

BUCKEYE UNION HAPPENINGS

SEPTEMBER 2024

Welcome Back-to-School! We hope this newsletter keeps you informed of some of the events held around our District and also gives you a look ahead of special dates to come!

SAVE THE DATE September is Nat'l Attendance Awareness Month
September 23-27 Minimum Days
October 14 Inservice Day
November 11 Veterans Day
November 25-29 Thanksgiving Break

BOARD MEETINGS September 4, 18
October 2, 16
November 6, 20
December 11

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for mtg info

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DISTRICT MISSION

WORKING TOGETHER WITH FAMILIES, THE COMMUNITY, AND
HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF, THE BUCKEYE UNION SCHOOL
DISTRICT ENSURES THAT EACH STUDENT MASTERS THE
KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS
NEEDED TO MAXIMIZE THEIR
ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL SUCCESS IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY.



STARS AT SCHOOL

EDCOE HONORS ANTHONY CARAFONE



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ARTICLE](#)

In the heart of Valley View Charter Montessori School, where the melodies of education intertwine with the rhythm of community, Anthony Carafone orchestrates a symphony of growth and passion. With a journey that spans from the bustling streets of Boston to the vibrant landscapes of California, Carafone's dedication to music education resonates through every chord he strikes.

WELCOMING NEW LEADERSHIP IN BUCKEYE



Julie Hughes
Blue Oak Elementary
Principal



Amy Pirkle
Oak Meadow &
BUMI, Principal



Sara Matley
Camerado Springs
Assistant Principal



HOT OFF THE PRESS



May 8, 2024

The Rotary Club of El Dorado Hills honors Silva Valley Elementary student, **Kaitlyn Wadiak**, as **Student of the Year**.

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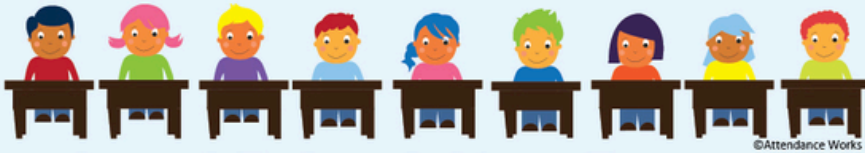
May 8, 2024

The Rotary Club of El Dorado Hills honors Buckeye Union School District employee, **Anthony Carafone**, as **Educator of the Year**.

Anthony has served as a band teacher for the District since 2021.

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Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

September is National Attendance Awareness Month

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

BUSD Family Engagement and Attendance Liaison:
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Attendance Matters...Let's keep it R.E.A.L.

Routines: A daily attendance routine can help you reduce stress and develop habits that help you keep a job.

Engagement: Being in school gives you a chance to see your friends and build relationships with school staff.

Access to Resources: When at school, students get access to academic and enrichment activities.

Learning: You are more likely to succeed academically.

Consistent Student Attendance is a Schoolwide Priority



Report all absences to the School Office.

Students with mild symptoms should be at school.

Contact counselor/principal/teacher if student is avoiding school.

Family vacations are unexcused absences per Ed. Code.

Independent study helps but doesn't replace being present.

We need your partnership to support positive student attendance.



SILVA VALLEY



BLUE OAK



VALLEY VIEW



WE ARE BUCKEYE



CAMERADO SPRINGS

ROLLING HILLS



WILLIAM BROOKS



BACK
to
SCHOOL



OAK MEADOW & BUMI



BUCKEYE



BUCKEYE WELCOMES NEW TEACHERS



We are Buckeye! And...
**WE ARE
HIRING!**

POSITIONS

- TEACHER ASSOCIATE
- BUS DRIVER
- PLAYGROUND MONITOR
- CROSSING GUARD
- CAFETERIA ASSISTANT
- CUSTODIAN/GROUNDS
- LIBRARY ASSOCIATE
- ATHLETIC COACH

**JOIN OUR
TEAM!**



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NEWS FROM THE CENTRAL KITCHEN

To access menus and other Nutrition Services information, click [HERE](#)



Buckeye Union Food Service



What's Cooking?

New this year is our Turkey Croissant Sandwich. The croissant is buttery and delicious and the sandwich comes with a slice of American cheese and lettuce. It's a daily option at the middle schools and served twice a month at elementary schools. It's yummy!

This month we are featuring strawberries from Rancho La Familia in Santa Maria, CA. We remain committed to supporting local farmers and serving California grown produce whenever possible.

In order to ensure Buckeye USD receives all available funding this year, ALL families, regardless of family income, are asked to complete BOTH of the following forms:

[School Education Benefit Form](#)

Even if your student(s) may not choose to take advantage of our meal services, completing this form will assist our schools to continue qualifying for grants that support every school in Buckeye Union. Please complete this confidential and quick form by Friday, October 18, 2024.

