*

We will be providing you updates toward our goals in the coming weeks.

### **SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:**

**Bellevue:** *Nina Craig, Principal*

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

We are back in the swing of things! Dance for our TK-2nd graders is starting this week. Ukulele and music began for our 3rd-5th graders last week. Please join Principal Craig this week for School Site Council and

Parent Coffee. Zoom links to be emailed. Continue to call the office to report all absences and send your healthy child to school with a mask and water bottle.

School Site Council; Monday 9/20 @ 3:30 Zoom Link to be emailed

Parent Coffee Zoom; Friday 9/24 @ 9:00 Zoom Link to be emailed

Spirit Day ~ Sports Day; Friday 9/24

Chorus every Friday! Send in permission slips.

Violin every Wednesday for 5th and 6th graders.

Move over Mozart every Monday! Signs ups online at [www.mozartpianolearning.com](http://www.mozartpianolearning.com)

Food Pantry; Tuesdays 2:45-3:45pm - Walk up to Outdoor Picnic Tables

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

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

### ***Kawana Springs: Denise McCullough, Principal***

Thank you to our parents who joined us for our Parent Coffee, your feedback is appreciated!

Please bring water bottles to school daily!

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Vaccination Clinic- Thursday, Sept 23 2:30-4:30 pm in the MPR

School Site Council- Thursday, Sept 23 2:45 via Zoom

Spirit Day- wear Fun Socks, Friday, Sept 24

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](mailto:dmccullough@busd.org), Office Manager Susy Bradley [sbradley@busd.org](mailto:sbradley@busd.org), or Parent Liaison Erika Corrales [ecorrales@busd.org](mailto:ecorrales@busd.org) with any questions.

### ***Meadow View: Jean Walker, Principal***

Thank you to all the parents that joined us for Coffee with the Principal. Please remember to call the office and keep your child home if they are experiencing any COVID- like symptoms. Help your student to remember to wear a mask and bring water bottle to school every day.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Chorus every Tuesday- please sign up in the office

ELAC meeting, Tuesday Sept 21st @ 3:30 via zoom

Picture Day, Friday Sept 24th

School Site Council , Weds Sept 29th, time and place tbd

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](mailto:jwalker@busd.org), Office Manager Natali Ramirez [nramirez@busd.org](mailto:nramirez@busd.org), Office Assistant- Isabel Luna, [imluna@busd.org](mailto:imluna@busd.org) , or Parent Liaison Paula Hernandez [phernandez@busd.org](mailto:phernandez@busd.org).

### ***Taylor Mountain: Margaret Jacobson, Principal***

Taylor Mountain Hawks are building a strong, happy, and healthy school community this year. Thank you, parents, for joining our Parent Coffee on Friday. Help your student to remember to bring a mask and water bottle to school every day. Please call the school office and keep your child home if they are experiencing any COVID-like symptoms.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

School Food Pantry every Tuesday, 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Drive-Through only  
School Site Council Meeting: Monday, September 20, 2021, 3:00 pm in the school Library  
Picture Make-Up Day: Tuesday, Oct. 19  
Office hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am-4pm.  
Please call or stop by with questions: 542-3671; Principal Margaret Jacobson [mjacobson@busd.org](mailto:mjacobson@busd.org);  
Office Manager Julie Roza [jroza@busd.org](mailto:jroza@busd.org), Office Asst. Hope Leon [hleon@busd.org](mailto:hleon@busd.org)

**Learning Center: Curriculum and English Learners, Aracely Romo-Flores, Director**  
We have great learning opportunities and resources for our students and our families.  
All BUSD students have access to the following learning tools:

**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.

**Imagine Español (TK-2) - Available until November**

Imagine Español is a personalized learning solution that accelerates grade-level reading and language proficiency in Spanish for students in grades TK–2. Designed to address the diverse instructional needs of native speakers and students learning to read in Spanish. Imagine Español teaches foundational literacy skills in an engaging, game-like environment that celebrates the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world.

Recommended Usage Time: 15-20 minutes daily

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

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

the bottom of the page. There is a tab with classes offered in English and a tab for classes offered in Spanish.

### ***Food Services: Kayla Todd, Manager***

Food Service will continue to provide a light fruit snack paired with a granola bar or seeds in the morning with breakfast served at recess. 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](http://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](http://Edjoin.org).

### ***Maintenance & Operations, Roger Farrell, Director***

Bellevue Elementary School's Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning improvement project is complete. TLCD Architectural firm has completed the [schematic design](#) for the Kawana Springs kitchen, multi-purpose room and remodel of the front office complex. The next steps are refining the design and [DSA design review](#) before going out to bid.

### ***Business Services, Chris Kim, CBO***

The District presented its "Unaudited Actuals" financial reports to the Board of Trustees on September 14th. The Unaudited Actuals are an annual statement reporting the financial activities of the District in which the data are not yet formally audited. Unaudited Actuals are presented to the Board each September, reflecting the District's final year end closing from the previous June. These are the foundational reports by which the District's auditors will perform their review, which is currently scheduled to take place the week of November 8, 2021. The District's Unaudited Actuals report and presentation may be found on the District's website.

### ***Executive Assistance, Moriah Hart***

#### ***Please update your Emergency Contact Information***

Opening packets have gone home with a lot of important annual information to review and sign off on. If you prefer to review/approve digitally online data confirmation is also now open ([LINK](#)) and available to update/confirm emergency contact information for your child for the 2021-22 school year. The link is also provided on our website. Please complete your opening packet/online data confirmation as soon as possible to make sure we have current emergency contact information for your child. School offices will be following up with those families who have not updated their information for the current school year.

**School Bus Information:** [www.busd.org/bus](http://www.busd.org/bus)

#### ***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)

***After School Enrichment***

We are super excited to be able to bring back after school chorus for all grades at all school sites, as well as after school violin at our Bellevue and Taylor Mountain school campuses for 5th & 6th graders. Chorus began September 13th & violin will start September 20. Chorus will be held outside as per current safety guidance.

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

In partnership with you,

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