



DISTRICT UPDATE

November 17, 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,

Giving thanks and gratitude are vitally important to one's personal physical and mental health. According to an article from December 6, 2022, on the Mayo Clinic Health System website, "Expressing gratitude is associated with a host of mental and physical benefits. Studies have shown that feeling thankful can improve sleep, mood and immunity. Gratitude can decrease depression, anxiety, difficulties with chronic pain and risk of disease." As we enter into our Thanksgiving Break, I feel it important to express my gratitude to those in the Bellevue Union School District community who consistently provide support and who contribute to our ongoing success as a learning community.

- **BUSD Board of Trustees:** The elected officials who serve on the Board do so as stewards of their community. They volunteer their time to ensure that the District is the best it can be and help ensure that the focus is always on students. We are appreciative of their dedication to BUSD and to creating a strong governance team focused on quality policies and practices.
- **BUSD Staff and Faculty:** Nearly 250 individuals work for BUSD providing a range of services from teaching to cleaning to cooking to general care and support of students. This group works together to provide a high quality education to the more than 1600 students that Bellevue serves. What an incredible group of people that I am grateful to work alongside.
- **BUSD Parents:** Our BUSD parents are wonderful. They provide support to each of their respective schools through volunteering as chaperones on field trips, helpers in classrooms and through their work on the various parent organizations that fundraise and give back to our schools. We value the relationships that we have with our parent community and thank them for entrusting their child's education to BUSD.

I am filled with gratitude and pride for those who call the Bellevue Union School District home.

State of the District

- **Communication:** The District has recently signed a contract to partner with ParentSquare as their provider for District communications. Over the next few months we will be migrating our information to the new ParentSquare system and will be using it to send out news and updates. Additionally, this system will allow families the ability to communicate directly with their child's teacher through the ParentSquare app. The app features real time translation allowing for families and teachers to communicate more effectively.
- **Comprehensive School Safety Plan:** The District will be seeking individuals who wish to be part

of our District Safety Committee. The role of the committee is to provide input and guidance in the revision of the annual safety plan. If this is something that may be of interest to you, keep an eye out for a message on how to sign up to be part of this committee.

- **Facilities and Planning for Future Projects:** In 2020 the voters in the Bellevue Union School District graciously approved Measure C, a facilities bond that has yielded \$28M to address several areas of the District's buildings and grounds. The focal project of the bond has been the Kawana Springs Multi-Purpose Room and administrative offices. With that project nearing completion, the focus has shifted to the playgrounds and outdoor play areas. Over the next several months, the District will be moving forward with replacing outdated playground equipment in the Kindergarten yards at all four of our school sites. Additionally, the District will be looking to improve the quality of our fields by resurfacing them and adding exterior running track spaces. It is our hope that these projects will provide our students with additional opportunities to engage in physical activity in an effort to improve their overall health.

In closing, I extend to you and your family a Thanksgiving week filled with family and festivities. I hope that you are able to take time to express your gratitude to those important people in your life.

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, Dec. 4; 8:30 am	Student of the Month
Wednesday, Dec. 6; 5:00-7:00 pm	Winter Wonderland
Thursday, Dec. 7; 2:00 pm	Opera a la Carte - Student Performance
Friday, Dec. 22; 2:00 pm	Winter Concert - Student Performance
December 25th-January 5th 2024	Winter break-No School
Other Events:	
Mondays after school	Move Over Mozart

Tuesdays: 2:45pm	Food Pantry
Tuesdays and Fridays after school	6th grade Marimba

<i>Kawana Springs Elementary School</i>	
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:	
Wednesday, November 29; 5:00 pm	La Familia de Kawana Springs meeting
Thursday, November 30; 2:45 pm	School Site Council meeting
Tuesday, December 12; 9:30 am	TK/Kindergarten Tour
Friday, December 15; 4:30 pm	Winter Tree Lighting and Marimba Performance
December 25th-January 5th 2024	Winter break-No School
Other Events:	
Mondays	Move Over Mozart
Tuesdays and Fridays, 2:35 pm	Marimba
Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:00 am	Food Pantry

<i>Meadow View Elementary School</i>	
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: nramirez@busd.org	Family Engagement Facilitator , Paula Hernandez: phernandez@busd.org