[Federal Meal Application](#)

Meal applications help qualify families and the school district for additional services such as grants, program funding, athletic waivers, textbooks assistance, and PEBT cards, among others. Families do not qualify for PEBT from the School Education Benefit Form. Please complete this confidential and quick form by Thursday, September 19, 2024.

BUSD COMMITTEES - GET INVOLVED!

The District is looking for parent/guardian volunteers to serve on each of the following Buckeye USD Committees. **If you are interested, please contact your principal.**

District Budget Advisory Committee Mtgs: 1/29/25 & 5/28/25

Annually, the District convenes a Budget Advisory Committee. The committee is facilitated by the Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services and is made up of educational partners from across the District. The committee functions to develop an understanding of the District's financial position as well as to serve as an advisory resource to the Superintendent and/or Board of Trustees.

Committee meetings are open to all interested parties. This committee will meet and discuss the District Budget, including the budget development process, State and Federal funding models, and the prioritization of District expenditures. To learn more about the Budget, please visit our Budget page and our [Budget Advisory Committee](#) page.

District LCAP Advisory Committee Mtgs: 10/23/24, 1/29/25, & 5/14/25

This committee will meet and discuss the District Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), including a review of progress, ongoing needs assessment, goal setting, and the funding of activities related to the District's goals, which are aligned with the State's 8 priorities for public education. To learn more about the LCAP, please visit our [LCAP Advisory Committee](#) page.



WE ARE BUCKEYE



Welcome to the 2024 Buckeye Education Foundation Virtual Poetry Showcase: "What a Wonderful World"

For National Poetry Month in April, the Buckeye Education Foundation held our 4th Annual Poetry Showcase! All BUSD Students were invited to enter, and we received over 100 wonderful poems! Scroll down to the Honoree Gallery to see which poems were selected by our wonderful guest judges, (published poets in our community who have graciously lent their expertise to help us!) to receive top honors this year. We hope you enjoy this original poetry by the talented students of the Buckeye Union School District.

BEF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Melissa Keyzer, President
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Michael Smith, Vice President
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Shannon Yoffie, Board Member
Karen Brown, Board Member
Elizabeth Davies, Board Member

We are always looking for Buckeye community members interested in joining the Foundation's Board of Directors and committees. **If you are interested, please send us an email!**

CLICK HERE
to learn more about
the BEF
showcase winners!

CLICK HERE
to learn more
about us,
news and events, &
ways to get involved!



BUCKEYE EDUCATION
FOUNDATION

Proudly serving the award-winning TK - 8th grade schools of the Buckeye Union School District.



BUCKEYE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Approved:
12/13/23

"Expect the Best Today for a Better Tomorrow"

2024-2025 Student Calendar

AUG				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
5 Staff Development Day—Teachers Only (Non-Student Day) 6-7 Teacher Work Days (Non-Student Days) 8 *FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL				

DEC				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

12/23 Winter Break (Non-Student Days)

APR				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
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14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

14-21 Spring Break (Non-Student Days)

SEPT				
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9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				
2 Labor Day Holiday 23-27 Minimum Days—Parent Conferences ALL SCHOOLS				

JAN				
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

1-3 Winter Break Cont. (Non-Student Days)
 20 M. Luther King Jr. Day
 24 Minimum Day— Only RH and CSMS

MAY				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

26 Memorial Day Holiday
 30 CSMS Minimum Day (Noon Dismissal)
 30 RHMS Late Start (10:00 a.m. Student Start)

OCT				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	
14 Non-Teacher Work Day (Non-Student Day) 31 End of 1st Trimester				

FEB				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

14 End of 2nd Trimester
 17-21 Mid-Winter Break
 17 Presidents' Day and Washington's Birthday
 21 Lincoln's Birthday (Observed)
 27-28 Minimum Days— Only Elementary Parent Conferences

JUNE				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

2 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—MINIMUM DAY—ALL SCHOOLS
 19 Juneteenth Holiday (Cert. ESY Staff Will Observe on Alternate Day 7/7/25)

NOV				
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18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29
1 Staff Development Day—All Staff (Non-Student Day) 11 Veterans Day Holiday 25-29 Thanksgiving Break (Non-Student Days)				

MAR				
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3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

17 Staff Development Day—All Staff (Non-Student Day)

- First Day/Last Day of Classes
- Staff Development Day (Non-Student Day)
- Minimum Days
- Holidays or Breaks
- Early Release Days
- Per Site: Emergency School Closure Days, If Needed