



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,

Welcome Back! The smiles in everyone's eyes can be seen throughout our campuses.

COVID-19 Updates:

Our school district continues to implement safeguards based on the latest local and state guidelines:

- Masks will be required indoors for all staff and students regardless of age or vaccination status.
- In addition, we are strongly recommending students and staff wear a mask inside and outside. This recommendation is aligned to the Sonoma County Department of Health Services (SCDHS) and SCOE who are now jointly **"strongly recommending" outdoor masking in most school settings**. Socially distanced outdoor mask breaks are acceptable. This recommendation is made based on the high incidence of COVID-19 in our community and is a preventative step before a health order would require outdoor masking.
- Social distancing will not be required on campus (indoors) or outdoors per CDC guidelines except during lunch and snack periods. Students will be socially distant when masks are removed for eating.
- Updated ventilation systems and air purification throughout campuses continue to be utilized.
- Cleaning protocols continue to be in place.

Air Quality Guidance

Once again, we are experiencing the possibility of unhealthy air quality. We will use the Air Quality Index measured at airnow.gov and follow the [Sonoma County Guidelines](#) as provided to us by the Sonoma County Office of Education.

It is our current understanding that, at the moderate smoke level (**yellow**), it would be acceptable to keep the windows open. However, for schools with strong HVAC air filtration systems and/or classroom-based air purifiers (which are effective for both smoke and COVID), closing windows is acceptable and may be the safest option.

If we have a localized reading of unhealthy air quality on fire.airnow.gov (**orange or above**), or if students are exhibiting symptoms of distress, we will consider closing our windows or taking other mitigation

measures. If air quality is in the **red (unhealthy) or purple (very unhealthy)**, windows should definitely be closed.

We will monitor our local air quality often throughout the day and adjust our activities accordingly. We want to insure you that our air purifiers and air conditioning fans are in place.

Back to School Night Information:

Wednesday, August 25th 6:00PM to 7:00PM by Zoom. Two sessions 6:00 and 6:30.

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Welcome Back, Bulldogs! Please return 1st Day Packet forms to your child's teacher. Look for more Covid information and forms in Wednesday Folder this week.

Students need their device and charger, mask, and water bottles daily.

Food Pantry; 8/17 2:45-3:45pm - Walk up to Outdoor Picnic Tables

Principal Welcome Back, Title One, and ELAC Recruitment Meeting; 8/19 6pm via [Zoom Link](#)

Back to School Night Zoom with the Teacher; 8/25 6:00pm and 6:30pm sessions. Teachers will send the zoom link.

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

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

Welcome Back, Cougars! Please return 1st Day Packet forms to your child's teacher.

1st and 2nd grade students- please turn in Ipads and Chromebooks from last school year. We will be issuing new devices soon.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Principal's Welcome Back Zoom Meeting, Title 1 and ELAC Recruitment Meeting; 8/19 6pm via [Zoom link](#)

Back-to-School Night Zoom with Teacher: 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Teachers will be sending zoomlinks.

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:

We are so glad to welcome all of our Meadow View students and families to the 2021-22 school year!

Please return all important "First-Day Packet" forms to school as soon as possible. Help your student to remember to bring a mask and water bottle to school every day.

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

School Food Pantry, Tuesday, 2:00-3:00- please bring bags- walk up only

Principal's Welcome Back-zoom meeting: Thursday, August 19 6:00-7:00 pm [Zoom Link here](#).

Back-to-School Night Aug 25th- 2 sessions; 6:00 and 6:30. Teachers will be sending out zoomlinks.

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

We are so glad to welcome all of our Taylor Mountain students and families to the 2021-22 school year! Please return all important "First-Day Packet" forms to school as soon as possible. Help your student to remember to bring a mask and water bottle to school every day.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

School Food Pantry every Tuesday, 2:00 - 3:00 pm beginning Aug. 17. Walk-up only; bring your own bags!

Principal's Welcome-Back Zoom Meeting: Thursday, Aug. 19 6:00 - 7:00 pm [Zoom Link Here](#)

Back-to-School Night: Wednesday, Aug. 25 via zoom: 6:00 - 6:30 pm ; 6:30 - 7:00 pm- teachers will be sending out zoomlinks.

Picture Day: Tuesday, Aug. 31

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 & Information Technology, Lawrence Black, Director

Welcome back from summer! Our Learning Center at 2641 Dutton Meadow is currently open from 8:00 - 11:30 and 12:30 - 4:00 Monday through Friday. English and Spanish support available. TK, K and 1st grade students will soon be issued equipment and site offices will be calling about coming in to sign contracts for the technology.

- Email - ithelp@busd.org
- Call - 1-707-544-8164

If you are needing support to access the internet please reach out to your school offices and talk with us about your needs.

Student Services: Tracy Whitaker, Director

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

Human Resources: Siara Goyer, Director

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

Bellevue Elementary School's Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning improvement project is nearly complete. TLCD Architectural firm is finalizing the schematic design for the Kawana Springs kitchen, multi-purpose room and remodel of the front office complex.

Business Services, Chris Kim, CBO

Per Education Code 421247(h) the District presented its 45 day revision of the Districts LCFF Budget at the Board meeting on August 17th. This follows the Governor's finalized State Budget which provided additional funds to Districts' entitlements, resulting in additional concentration funding projections for Bellevue.

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. If your email is up to date in our student system you will receive an email reminder before the start of the 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 Bus Information: www.busd.org/bus

Want to volunteer in the classroom or go on a fieldtrip?

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 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. The plan is to start our enrichment sessions after Labor Day in September. Flyers & permission slips will come soon.

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,

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