Upcoming Meetings & Events:	
December 1 @ 8:30 am	Coffee with the Principal
December 2nd 10:00-11:30 am	Pancakes with Santa (tickets available in office)
December 15th times tbd	Student of the month
December 21st Winter Concert	Winter Concert 4:00-5:30 food sales 6:00-7:30 Winter Concert
December 25th-January 5th 2024	Winter break-No School
Other Events:	
Tuesdays: 2:00-2:30 pm	Food Pantry
Monday & Thursdays: 2:45 - 3:35 pm	Marimba Lesson, 5th/6th gr.
Tuesday time tbd	Move over Mozart

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:	
Friday, Dec. 1, 8:00 am	Parent Coffee with the Principal: Library
Friday, Dec. 8, 5:00 - 6:30 pm	Pozole and Loteria Night! 6th Gr. Marimba Concert (6:00 pm)
December 25th-January 5th 2024	Winter break-No School

Other Events:	
Thursdays: 10:00 - 11:00 am	Food Pantry
Mondays and Thursdays (2:35-3:35 pm)	6th gr. Marimba
Fridays after school (2:40-4:10 pm)	Move over Mozart

DISTRICT UPDATES:

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

Budget and Financial Update:

The District is currently engaged in reviewing its budget and financial assumptions for FY 2023/24, the current fiscal year. Specifically, the District will review its revenue calculations based on updates to its enrollment, adjust its personnel costs to reflect hiring in the current year, adjust operational budgets to account for current costs, and project out revenue and expenditure assumptions for the following two fiscal years. These updates among others will be subsequently presented with the District's 1st Interim report on December 12th, 2023.

Transportation Update:

To sign up for a bus pass for your child, please apply online at www.schoolbusing.org. If you need assistance with your application, your School Site's Front Office staff can further assist you.

Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee:

The District would like to invite your participation as a contributing member of the District's Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee. The specific bond for which we are petitioning your service is related to the District's Measure C Bond which was passed by voters in April 2020. The District is currently seeking members who meet the following criteria:

- 1 member must be an active member of the business community
- 1 member shall be active in a senior citizens' organization
- 1 member shall be active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization
- 1 member shall be the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the district
- 1 member shall be the parent of an enrolled child and be active in a parent-teacher organization

Education Services: Aracely Romo-Flores, Director (curriculum@busd.org)

We thank all of you who attended your child's parent/teacher conference. This is an important time to understand how your child is doing in school and to form strong school/home partnerships.

As we move into the holiday season, here are some suggestions to keep the learning going over the Thanksgiving break and the upcoming winter break. Encourage your child to...

- Keep reading (For younger students, we encourage parents to read to them)
- Keep a journal of what each day was like. What was the best part of their day? What was the worst part of their day? Why? (For younger students, they can dictate what to write to their parents)
- Learn online. Continue to use the Freckle program, Lalilo, or other educational platforms
- Create a routine that includes the activities above

We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Our next **District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC)** meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2023, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the Learning Center located at 2641 Dutton Meadow.

Food Services: (cafe@busd.org)

Menus:

The Department of Food Services oversees the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs offered to our students. Menus are published and sent home each month and may also be accessed online at <https://www.busd.org/departments/business/food-service>.

Free and Reduced Lunch Program

We participate in the State and Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. The District continues to provide meals to all students enrolled in our schools for free. Newly Enrolled Families are required to submit an Alternative Household Income Form for participation and should be turned into your child's school office. These forms may be downloaded at <https://www.busd.org/departments/business/food-service>.



Human Resources: Stacy Spector, Director (hr@busd.org 916-996-3493)

Recursos Humanos está traduciendo muchas de sus comunicaciones y documentos al español. Los primeros documentos en ser traducidos son: la Solicitud de Empleo Clasificado y el Anuncio de Vacantes Clasificadas.

Adjunto están las Vacantes Clasificadas actuales. Están abiertas hasta el 21 de noviembre de 2023.

[Anuncios de vacantes de clasificados](#)

[Solicitud de empleo clasificada version en espanol](#)

Human Resources is now translating many of its communications and documents into Spanish.

