



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 third week of our Distance Learning Academy is behind us and I hope we are all settling in and adjusting to this new instructional model for education. I would like to express my appreciation for everyone's hard work, diligence, patience and understanding. Nothing is like it was; yet, through all of these experiences we become more resilient and build perseverance.

COVID-19 Updates

BUSD staff are working hard to support our students and families. We have reached out to you letting you know there are materials to pick up, a check in with the teacher, health screenings, and ELPAC testing. We understand you are committed to making sure your child has what they need. **That said, please do not come on campus if you are experiencing any flu like/covid symptom, someone in your family is symptomatic, and/or had exposure to someone with a confirmed and current case of COVID.** [Click here for more information about COVID-19.](#) You may call the school office and communicate your situation. We can brainstorm an alternative way to get you what is needed for your child's education or it can be picked up at a later date when it is safe to do so. It is important we work together to slow the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for your cooperation and support in protecting the health and safety of all.

Food Services, Kayla Todd, Food Program Manager

Please note, Monday 9/07/2020 is a holiday. Grab and Go Meals will be moved to the following day, 9/08/2020.

The USDA has issued a waiver allowing school districts to once again serve any child under the age of 18, at no cost until December 31, 2020. Below are the food service times for each site for a **Monday Grab and Go food service of 5 days worth of breakfast and lunch:**

- Kawana Elementary: **10am-12pm serve meals at curbside.**
- Taylor Mountain Elementary: **10:30am-12:30pm serve meals at curbside.**
- Bellevue Elementary: **11am-1pm serve meals at curbside.**
- Meadow View Elementary: **Cancelled 9/8/2020. You may go to any of our other 3 school sites listed above.**

If you have a newly enrolled student for the 2020-2021 School Year, please fill out an Alternative Income Form. You can find the form on our website at <https://www.busd.org/cafe> or you can ask for a copy at your students school site office.

COOL School Program, Melissa Moore, CalSERVES Program Manager

COOL School staff were so excited to reopen the program this week! Staff and students continue to practice and learn the routines and are finding their daily groove. Families, please feel free to reach out to the COOL School Site Supervisor if questions arise around students and their school work. Thank you

There are additional resources available throughout our community found in this link.

[Community Distance Learning Support/Childcare Resources](#)

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

In person Expert Tech Support for students and parents: Wednesday 8:00-11:00am, Friday 12:00-3:00pm
Call or stop by the office during office hours for additional tech support as needed!

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

Virtual Back to School Night with the Teacher Sept. 8-10 - Teacher's provide you with the exact day/ time

ELAC Committee Meeting via Zoom Sept 18; 9:00am

Site Council Meeting via Zoom Sept 18; 12pm

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

Thank you students, families, teachers and staff members for your dedication and effort to make Distance Academy successful.

Virtual Back to School Night- Sept 8-10; Dates and times vary by grade level

Technology Support on campus: Wednesdays 12:00-3:00 p.m., Fridays 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Office hours: 8:00-4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday Please respect safety protocols.

Grab-and-Go lunches: Mondays from 10:00-12:00

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

Virtual Back to School Night- Sept 8-10; Dates and times vary by grade level. In person technology support for parents and students every Wednesday 12-3 and Friday 8-11 am. Our Main Office is open 8am- 4pm. Masks and social distancing required for the safety of all. Grab-and Go lunches 11:30 am-1:30 pm every Monday.

Food Pantry is every Tuesday @ 2:00 through the parking lot loop. Interested in joining our Site Council or ELAC committee? Feel free to 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, with any questions.

Taylor Mountain: Margaret Jacobson, Principal

The Taylor Mountain Elementary staff is striving to make Distance Academy a successful experience for students and families! Tech support is available in our main office every Wednesday 8 -11 am or Friday 12 - 3 pm. Parents can view their child's daily schedule in the Google Classroom.

Virtual Back-to-School nights Sept. 8 -9-10. Tues, Sept *: TK-2; WEd, Sept. 9: Gr. 3-4; Thurs, Sept 10, Gr. 5-6. Your child's teacher will send out the invitation links.

Join our Taylor Mountain community by volunteering to be part of our School Site Council or the English Learners Advisory Committee. You may email or call Principal Jacobson mjacobson@busd.org today!

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

Week of breakfast and lunch pick up Mondays 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Food Pantry Tuesdays 12:00-1:00 pm

Please call or stop by with questions. Office Manager Julie Roza jroza@busd.org, Office Asst. Hope Leon hleon@busd.org, or Parent Liaison Juana Solis jsolis@busd.org with any questions.

DISTRICT SUPPORT:

Curriculum/English Learners, Aracely Romo-Flores

Thank you to all the families that have kept appointments to have their children's English language proficiency assessed with the **English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC)**. We have been busy scheduling our new students who indicated in the Home Language Survey that they speak a language other than English in the home in order to understand how to properly support them. We are testing one school at a time and started off with Bellevue Elementary. Next week we will begin to test at Taylor Mountain.

