

BUCKEYE UNION HAPPENINGS

NOVEMBER 2024

Falling into fun! Get ready to “leaf” through the latest happenings across our amazing District! This newsletter is your trusty pumpkin-spiced guide to all the exciting events and must-know dates this season. Let’s make it a fall to remember!



**SAVE
THE
DATE**


November 1 Staff Development Day
November 11 Veterans Day
November 25-29 Thanksgiving Break
December 23-January 3 Winter Break

November 6 Board Meeting
November 20 Board Meeting

CLICK HERE
for Board Meeting
information

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BUCKEYE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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.



October 11, 2024

Oktoberfest Senior Luncheon - Students from the Rolling Hills Middle School Advanced Life Skills class baked cookies for the Senior's Oktoberfest Luncheon at the El Dorado Hills CSD.

Oktoberfest

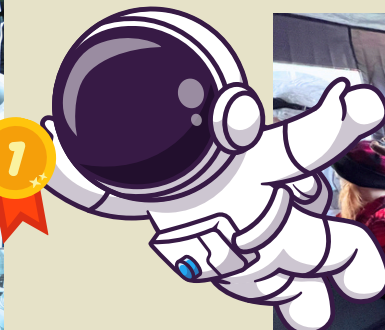


October 25, 2024

Buckeye Education Foundation Wins First Place at El Dorado Hills CSD Trunk or Treat with “Out of This World” Space-Themed Trunk!

For several years, the Buckeye Education Foundation has proudly participated in this beloved community event, creating memorable, educational experiences for children and families. This year, their imaginative space-themed trunk captivated attendees with its interactive science activities, earning them a well-deserved **FIRST PLACE** award!

Led by the Buckeye Education Foundation, Melissa Keyzer and Karen Brown, and supported by Buckeye Union School Board member and “Mad Scientist” Kirk Seal, the Foundation offered children an unforgettable opportunity to experiment and hands-on play. Dressed in full “Mad Scientist” attire, Seal and Keyzer conducted eye-catching experiments, including mesmerizing dry ice bubbles and a conductivity test that encouraged children to identify materials with conductive properties.



Spooktacular Styles: Buckeye in Costume



Valley View



Silva Valley



Blue Oak



Camerado



Buckeye



Rolling Hills



Oak Meadow/BUMI



Camerado



Rolling Hills



William Brooks

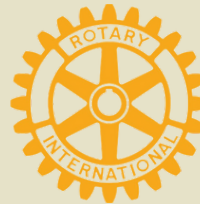
October 16, 2024

Oak Meadow Embraces
Positive Law
Enforcement Relations
through "SCHIELD"
Initiative



September 11, 2024

The Rotary Club of
El Dorado Hills honors
Rolling Hills Middle
School student,
Gabriel Lau, as
Student of the Year.



ACSA El Dorado Charter
Annual Distinguished Service
Awards Banquet

Honoring Brian McCahon
Buckeye Union's
Director of Facilities!



Mountain
Democrat

Congrats!

September 11, 2024

Buckeye Elementary:
Public Safety Workers
and Veterans
Recognized for their
Service

Mountain
Democrat



September 11, 2024

Valley View students
get Patriotic at their
annual Patriot Day
Assembly

VILLAGE **life**
IN EL DORADO HILLS

October 2, 2024

Blue Oak
Elementary
celebrates
National Walk to
School Day

Mountain
Democrat



Walk to School Day at Valley View

Thanks to the CHP and our crossing guards for keeping our families safe!



William Brooks Garden

Jim, the Head Custodian at William Brooks Elementary School, has taken on the role of Head Vermicomposter! (Vermicomposting is using earthworms to convert organic waste into soil and fertilizer.) Jim has the students collecting their lunch food waste, chopping it up into small pieces and every day taking a small group of students to the school garden to feed the worms. On their walk over, Jim teaches them about the worms and how this is so beneficial for our planet and our garden. Once the worms have created the rich soil, the students will be able to use it in the garden beds. We are so thankful for Jim dedicating his time to make this an amazing experience for the students!



Camerado Springs Fall Band Concert



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

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

CLICK HERE
to learn more about
the BEF
showcase winners!



BUCKEYE EDUCATION
FOUNDATION



Congratulations to our talented students who were recognized as winners of the recent Poetry Showcase! Buckeye Education Foundation's, Melissa Keyzer, reported on the success of the event and announced the winners, many of whom had the opportunity to share their inspiring poems at the recent Board Meeting. Great job to all our student poets – we are so proud of you!