The first documents to be translated are: the Classified Employment Application and the Classified Vacancy Posting.

Attached are the current Classified Vacancies. They are open through November 21, 2023.

[Classified Vacancies English](#)

[Classified Employment Application English](#)

BUSD is always hiring! Flexible hours, great health and medical benefits, and wonderful people.

Classified jobs at Bellevue Union School District

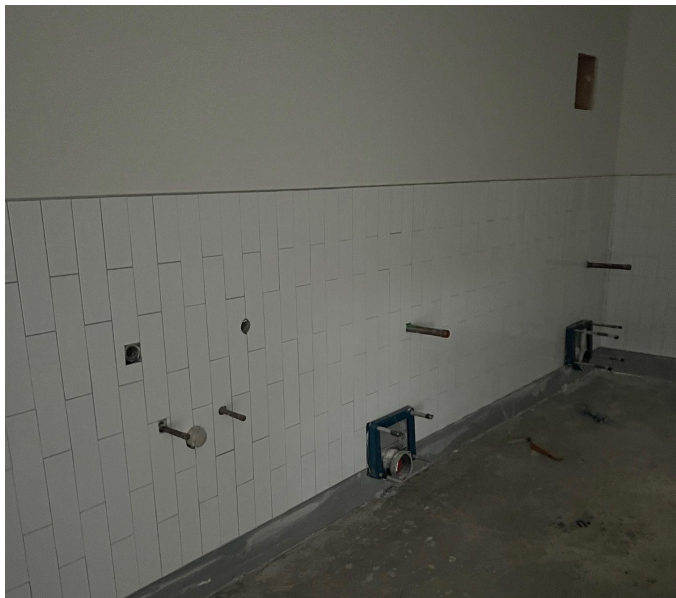
<http://www.edjoin.org/Home/Jobs?countyID=0&districtID=912&catID=3>

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

Kawana Springs Elementary:

- **MPR & Office Project Update**
 - Approx. 10 weeks of construction to go...
 - Interior & Exterior painting continues
 - Exterior glass storefront window systems being installed
 - Kitchen Walk-Ins Installed
 - Bathroom tile in progress







Learning Center:

- Surface preparations were made this week by maintenance staff for the new signage to be installed at the Learning Center, below is a computer generated simulation of what it will look like, stay tuned.....



District Office:

- New logos were installed at the district office.



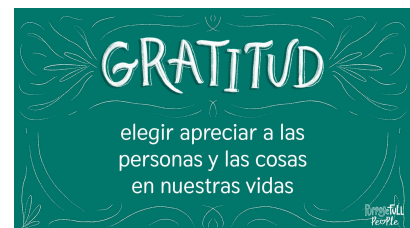
Student Services: Tracy Whitaker (studentservices@busd.org)

The students are learning about GRATITUDE for the month of November. Lessons are delivered via the CharacterStrong social emotional learning curriculum. *Gratitude is choosing to appreciate people and things in our lives.*

Please see our school wide family resource for gratitude

[School Wide Gratitude Newsletter English](#)

[School Wide Gratitude Newsletter Spanish](#)



The CharacterStrong curriculum recommends books that can be read to reinforce the lessons. Please see the following books below that support an increased understanding of gratitude.

Bear Says Thanks by Karma Wilson

The Family Under the Bridge by Natalie Savage Carlson

The Secret of Saying Thanks by Douglas Wood

The Most Thankful Thing by Lisa McCourt

Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message by Chief Jake Swamp

Gracias / Thanks by Pat Mora

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

We want to remind you of a valuable resource at your fingertips - Clever! Our district utilizes Clever to streamline the login process for students, providing seamless access to a multitude of academic resources. This user-friendly platform ensures that your child can navigate various tools effortlessly including Renaissance Learning, McGraw Hill, and Reflex Math. To learn more about Clever, please visit https://support.clever.com/hc/s/articles/236113708?language=en_US. Thank you for your continued partnership in fostering a supportive and technologically enriched learning environment.

BUSD Clever Link: <https://clever.com/in/bellevue-union-sch-dist965a6bd0100000585>

As always, please send any questions or technology requests to ithelp@busd.org.

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

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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