



DISTRICT UPDATE

March 10, 2023


From the Office of Superintendent Michael Kellison
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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,

Spring Break is just a week away and I want to wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable break from school. Next week, families will receive the second trimester report cards for their children. The report card is our tool to communicate progress to you and to inform you where your child stands in relation to the end of the year expectations. If you have any questions about your child's report card, please contact your child's teacher. We want you to understand what is being shared on the report card, and we encourage you to partner with us in support of your child's academic success.

We continue our efforts in enrolling our next group of BUSD students for the 2023-2024 school year. We are seeing good interest in our Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes. With the anticipation of the opening of some nearby housing complexes, we are planning for potential growth within the District in the upcoming year. If you have a school aged child that currently isn't enrolled, please stop by one of the school offices to begin the enrollment process for next year. In addition, if you know someone who has a child that is eligible to enroll in TK or Kindergarten, encourage them to enroll now. It is always best to enroll early for the upcoming school year.

Over the past two months, I have met with parent groups at each of the four campuses and asked for thoughts and ideas on the following topics: Programs for Students, Facilities Needs, and Community Partnerships. Within each of these categories, participating parents provided us with valuable feedback as we look to refine our LCAP and develop a comprehensive plan for our future.

In closing, I am excited for what lies ahead for our community. We are generating some excellent ideas on how to enhance the educational programs for our students and on how to make improvements to the overall quality of our district facilities and grounds. Thank you for your continued support of BUSD.

With pride,
Michael Kellison

SCHOOL SITE UPDATES:

Bellevue Elementary School	
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:30	Contact Us @ 707-542-5195
Principal , Nina Craig: ncraig@busd.org	Office Assistant , Blanca Ramirez: bramirez@busd.org
Office Manager , Karina Martinez: kmartinez@busd.org	Family Engagement Facilitator , Amy Flores Casares: aflorescasares@busd.org

Upcoming Meetings & Events:	
Monday, March 13th	Report Cards Go Home
Monday, March 13th 4:00 pm	School Site Council
Friday, March 17th 9:00 am	ELAC Meeting
March 20-24	Spring Break, No School
March 27th 8:45 am	Student of the Month
March 29th 6:00-8:00 pm	Cal Skate Night
Other Events:	
Tuesdays 2:30-3:30 pm	Food Pantry
Mondays after school	Move over Mozart
Thursdays after school	3rd-6th Chorus
Fridays after school	5th grade Marimba
As Notified	4th-6th Grade Girls Basketball Practices and Games

Kawana Springs Elementary School	
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30-4:00	Contact Us @ 707-545-4283
Principal , Denise McCullough: dmccullough@busd.org	Office Assistant , Michelle Williams: mwilliams@busd.org
Office Manager , Susy Bradley: sbradley@busd.org	Family Engagement Facilitator , Erika Corrales: ecorrales@busd.org

Upcoming Meetings & Events:	
Monday, March 13th	Report cards go home
Tuesday, March 14 8:15 am	ELAC Meeting @ KS Library
Wednesday, March 29 6:30 pm	PTO Meeting via Zoom
Thursday, March 30 2:50 pm	School Site Council Meeting @ KS Library
Friday, March 31 Times vary by grade level	Student of the Month assemblies
Other Events:	
Tuesdays after school	Marimba class
Tuesdays and Thursdays after school	Girls on the Run
Wednesdays after school	Move Over Mozart @ KS Library
Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 am	Food Pantry
As notified	4th-6th Grade Basketball Tournament

Meadow View Elementary School	
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30-4:00	Contact Us @ 707-541-3715
Principal, Jean Walker: jwalker@busd.org	Office Assistant, Isabel Luna: imluna@busd.org
Office Manager, Natali Ramirez: qramirez@busd.org	Family Engagement Facilitator, Paula Hernandez: phernandez@busd.org

Upcoming Meetings & Events:	
Monday, March 13th	Report cards go home
March 20th-March 24th	Spring break (no school)
Friday, March 31st	Queres Quire assembly TK-3rd
Friday, March 31st	Student of the Month
Other Events:	
Tuesdays 2:00-3:00 pm	Food Pantry

Thursdays 2:45 - 3:35 pm	Marimba Lesson, 5th gr.
Fridays after school	Move over Mozart
Tuesdays after school	3rd-6th Chorus
Thursday after school	5th graders
As Notified	4th-6th Grade Girls Basketball Practices and Games

Taylor Mountain Elementary School	
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30-4:00	Contact Us @ 707-542-3671
Principal, Margaret Jacobson: mjacobson@busd.org	Office Assistant, Hope Leon: hleon@busd.org
Office Manager, Julie Roza: jroza@busd.org	Family Engagement Facilitator, Elida Guerrero: eguerrero@busd.org

Upcoming Meetings & Events:	
Monday, March 13	Report Cards go home
Monday, March 13 2:45 pm	School Site Council Meeting in the library
Tuesday, March 14 4:00 pm	Girls Basketball game at home vs BV
Thursday March 16 5:30 pm	Girls Basketball game at home vs HL
Monday, March 20 - Friday, March 24	Spring Break - no school
Other Events:	
Mondays 2:40 - 3:30 pm	Marimba Lesson, 5th gr.
Thursdays 10:00 - 11:00 am	Food Pantry
Thursdays after school (2:40-4:20 pm)	Move over Mozart
Fridays after school (2:40-4:10 pm)	3rd-6th Chorus

DISTRICT UPDATES:

Business Service: Chris Kim, CBO (business@busd.org)

School Districts are required to file two reports during the fiscal year (interim reports) on the status of the District's financial health. The District's Second Interim Report was presented on March 7, 2023 to the Board of Trustees which included budgetary adjustments made through February 28, 2023.

