



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,

Happy Thanksgiving! We are wishing all our BUSD community an enjoyable Thanksgiving week. During this week please be aware that many departments may not be fully staffed and may be operating on modified schedules the week of Thanksgiving. If you are planning to do business with us, please plan ahead and check to see whether the person you need to reach will be available.

I hope and trust all is well with you. Our original Return to School plan was approved by our school board on August 4, 2020. In addition, our school board passed a resolution stating our school district would use a distance learning model until after the Winter break unless our situation improved. Unfortunately, as much as we would like to get our students back to an in-person learning model, our county is still in the purple tier. The BUSD School Board provided direction to the superintendent at our board meeting on 11/17/2020 to prepare a resolution for the next board meeting to indicate our school district will continue with distance learning until February 8, 2020 or if conditions improved. The information we received from public health at the end of this last week is that with the current infection rates across the state and country, it is doubtful that we will be moving to the red tier in January. The reality is that we may move to the red tier sometime in February. We will continue to monitor our status and at the same time continue to plan to return to an in-person educational model when it is safe for our community.

Here are a few updates and links to help you understand the possibility of returning to an in-person educational model:

- NEW: SCOE Video: [Preparing for When Schools Can Reopen](#)
- SCOE Video: [Understanding When Schools Can Reopen](#)
- Document: [2020-21 Return to School Plans](#)
- Presentation Slides: [District Strategic Planning Team 2.1 Monday, November 2, 2020 1:00pm -3:00pm - Health/Safety.](#)
- New: Presentation Slides: [District Strategic Planning Team 2.1 Wednesday, November 18, 2020 9:00am to noon Teaching/Learning](#)
- New: Presentation Slides: [BUSD 2020/21 Return to School Plan Health/Safety Updates Presentation to Bellevue Union School District Board of Trustees by Tracy Whitaker, Director of Student Services & BUSD COVID-19 Coordinator & David Alexander, Ed..D Superintendent 11/17/2020](#)

Next steps for in-person planning and opening (tentative: Revised after DSPT 2.1 Meeting 11/18/20):

- DSPT 2.1 Education Program Sub-committee Meeting December 8, 2020 (Identify challenges/solutions of the model)
- Teaching/Learning Update Presentation to School Board ~~12/8/2020~~ to 1/19/21
- Survey to parents and staff: Enrollment Model Preferences ~~12/02/2020~~ after 12/08/20
- DSPT 2.1 Education Program Sub-committee Nuts and Bolts Meeting January 7th (work out details)

may change in content

- TBA: Continue to work with our collective bargaining groups to discuss working conditions

Board Meetings:

- December 8, 2020 (~~Presentation & Recommendations~~)
 - December 15, 2020 (Governance Workshop Training)
 - January 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- TBA: Town Hall meetings for job a-likes

A great deal of collaboration and planning is required to ensure we provide the most safe and best educational program as possible under the current situation. We are gaining valuable input from our stakeholders as we consider the countless amount of variables that need to be addressed. As our classified union, CSEA and our District met at a recent monthly Employee/Employer Relations Committee (EERC) meeting, one classified member (or more, thank you Jennifer, Donna and Teresa) suggested that hearing the voices from a specific group of employees would be beneficial. I am thankful for such a wonderful idea and will be scheduling job a-like Town Hall meetings as well as Town Hall meetings for our parents and our teachers. These meetings are designed for you to share your input into our reopening to an in-person educational model and are voluntary. Thank you CSEA for the wonderful idea. :) I will be scheduling these meetings when we come back from Thanksgiving week.

Resources:

COVID: [Pop up testing sites](#)

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Have a wonderful and well deserved Thanksgiving Break! Be safe and well!

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Dec. 1 - Free Flu Shot; 12:00

Dec. 11 - Parent Coffee

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am-4pm Please respect social distancing protocols.

Weekly free meal pick up Mondays; 11:00-1:00

Food Pantry Tuesdays; 12:00-1:00

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

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Food Pantry- Wednesdays 10:30-11:30 a.m. (No Food Pantry on Nov 25)

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

Grab-and-Go lunches: Mondays from 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 Erika Corrales ecorrales@busd.org with any questions.

Meadow View: Jean Walker, Principal

Have a great Thanksgiving Break.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Nov. 23-27 Thanksgiving Break

Nov 30th- School Site Council

Dec 4th- Parent Coffee

Grab n Go meals every Monday 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

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving break, everyone!

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Nov. 23-27 Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 14, 9am : Coffee Zoom with the Principal

Grab n Go meals every Monday 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:

Business Services, Chris J. Kim, CBO

The District is currently undergoing its 2019/20 audit via Christy White and Associates. The Business Office thanks our Staff and Teachers for their patience and understanding as documentation backup requests are sent out for fulfillment.

Child Care

[Community Distance Learning Support/Childcare Resources](#) available throughout our community found in this link.

COOL School

COOL School has had a great few weeks and wants to wish all students and families a happy Thanksgiving. We encourage families to stay safe and healthy over the holiday break. Please be aware of our new policy around holiday travel, if you have any questions, the COOL School Site Supervisor is happy to assist you.

Food Services, Kayla Todd, Food Program Manager

Thanksgiving Break Update: <https://share.peachjar.com/flyers/1079006/schools/150266>

NO GRAB & GO MEALS THANKSGIVING BREAK

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

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

Students Services, Tracy Whitaker, Director

The Student Services/Special Education Department is hosting its first Parent Participation event on December 1, 2020 from 4:00PM to 5:00PM on Zoom. The topic: Behavior Support Information. This event will include Board Certified Behavior Analysts who will share information and answer questions about how to support our students with exceptional needs at home during distance learning. Click on the [Parent Participation](#) Notice for more information

Student Services wishes you all a safe, healthy and heartfelt Thanksgiving.

Educational Services, Aracely Romo-Flores, Director

A heartfelt thanks to all of our staff, parents and families for the immense and powerful work you do on behalf of our students. As Tom Brokaw said, "It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference." Thank you all for making a difference in the lives of our students! We are grateful for you!

Maintenance and Operations, Roger Farrell, Director

For the first time in over 10 years our Bellevue Union School District Maintenance Team rests knowing that every District roof is either new or has received significant repairs that prevents us from having any foreseeable roof leaks for years to come. But, nobody is perfect, please report any roof leaks to mohelp@busd.org if they should arise.

The first of many meetings were held this week with our architectural firm TLCD and RGM Kramer Construction Consultants to discuss the design of our Kawana Springs ES Modernization.

Information Technology, Lawrence Black, Director

Technology support is temporarily closed during the week of Thanksgiving break. We look forward to supporting you on 11/30 at 2641 Dutton Meadow Ave.

Hotspots have arrived! If you are on the waiting list for your school you will be hearing from us soon.

You can always reach us direct at

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

Executive Assistance, Moriah Hart

November is Native American Heritage Month (<https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/>) and similar to last month we will be honoring our heritage by posting some brief bios on www.facebook.com/busd.org

All BUSD school sites will be closed during Thanksgiving week, the District Office will be open Monday and Tuesday only.

Absence letters for unexcused absences dated October 19, 2020 to present will be sent out beginning with November 20th. Please call or email your child's teacher and/or school office when your child is unable to engage in zoom meetings/classwork due to illness or internet connectivity issues.

In partnership with you,

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