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



We Appreciate Our Volunteers

This past April, we gathered to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism and were reminded of how volunteers are like the essential nutrients that nourish the growth of a healthy plant. Just as water, sunlight, and soil are indispensable for a plant's vitality, their dedication, time, and compassion are the lifeblood that cultivates a thriving, healthy community. Each act of volunteerism helps to root our District more deeply in the values of care and cooperation.

Volunteer efforts touch the lives of both staff and students, fostering a true community, flourishing like the healthiest of plants.



Thank you for being the gardeners who nurture growth in Buckeye Union!



thank you

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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We Are Buckeye: Growing and Learning as a TEAM!

Staff Development Day - November 1, 2024

At Buckeye Union School District, we are committed to continuous growth, development, and teamwork. Our recent Staff Development day was a powerful reminder that together, as a team, we can reach new heights for our students and community. Under the theme "We Are Buckeye," educators, staff, and specialists came together to strengthen our skills and enrich our programs, from classroom learning to student wellness.

All employees came together as one group in the morning and then broke off into groups for other learning opportunities. Camerado Springs spent time in advancing our IB Programme, laying the groundwork to bring international-mindedness and rigorous learning experiences to our students. In Kindergarten through fifth grade, teachers immersed themselves in Magnetic Reading training, ensuring that our youngest learners develop strong reading foundations in engaging and effective ways. Physical Education teachers embraced the 1st Tee program, which brings valuable life skills through golf, adding a new dimension to physical education for our students. Our school office assistants received updates on the latest student information system, Alma, keeping our records and services streamlined and efficient. Our library associates gathered to learn of curriculum and library updates, making our school libraries places for both learning and discovery. Our health clerks refreshed their CPR and First Aid training, reinforcing our commitment to student safety and wellness.

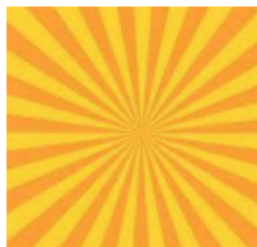
Together, we are Buckeye, a dedicated team working in unison to provide a well-rounded, safe, and engaging educational experience for all. Thank you to everyone who contributed to a day of collaboration and growth.


WE ARE BUCKEYE



News from the Central Kitchen

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



RISE AND SHINE **have** **Breakfast with BUCKEYE USD!**



Join us in your school cafeteria! See below for times.

Blue Oak Elementary: 7:30 - 7:55 am OR After the Bell breakfast at Recess

Buckeye Elementary: 8:35 - 8:55 am OR After the Bell breakfast at Recess

Oak Meadow Elementary: After the Bell breakfast at recess

Wm Brooks Elementary: 8:30 - 8:55 am

Silva Valley Elementary: After the Bell breakfast at Recess

Valley View Charter Montessori: After the Bell breakfast at recess, Middle School breakfast at break

Camerado Middle: 7:25-7:50 am

Rolling Hills Middle: 7:25-7:50 am

FREE!
For Students



Buckeye Union Food Service

What's Cooking?

The Raspberry Granola Bar is our own recipe developed in the Central Kitchen. It features real raspberry crumbles for the topping which helps minimize sugar while maximizing flavor. This unique recipe will be featured at the California School Nutrition Association conference this year!

This month we continue to support local California farmers by featuring pink lady apples from Fresno BIPOC. Founded by Hmong farmer, Keng Vang, Fresno BIPOC is a food hub that distributes produce grown by over 90 small and mid-scale family BIPOC (Black Indigenous and People of Color) farmers in and around Fresno County.





ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

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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.

2024-2025 Student Calendar

AUG				
M	T	W	T	F
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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				
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12/23 Winter Break (Non-Student Days)

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14-21 Spring Break (Non-Student Days)

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2 Labor Day Holiday
23-27 Minimum Days—Parent Conferences ALL SCHOOLS

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

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

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14 Non-Teacher Work Day (Non-Student Day)
31 End of 1st Trimester

FEB				
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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				
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2 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—MINIMUM DAY—ALL SCHOOLS
Juneteenth Holiday (Cert. ESY Staff Will Observe on Alternate Day 7/7/25)
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1 Staff Development Day—All Staff (Non-Student Day)
11 Veterans Day Holiday
25-29 Thanksgiving Break (Non-Student Days)

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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

"Expect the Best Today for a Better Tomorrow"
2025-2026 Student Calendar

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4-5 Teachers Only (Non-Student Day)
6 *FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
29 Staff Development Day—All Staff (Non-Student Day)

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1-6 Spring Break (Non-Student Days)

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