This report took into account updated revenue and expenditure assumptions with an emphasis on updates to the Local Control Funding Formula, State and Federal Revenue, and projected District Reserves.

The District's current and prior year financial statements, past audits, and associated reports and presentations may be found on the District website under Fiscal Reports.

The District would like to continue to invite your participation as a contributing member of the District's Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee. Additional information regarding this opportunity, including responsibilities, roles, and corresponding application may be referenced on the District website under Facility Improvement Bonds.

Curriculum and English Learners: Aracely Romo-Flores, Director (curriculum@busd.org)

ELPAC Testing

If your child speaks a language other than English at home and is identified as an English learner (multilingual student), he/she will be taking the **English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)**. Beginning this month, Bellevue Union School District (BUSD) will start to give this test to all English learners.



The ELPAC consists of two separate English Language Proficiency (ELP) assessments: one for the initial identification of students as English learners and the other for the annual summative assessment to identify students' English language proficiency level and to measure their progress in learning English. The initial assessment is given within a student's first 30 days at Bellevue Union School District. This test helps identify students who are not fully fluent in English and may need additional support to access the full/core curriculum. Students who are not fully proficient in English will receive instructional support to help develop their English. This support is called English Language Development (ELD).

The Summative ELPAC assessment is given annually in the spring to students with the designation of English learner. The ELPAC measures student progress in learning English, and helps determine if students need additional support in language learning or if they are ready to be reclassified as English proficient, which is the goal for all students identified as English learners.

English learners throughout the state of California **only get one opportunity per year** to demonstrate their proficiency in these four areas in the Summative ELPAC:

- Listening

- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing

The goal is for students to receive an **Overall Level 4 on the Summative ELPAC**, which deems the students as proficient in English. BUSD's goal is to reclassify all of our English learners prior to their promotion from our district. We recognize that supporting our students' English language development and proficiency will ultimately help them to experience greater opportunities and success in middle school, high school, and beyond.

You can find information to help you better understand the ELPAC at the Starting Smarter ELPAC website (elpac.startingsmarter.org) where you also can find sample test questions and free resources to help support your child's learning.

HELPFUL LINKS

[ELPAC Parents Guide to Understanding](#)

[Las Evaluaciones de Dominio del Idioma Inglés para California \(ELPAC\)](#)

[Starting Smarter - ELPAC](#)

[Starting Smarter - ELPAC \(Español\)](#)

Summer School

This school year we are planning on offering **two 3-week Summer School sessions**. Please hold the dates below if you are interested in these sessions for your current TK/K through 5th grade children. The registration form will ask you to indicate which session you prefer your child attend and whether or not you would like your child to participate in both sessions. Our goal is to serve as many students as possible, however space will be limited.

Session 1 June 12-June 30, 2023*

- Up to 9 hour day for students
 - Instructional Day - 8:00-12:00 (Academic Support with teachers)
 - Enrichment - 12:00-5:00 (COOL School)

*Monday, June 19th (Juneteenth) is a holiday

Session 2 July 17-August 4, 2023

- 9 hour day for students
 - Instructional Day - 8:00-12:00 (Academic Support with teachers)
 - Enrichment - 12:00-5:00 (COOL School)



Registration information will be shared soon. Stay tuned!

On behalf of the Educational Services Department, we wish you a wonderful spring break!

Food Services: Lynn Wong, Manager (lwong@busd.org)



We welcomed National School Breakfast Week, Mar 6 - Mar 10, 2023, at all our schools with a District [Proclamation](#) and nutritious breakfast for all students served everyday! [Activities for students-Spanish](#).

As a Provision 2 District, ALL students may eat for free for both breakfast and lunch. Save time and know that your child will be fed wholesome and nutritious breakfasts and lunches, no more packing lunch boxes from home!



Sonoma County Regional Parks Annual Pass for Only \$5/year



The Sonoma County Regional Parks is offering entrance to their parks for only \$5/year (regularly \$69/year) to any of their [55 regional parks](#) for families who qualify for [free meal eligibility](#).

Please contact the Food Service Program with name of student(s), school(s) attending, email, and phone number, if you are interested in applying for this discounted entry

pass, cafeteria@busd.org. A verification letter will be provided to take to the Sonoma County Regional Parks office to purchase your annual pass. The pass is good for 12-months from the date of purchase. With Spring Break coming up, this is a great opportunity to get out and enjoy nature!

