



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,

Congrats to our first week of a Distance Learning Academy. Thank you for your patience and flexibility! A big shout out to our parents and teachers who got their kids online, to our students who did a great job engaging remotely, and staff members who provided fun opening day activities or went above and beyond to connect with families. We recognize there were a few rough patches and we are working diligently to smooth those areas out.

Wildfires and Power Shut-offs

We are hoping and praying you are staying safe during this wildfire season. The smoke should not affect our distance learning program as our teachers have the option of working from school or from home. If power shut-offs impact our schools we will address the course of action based on the situation. We are suggesting that families prepare by having mobile hotspots/laptops fully charged before class. There may be paper packets, alternate assignments, etc.

Distance learning might be affected if students and teachers lose power while they are working on their computers. We understand power outages in the future could impact some students' ability to access their online classes.

Teachers post class materials online for students in general and so those who are unable to attend their classes due to the power outages should check with their teachers about an extension to complete their assignments. We will also need to be flexible if teachers lose power.

With the current heatwaves, wildfire events and the potential for future outages, we want to remind our students and families of the following tips to help you during current or future outages.

What to do before the power goes out:

- Make sure phones, hotspots and Chromebooks are fully charged before the school day.
- Prepare an emergency supply kit with flashlights, first aid supplies, food and water.
- Create a safety plan for all members of your family, including pets. PG&E offers tips on how to do this at safetyactioncenter.pge.com.

What to do after the power goes off:

- Unplug or turn off appliances, equipment and electronics to avoid damage caused by surges when the power is restored.
- If the power comes back on during the school day, email or message your teacher.

- For food safety tips, the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services has a detailed list at their site: [Food Safety During A Power Outage](#)

For the latest information regarding power outages in your area, go to the [PG&E Outage Map](#)

[Tips for Distance Learning Success](#) [In Spanish](#)

[FAQs About Students' Rights to Privacy in Educational Records While Engaging in Distance Learning](#)

COOL School Program, Melissa Moore, CalSERVES Program Manager

COOL School welcomed 108 BUSD students into our new COOL School programming on Monday. Students have done a wonderful job wearing their masks, washing their hands, and maintaining social distancing. We are pleased to share that all students have been able to get logged in and have joined their virtual classes. Programming may be different right now, but we are thrilled to see and support the students daily!

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

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

Food Services, Kayla Todd, Food Program Manager **School Meals**

Beginning Monday, August 17th we will be transitioning to a Grab and Go for each site. As mandated by the state, this will be for students enrolled in Bellevue Union School District only unless circumstances change. Below are the delivery times and 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: **11:30am-1:30pm serve meals at curbside.**

When picking up your students' meals please provide the District employee standing outside, the name of your student and their teacher's name, you will then be handed a meal through your car window.

School meals will look different than they did in the spring because universal free meals for anyone who wants them has not currently been funded by the federal government. General information is available [here](#) [In Spanish here](#).

- *Who will be eligible for free meals?* We are a Provision 2 District meaning all our students eat for **Free** regardless of their eligibility status.
- 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/Page/55> or you can ask for a copy at your students school site office.

Thank you for your support!

We are all in a learning mode and thus throughout this journey we will learn better ways to adapt to our COVID pandemic and meet the needs of our students.

The Opening Packet through online data confirmation has gone live. There was a little bit of a glitch Tuesday as text was being edited and emails went out to parents at some school sites before the data was updated/verified. The system shows that the second email went out to all parents. The link to the online data confirmation is on our website at www.bUSD.org/notifications, on the home page under COVID news and

linked on the mobile app. Parents can reset their passwords using any of those links and their email address of record even if they didn't get the email. If you cannot reset your password you may update your email address with your child's school.

We thank you in advance for all your support in your child's education.

In partnership,
Dr. David Alexander
Superintendent

BUSD Reopening Plan Updates:

[2020-2021 Presentation to BUSD Governing Board on 7/21/2020](#)

[08/04/2020 FINAL Reopening Plan/ plan de reapertura final](#)

CDE released an online FAQ on [distance learning](#).

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Distance Academy is in full swing! Daily live interaction and daily online assignments are provided!

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.

Week of breakfast and lunch 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

Thank you to all our teachers, staff members, students and families for a great effort this first week of Distance Academy!

Please continue to view your daily schedule and assignments on Google Classroom.

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

We are here to support you:

NEW- 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.

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

Meadow View Panthers are distance learning! Class meetings and assignments happen every day. Attendance taking everyday. 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. We are still accepting kindergarten and new student registrations. Grab-and Go lunches 11:30 am-1:30 pm every Monday. Food Pantry is every Tuesday @ 2:00 through the parking lot loop. 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 Staff welcomed students to our Distance Academy on Monday, August 17. Excitement for our first day of school was palpable as students popped onto the screens for their first Zoom meetings of the year. Behind the scenes, the office and support staff has been deploying devices, making family connections, registering new students, and preparing student materials. Teachers hosted a Drive-Through Student Supplies pick up on Tuesday, Aug. 18 and Wednesday, Aug. 19. Our student supervisors organized the set up and directed parents to the grade-level pick-up sites. Teachers also connected with families through virtual and socially-distanced orientation meetings throughout the week. Taylor Mountain currently hosts 4 Cool School classrooms for 48 of our students who attend the socially-distanced program from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am-4pm

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Please call or stop by with questions. Masks and social distancing required for the safety of all.

You may email or call Principal 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 with any questions.

DISTRICT SUPPORT:

Curriculum/English Learners, Aracely Romo-Flores

BUSD currently has 123 students who will be invited to participate in the state mandated ***English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC)***. 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

Student Services continues to support families and staff as we navigate special education in a pandemic. We are committed to providing services and support in a way that is meaningful for students and families. A huge thank you to the staff for working hard to connect with students, families, and working around multiple schedules to make services happen. And a huge thank you to parents/guardians for your patience, communication, and support. Speech, counseling, OT, and other related services are being scheduled and implemented!

Human Resources: Siara Goyer, Director

Join the BUSD team! Check out [Edjoin.org](https://www.edjoin.org) for several exciting employment opportunities with the Bellevue Union School District.

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** that were shared with our Board Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 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 presented its 45 Day Budget summary on August 18th. This is a high level report which outlines the projected impact of the Governor's adopted budget on the District's financials in the current fiscal year. The District will be closing the books for the prior fiscal year and present its analysis to the Board of Trustees on September 8th. Following this, the District will finalize its budget revisions and present the revised 2020/21 budget to the Board by September 30, 2020.

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.

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In partnership with you,

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