



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,

In the last few weeks we have experienced a great amount of energy toward bringing our students back to in-person learning. Although there is still a great deal to accomplish, we are hopeful this will be as soon as possible. The Bellevue Union School District will continue to implement any and all measures recommended by public health leaders to protect the health and safety of our students, our staff, and our community throughout this public health emergency. BUSD works in close consultation with Sonoma County Public Health and the Sonoma County Office of Education, and follows guidance from California Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Department of Public Health. The COVID-19 public health emergency is a constant changing situation. BUSD will remain flexible in responding to changing public health conditions and will continue to revise our return to school plans in accordance with the most current orders or guidance provided by the CDPH. CDPH latest release, [COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Instruction Framework & Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year](#).

We are uncertain at this time (no application is available at this time and legislation work will need to occur) whether or not the [Governor's Safe Schools for All](#) plan will be implemented and this additional funding will be available. This funding is identified as a grant which would considerably assist our district in supplementing our budget for a safe and successful return to schools. Regardless, our district responded to a potential short timeline by immediately working on completing the requirements to reopen when it is deemed safe by public health including the COVID-19 Safety Plan (CSP) 1.) [Covid-19 School Safety Checklist](#): We are required to have these completed and approved by the state prior to reopening. 2.) Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP). We are also negotiating an agreement (Memorandum of Understanding or "MOU") with our teachers.

Once again we all want a safe and successful return to in-person instruction, therefore we want to be ready when the time comes. In the meanwhile, we thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate through this fast everchanging waters.

Resources:

The SCOE Communications team has developed a frequently asked questions section available now at scoe.org/vaccines. This reflects the most common questions received to date and will be updated to reflect new questions and changing information. A Spanish version will be available early next week.

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Bellevue Teachers would like to thank ALL PARENTS for your hard work and help keeping your child connected to us!

Registration for 2021-22 School Year Open! Online, call, come by!

Hiring for Special Education Instructional Aide - Please call if you're interested! 542-5195

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Kindness Week Jan 25-29th

Student Materials Pick Up Jan 28 & 29

Picture Day Feb. 3; 10am-4pm - assigned times

Weekly Meals Tuesday 12:00-2:00

Food Pantry Tuesdays 12:00pm

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

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

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

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Student of the Month Assemblies:

5th/6th- Thursday, 1/28, 11:00 a.m.

2nd/3rd/4th- Friday, 1/29, 8:30 a.m.

K/1- 1/29, 9:15 a.m.

Dual Immersion Virtual Presentation- Friday, 2/12, 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

ELAC meeting- Jan 27th @5:30pm

School Site Council- Jan 28th @5:30 pm

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

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

We want to hear from you...fill out our TM Parent Survey here: <https://forms.gle/8oQcpgpC8gd8Nmd36>

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Mr. Science is coming to your child's digital classroom very soon. Come by the TM office to pick up your bag of science supplies today!

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, or Parent Liaison Juana Solis jsolis@busd.org

DISTRICT SUPPORT:

Curriculum and English Learners, Aracely Romo-Flores

Thank you all for your flexibility and understanding with our modified instructional schedule on Thursday, January 14th. We appreciate it!

Although we are no closer to knowing when we will be able to return to in-person instruction for our students, it is important to begin to imagine what our plan will look like for when we in fact can welcome our students back to the school sites. As you can imagine, this takes a lot of work to ensure the safety of our staff and students, as well as ensuring our students are able to get the most time with their amazing teachers in order to accelerate their learning. We appreciate your patience and will keep you abreast of our progress as we continue our efforts on this important work.

Student Services, Tracy Whitaker, Director

Thank you to our School Psychologist and School Counselors for the Parent Partnership night, ***Supporting Student Social Emotional Wellness During Distance Learning***. We hope the staff and families who attended found this event informative and supportive.

Interested in working with students who have special needs? We have several positions open for Special Education Instructional Assistants at Bellevue Elementary and Kawana Springs Elementary. Please call the site principal if you have questions.

Information Technology, Lawrence Black, Director

Is your internet ready for state testing? If you believe you need internet support, give us a call. Testing is right around the corner and will have live video requirements.

Is your child still using a clunker? While most students are on the newest gear, we still have a few needing to pick up the newest and best gear. Reach out to your school office for details.

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

Human Resources: Siara Goyer, Director

Join the BUSD team!

We currently have the following opportunities:

3 hour/ day Dishwasher at Taylor Mountain

Several Special Education Instructional Assistant Positions

Several Student Supervisor Positions

Applications for these exciting job opportunities and more at Bellevue Union School District can be found at Edjoin.org

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.

Reminder: 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 (*new time*)
- 11:30am-1:30pm Meadow View Elementary

Maintenance and Operations, Roger Farrell, Director

Our Injury Illness Prevention Plan was updated to help us be better prepared for the reopening of our schools and provide our staff and students a safer environment.

Bellevue Elem sealed bid openings have been postponed to Tues, 2/2 to provide vendors more time to provide a more refined bid. The project is scheduled to begin as early as March 1, 2021.

Kawana Springs we are working with our architectural firm TLCD 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.

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

Business Services, Chris Kim, CBO

Cost of Living Increases: The Governor's Budget proposes to provide the LCFF with both the 2020-21 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) (2.31%) and the 2021-22 COLA (1.5%) and increases ongoing LCFF funding by \$2 billion Proposition 98 General Fund, when adjusted for declining average daily attendance (ADA).

Update on Deferrals: The Governor's Budget proposes to pay off $\frac{2}{3}$ of the K-12 deferral in 2021-2022, which leaves \$3.7 billion from the June 2022 deferral in effect to be paid in July 2022.

1st Interim Positive Certification: In accordance with Education Code Section 42131, a review of Bellevue Union School District (District) First Interim Report for Fiscal Year 2020-21 has been completed by the Sonoma County Office of Education (County). The District self-certified its 2020-21 First Interim Report as Positive. After a review of the financial data, the County has accepted the report as Positive. The Positive Certification is assigned to any district that is able to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the current fiscal year or two subsequent fiscal years (Education Code Section 42131).

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.

In partnership with you,

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