

Week 26 – 3/10/2025

Good evening, Bullard parents, students, teachers and staff, this is Bullard principal Armen Torigian with your weekly update.

For a typed copy of this weekly update and any other important information, please go to our website at <https://bullard.fresnounified.org/> and click on the Weekly Update Graphic.

This is a reminder that Monday, March 10th is Teacher Buyback Day and there is no school for students. School will resume on a Regular Schedule on Tuesday, March 11th at 8:30am.

Also, please don't forget to move those clocks up one hour for Daylight Savings Time!

As we enter the 26th week of school, parents please continue checking ATLAS to ensure that your student is completing and turning in all their assignments. Being that one of our goals here at Bullard is to have all students graduate on time and to gain double digit gains on our state testing, it is imperative for all of us to work together to hold our students accountable for getting their work completed and turned in on time.

Congratulations to our Spring Sports teams who had some big wins this weekend! Softball gets a great win in 10 innings against Clovis East, Baseball battles Liberty Bakersfield for the win, Boys Volleyball wins The Golden Valley Volleyball Invitational, and our Stunt Cheer goes into overtime to bring home the Championship at the Fresno Pacific University Stunt Competition.

1st Period Tardy Sweeps:

We conducted our 1st period tardy sweeps on Thursday and everyone did great! Yes we did have some students tardy but for the most part many of our students were on time getting into their classes. We will be conducting more of these 1st period tardy sweeps to keep our students accountable and teaching them that being punctual is important!

Senior Reminders:

Attention Senior Parents, this is a reminder to continue to get those FAFSA Applications done ASAP. As of right now, Bullard is in the top ten for schools who have turned in the most amount of applications in the state. It would be great to see us get to that number one spot! Let's go Seniors! Get those applications in!

Outside Food Policy:

This is a reminder that no outside food from any food delivery service or parents will be accepted during the school day due to safety reasons. All food will be turned away and Bullard High School will not be responsible for any refunds.

Smartphone Free Policy:

On November 24, 2024, Governor Newsome signed and passed Assembly Bill 3216 – The Smartphone Free School Act, which states that all schools in California must have a policy in place that limits or prohibits smartphones on a school site by July 1, 2026. As you all know, Bullard implemented the Yondr pouches to help remove the distraction of a smartphone and social media during instructional time. Over the last two and half years we have seen an increase in test scores, grades, students talking to one another, and decreases in misbehaviors and suspensions. As we continue to work hard to provide an environment where students are engaged in the classroom, we ask parents to remind your students that their phones, along with their headphones, must be placed in the pouches during instructional time (including passing between periods). Students are required to bring their pouches to school every day. Students who refuse to put their phones in a pouch or have their phones out during instructional time will be required to turn their phone into our re-engagement center and will require a parent pick up. Each teacher has been issued an unlocking device so that students can unlock their phones in case of an emergency. As an incentive this year, students are allowed to be on their phones during lunch.

New Fence Update:

Our new fence is complete. Please know that all gates to our school will be locked while school is in session, and the only way to enter our campus is through our main office. There are three main entrances and exits to Bullard before school starts and after school is completed. Those main entrances include: The Main Entrance on Palm, the North Entrance off Browning Ave., and the South Entrance off Barstow Ave. If you have any questions regarding this project, please feel free to contact Principal, Armen Torigian. The fence project was approved by our FUSD board back in June to help keep our students and staff safe during the school day.

As always, thank you so much for all your support! Wishing everyone a great week ahead, have a great evening!