



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,

Our first day back to in-person learning on April 19th is approaching quickly and we are excited to see our students! Without a doubt there has been a lot of work and creative thinking to get us here. We are excited to offer an innovative approach to maximizing direct explicit instruction with our students within our Hybrid Concurrent Learning Model. Our goal from the beginning was aligned with the California Department of Education: California Education Code 43504 requires school districts to “offer **in-person instruction** to the **greatest extent possible**”.

A big thanks to everyone who attended our Town Hall meetings and to our families for letting us know your preference for your child(ren) when we return to in-person instruction. Because some families opted to keep their children in distance/ remote learning for the remainder of the year, we are able to safely provide in-person instruction 4 days per week for many of our students.

If our in-person instruction numbers stay within the limits of 18 individuals per classroom (including the teacher) we will provide in-person instruction to students Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. If the number of students who will be returning to in-person instruction exceeds the number of students we are able to serve safely (18 individuals per classroom) then in those cases the students will be placed in either the A Cohort (in-person instruction Monday and Tuesday and distance learning Wednesday through Friday) or the B Cohort (distance learning Monday through Wednesday and in-person instruction Thursday and Friday). Your child’s school will be reaching out to you soon to let you know which schedule your child will have when we return to in-person instruction on April 19th.

True change takes place in the imagination - unknown

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Registration for 2021-22 School Year Open! Complete it online, call, or come by the office!

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Parent Webinar - Return to School (Translation provided) April 7 @ 11am and April 8 @ 4pm (Zoom link coming)

Weekly Meals and Food Pantry Tuesday 12:00

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

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

Kindergarten Registration is open! Register online or stop by our office today!

We have openings for Special Education Instructional Assistants- please email Principal McCullough or call the office if interested! 545-4283

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Health and Wellness Challenge #3- Submit Google Form by April 9th!

Return to campus Parent Webinar- April 15 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Symphony Assembly- April 16 9:15 a.m.

Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00 p.m.

Food Pantry- Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Grab-and-Go lunches: Tuesdays, 10:00-12:00 p.m.

You may email or call Principal McCullough dmccullough@busd.org, Office Manager Susy Bradley sbradley@busd.org, or Parent Liaison Angelina Estrada aestrada@busd.org with any questions.

Meadow View: Jean Walker, Principal

Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year is Open! Register online, call or stop by our office today!

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Return to School parent webinar (translation provided) April 7th @ 9am and April 8th @ 6:00 pm (Zoom links coming)

Grab n Go meals Tuesday 11:30-1:30

Food Pantry Every Tuesday 2:00-3:00

If you have any questions please call or stop by during our office hours (8:00-4:00). Masks and social distancing required for the safety of all.

Please call the office or if you have questions email; Principal Walker jwalker@busd.org, Office Manager Ana Peoples, apeoples@busd.org, Office Assistant- Isabel Luna, imluna@busd.org, or Parent Liaison Natali Ramirez, nramirez@busd.org.

Taylor Mountain: Margaret Jacobson, Principal

We are hiring for the Parent Liaison position in Taylor Mountain's main office. Call if you are interested!

Kindergarten Registration is open. Register online or stop by our office today!

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

April 15: Return to School Webinar with Principal Jacobson (translation provided): 11:00 am and 4:00 pm. Zoom link coming!

Grab n Go meals Tuesday 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Food Pantry Every Tuesday 12:00-1:00 pm

Office hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am-4pm. Masks and social distancing required for the safety of all.

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

Information Technology, Lawrence Black, Director

We are open at our Learning Center office at 2641 Dutton Meadow from 8:00-4:00 for all parent support needs. English and Spanish support available.

- 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.

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. Please Note: While Siara is out on Maternity Leave, Lindsay McLaughlin will be assisting in the HR office. Her email is lmclaughlin@busd.org for any HR questions or concerns.

Food Services, Kayla Todd, Food Program Manager

Curbside meal pick is Tuesday every week.

Please note that the meals are “grab and go” and will include 5 days worth of meals.

School lunches are **FREE FOR ALL CHILDREN** under 18, pick up 5 days worth of breakfast and lunch at the following sites:

- 10am-12pm Kawana Elementary
- 10:30am-1:30pm Taylor Mountain Elementary
- 12pm-1pm Bellevue Elementary
- 11:30am-1:30pm Meadow View Elementary

Maintenance & Operations, Roger Farrell, Director

Bellevue Elem HVAC Improvement project is moving forward with work having begun the first week in March. Kawana Springs: We are working with DSA & our architectural firm to perform preliminary structural analysis to confirm how best to provide the much needed expansion of our Kitchen, MPR and remodel of our Admin areas.

Bids received for significant Concrete and Asphalt improvement work at Kawana Springs and Meadow View.

Interviewing Landscape Designers for District Wide landscaping projects.

In addition to these milestones we continued this week to make progress on preparations for the reopening of schools & the planning required to perform YEAR 2 projects from our [BUSD Facility 5 Year Plan](#) at our other sites.

Business Services, Chris Kim, CBO

The California Legislature signed AB 86 in March, which approved \$2 billion (statewide) for In-Person Instruction (IPI) Grants and \$4.6 billion (statewide) for Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grants for 2020-21. In May 2021, the District will receive an apportionment for 50% of its allocation for both grants, with the remaining 50% to be allocated in August 2021. For the District to be eligible for full funding via the In Person Instruction Grant, in-person Instruction (including hybrid models) must be offered by April 1, 2021 for specified student groups. Grant allocations will be reduced by one percent for each calendared instructional day that the District does not offer in-person instruction for all required groups. Additionally, the District will forfeit the funds if it does not offer in-person instruction for all required groups by May 15, 2021, or if in-person instruction is not offered continuously through the end of the scheduled 2020-21 school year, unless ordered by a state or local health officer. For the District to be eligible for the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant, the District must implement a learning recovery program that, at a minimum, provides supplemental instruction, support for social and emotional well-being, and meals and snacks to specified student groups. A plan must be adopted by the local governing board at a public meeting on or before June 1, 2021, and must be submitted to the COE within five days of adoption.

Executive Assistance, Moriah Hart

New student registration is open both [online](#) and hard copy packets available at the school sites. Students eligible for kindergarten are 5 years old on or before September 1, 2021. Students turning 5 years old September 2 through December 2, 2021 are eligible for TK (transitional kinder). Depending on space we may accept students born December 3rd through March 1 to what we call TK plus. To register you will need a copy of the birth certificate, proof of residence (PG&E or water bill, lease), immunizations, physical and dental exam. Please call your school office with any questions.

Remember student engagement/attendance is very important. If students aren't on zoom/in class or doing their school work they are missing learning time. It takes two days to catch up for every one day of school missed. If your child is unable to join zoom/class please call your school office.

Check out our COVID news page www.busd.org/COVID for all of our newsletters, board presentations, and links to county and state reopening guidelines that all districts must meet.

In partnership with you,

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