To clarify, this test is given to all students who have a primary language other than English and have never been previously classified as an **English Learner (EL) or Emerging Bilingual Student (EBS)**. The Initial ELPAC is used to identify a student as either an EL/EBS who needs support to learn English, or as proficient in English. This is an important test as it helps us to identify which students will need to be provided additional language support through **Integrated English Language Development (I-ELD) and Designated English Language Development (D-ELD)**. If your child receives an invitation, please be sure to make this testing session a priority as we have a very limited time to administer this test. Thank you in advance.

Student Services/Special Education, Tracy Whitaker, Director

COVID-19, fires, and smoke are compounding daily stress. It is a difficult time for all of us. Please see the links below with resources and support for our community.

[SCOE Website: Supporting Our Children During Stressful Times](https://www.211.org)

www.211.org

[BUSD School Counselors](#)

[Child Parent Institute \(CPI\)](#)

Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) Committee

The MTSS Committee met for the first meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 2. We recapped where we left off at the end of last year and determined a goal based on a need considering the unique circumstances of distance learning. Our goal is to identify and implement Social Emotional Learning (SEL) strategies and support in the virtual community. Our committee members will be eliciting input from sites in the following two areas: What are we doing now to promote Social Emotional Learning? What additional resources do we need to foster students' Social Emotional Learning? We look forward to determining ways we can further support social emotional skills and development in our students.

Human Resources: Siara Goyer, Director

Join the BUSD team! Check out [Edjoin.org](https://edjoin.org) for several exciting employment opportunities with the Bellevue Union School District. Many new positions have recently been added. Check it out!

Maintenance and Operations, Roger Farrell, Director

We welcome you to please spend some time reviewing our [BUSD Maintenance & Operations Webpage](#) where you can see the **BUSD Facility Improvements Accomplishments and Plans** to gain an understanding of what lies ahead to make our District Facilities more wonderful for our Students, Guests and Staff. Additionally, there are some photos to give you a glimpse of some of the work that was accomplished this past spring and summer. Please send any questions or maintenance requests you may have about our facilities to mohelp@busd.org. Thank you!

Business Operations, Chris J. Kim, Chief Business Official

The District will be closing the books for the prior fiscal year and present its analysis to the Board of Trustees in the coming weeks. Following this, the District will finalize its budget revisions for the current fiscal year and present the revised 2020/21 budget to the Board by the end of September.

Information Technology, Lawrence Black, Director

The Technology team is returning to the sites to support parents two days weekly starting next week. The schedule will allow alternate hours of support for all sites.

Wednesday's at Taylor Mountain and Bellevue Elementary from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Then Kawana Springs and Meadow View from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Friday's at Kawana Springs and Meadow View from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Then Taylor Mountain and Bellevue Elementary from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

For immediate support, please contact your local school office.

- Bellevue - 707-542-5195
- Kawana - 707-545-4283
- Meadow View - 707-541-3715
- Taylor Mountain - 707-542-3671

Executive Assistance, Moriah Hart

District Newsbriefs and Updates continue to go out weekly via email and the mobile phone app. More information on the mobile phone app can be found here: www.busd.org/app The newsletter is also posted on www.busd.org under COVID news and to www.facebook.com/busd.org If you are not receiving the newsletter via email or notification that it has been posted via text message and would like to please contact your school office to update your contact information. It is important to keep your contact information up to date to receive accurate news and information quickly.

If you have not done so please complete either the online student data confirmation or a hard copy opening packet from your school office by September 18. Student data confirmation can be accessed through this link: <https://bellevueusd.asp.aeries.net/Student/LoginParent.aspx> If you do not know your password use your email address and click forgot password. This is your opportunity to update contact information as well as review annual notices we are required to provide to you.

Our partners from Move Over Mozart will be offering afternoon piano at all school sites and online, Guitar/ukelele at Taylor Mountain and Bellevue and art at Taylor Mountain beginning in September. Flyers with dates/times and cost will be sent out soon.

Shark Story

Some of you by now may have heard stories of a kayak fisherman out of Shelter Cove getting attacked by a Great White Shark last Friday. Yes, it was me. And yes, I am ok... although the event is a bit fresh in mind. I would like to caution sharing the story with our younger children. My original posting in NoCal Kayak Anglers, as well as my fishing partner ThreemoneyJ's account can be found at NorCal Kayak Anglers Website (John's account is down the page a few postings) [Shark takes bite on my kayak 8/28/20 Shelter Cove](#). SF Chronicle, Tom Stienstra outdoor sports writer [Kayaker survives terrifying great white shark attack in Shelter Cove](#) posted an interesting article this morning. I recognize the media picked this story up right away, but please note the only reason to share this information is to use it as an opportunity to share a few things; it is always best to be prepared, keep calm in an emergency and always go with a partner when going out in the world. Thank you for those of our community members for reaching out to me and checking in with me. I will heal from the small injuries and hopefully one day get back out there.

In partnership with you,

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