Pineapple Paletas (serves 8)

5 MINUTES PREP + 6 HOURS FREEZE TIME



Ingredients

- 1 can (20 oz.) pineapple tidbits, chunks, or slices in water or 100% juice, not drained
 - 2 Tbsp. fresh lime juice (about 1 large lime)
1. Pour contents of pineapple can and lime juice into a blender or food processor. Pulse until pulpy but not smooth.
 2. Fill popsicle molds (or small paper cups) and insert popsicle sticks.
 3. Freeze at least 6 hours or overnight. To loosen pops from molds, run warm water over outside of mold. Gently wiggle sticks and pull.

Healthy Recipe To Do With Kids

Enjoy a healthy frozen treat, try this pineapple paletas recipe.

If you don't have popsicle molds, then freeze them in ice cube trays and enjoy little nuggets of frozen pineapple.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Human Resources: Stacy Spector, Director (hr@busd.org)

Human Resources continues to recruit and hire dedicated and experienced staff to support our students. We encourage the people who know our students best-their parents and families-to apply for vacancies.

Many of our Classified positions do not require previous experience and we encourage people who are bilingual and biliterate to join our BUSD workforce.

Job openings are posted on EdJoin and on Indeed. The links below take you to jobs posted on EdJoin:

All jobs at Bellevue Union School District

<http://www.edjoin.org/BellevueUnion>

Certificated jobs at Bellevue Union School District

<http://www.edjoin.org/Home/Jobs?countyID=0&districtID=912&catID=1>

Classified jobs at Bellevue Union School District

<http://www.edjoin.org/Home/Jobs?countyID=0&districtID=912&catID=3>

People can also connect with Human Resources through the various social media platforms shown below:

The links below take you to jobs posted on Indeed:

[Indeed Job Link:](#)

Connect with BUSD HR



Maintenance & Operations: Bill Jereb, Director (maintenance@busd.org)

RAIN, RAIN, RAIN, and then more RAIN.....

With up to 8.5 inches of rain expected in Santa Rosa over the next week (3/9-3/16) please keep an eye out for water intrusion and report ASAP to MOhelp@BUSD.org

Kawana Springs Office & MPR Project,

Construction continues to move forward in between raindrops. Concrete foundations have been poured and structural steel is being hoisted into place.

[Kawana Springs Office & MPR Progress Pics](#)

Structural Steel is going up!!!! (These pictures were taken 6 hours apart)



District Bus Barn Renovations are 98% complete, below are the Before/After pictures:



Please send any questions or maintenance requests you may have about our facilities to mohelp@busd.org. Thank you!

Student Services: Tracy Whitaker (studentservices@busd.org)

BUSD continues to implement our social emotional learning curriculum, CharacterStrong. Our students are using the language and concepts associated with this program. CharacterStrong is releasing additional curriculum that counselors may use to support students who need small group counseling services. We are looking forward to using this additional curriculum. This month, the focus of CharacterStrong is *cooperation*. Sixth graders use CharacterStrong as well, but with a focus on concepts and skills that prepare them for middle school. For more information about social emotional learning and our school counseling program, please see the School Counseling webpage [link](#).

The Child Parent Institute offers parenting support and classes in both English and Spanish. Some of their groups include autism support groups, Raising Daughters, Raising Sons, and more. More information can be found on the website. [Link](#) to Child Parent Institute.

Technology: Ryan Green, Director (it@busd.org)

The Technology Department is currently working with Facilities and local audio/video resellers to design a solution for the new Kawana MPR. We have also identified locations for wireless, security cameras, and data needs for this exciting project.

ELPAC testing is underway and CAASPP is around the corner so please reach out to IT if you are having any issues with the Chromebooks or iPads you're currently using in class as we want to resolve these prior to testing.

Please send any questions or technology requests to ithelp@busd.org. Thanks!

General Information About the District: Moriah Hart, Executive Assistant (mhart@busd.org)



MUSIC - It's Arts In Education Month! Free after school Marimba for 5th graders begins this week at all school sites. Last week TK-3 grade began "The Joy of Singing" during the school day.

Our teachers continue to participate in iAmplify integrated arts training and a new cohort in grades TK-3 will train this summer. We know from solid research that arts integration accelerates achievement in the arts and in English/Language Arts. We also know that the arts, when taught regularly and rigorously, improve attendance, engagement, social/emotional learning, self-confidence, empathy and a host of other powerful outcomes for students.

We are still searching for an after school violin instructor for our 5th & 6th graders after school. Instructors are not required to be classical musicians, but need experience teaching kids in groups and we'd love to get some mariachi opportunities for our students. If you have an instructor to recommend or would like more information email mhart@busd.org or check out our music page for more info: www.bUSD.org/music

Registration is now open



El registro ya está abierto

Online registration ([link](#)) is open for all grades for the fall. Paper applications are also available at all school offices.

Our newsletters are always available on our [website](#), on Facebook: www.facebook.com/busd.org and via our mobile phone app available here: www.bUSD.org/app

With pride,

Michael Kellison
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