BUCKEYE UNION HAPPENINGS

OCTOBER 2025

SAVE THE DATE

October 13 No School Inservice Day
November 5 Board Meeting
November 10-11 No School
November 19 Board Meeting
November 24-28 Thanksgiving Break
December 10 Board Meeting
December 22-Jan 2 Winter Break

Coffee & Convo
WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

TO DO

Is your information up-to-date in **Alma**?

At the end of July, our student information system, Alma sent out an email from *notifications@getalma.com* to remind parents to update their information.

Buckeye Union School District

ENROLLMENT

- ☑ FOUR YEARS OLD BY SEPT. 1
  TK (TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN)
- ☑ FIVE YEARS OLD BY SEPT. 1
  KINDERGARTEN

We are Buckeye!

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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.

BUCKEYE WELCOMES NEW TEACHERS

...AND NEW LEADERSHIP!

I feel truly fortunate to work alongside such a dedicated staff, engaged families, and wonderful students. It is a privilege to serve this school community, and I look forward to a fantastic year of learning and growth together.

Supporting students, families, and staff is at the heart of my work. I am passionate about education and committed to creating a learning environment where every student feels safe, encouraged, and inspired to succeed.

Joel Dameral

William Brooks Principal

2025 HONOR ROLL RECOGNITION

EDUCATIONAL RESULTS PARTNERSHIP

HONOR ROLL

Camerado Springs Middle School

Blue Oak Elementary School

Buckeye Union Mandarin Immersion (BUMI) Charter

Congratulations

STUDENT & STAFF RECOGNITION

September 10, 2025

The Rotary Club of El Dorado Hills honors **Rolling Hills student, Grace Lindeman,** as Student of the Year.

September 11, 2025

The Rotary Club of Cameron Park honors **Camerado Springs student, Ethan Young,** as Student of the Quarter.

June 19 & August 21, 2025

The Rotary Club of Cameron Park recognizes New Rotarians

David Roth, Ph.D., Superintendent
Kellee Sellwood, Exec. Assistant
Doug Shupe, Principal
Sara Matley, Asst. Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS EXPAND THEIR EDUCATION

REGL
ROTARY EIGHTH GRADE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

VILLAGE life
IN EL DORADO HILLS

Sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Cameron Park**, five **Camerado Springs Middle School** students had the unique opportunity to participate in the Rotary Eighth Grade Leadership (REGL) Program in Portola — a weekend designed to build confidence, leadership and teamwork among youth.

The REGL Program, hosted by Rotary International District 5190, brings together students from across the region to develop essential leadership skills through hands-on activities, workshops and team challenges. Students engage in experiences that inspire them to lead with integrity, collaborate with others and embrace service as a way of life.

Representing Camerado Springs, students joined peers and Rotarians for the camp-style experience in the Sierra Nevada setting. Surrounded by towering pines and fresh mountain air, participants gained new perspectives on leadership and the importance of community service.

Students Presenting on the REGL Trip at the Cameron Park Rotary Meeting 10-9-25

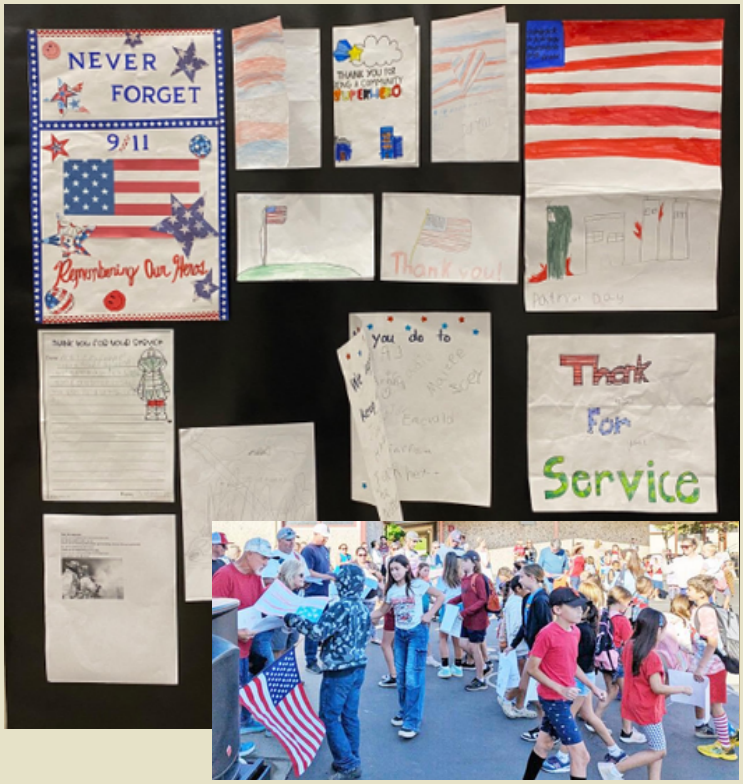
BUCKEYE UNION CELEBRATES PATRIOT DAY

Valley View
Annual
Patriot Day Assembly

USA

VILLAGE life
IN EL DORADO HILLS

“Patriot Day gives our students a meaningful chance to learn about the values that bring us together as a nation,” said Valley View Principal Paul Stewart. “We are proud of the effort our students and staff put into these presentations and the lessons together for all to take away from this day.”



At **Buckeye Elementary**, Public safety workers, veterans recognized for their service with notes and gifts.

WILLIAM BROOKS GARDEN

Good Day Sacramento 9-11-25

WATCH NOW

Sunset Magazine 9-10-25

A School Garden Can Make a Big Difference
Here's How to Start One

CLICK HERE

Jim MacKinnon
Head Custodian &
Head Vermicomposter

Back-to-School Family Picnic

Buckeye El 8-15-25

Dairy Cow Assembly

Blue Oak 9-8-25

Fun Run

Silva Valley 9-12-25

Enjoy this Fun Run video

Catapult Competition

William Brooks

Mrs. Allison's 4th grade

Globetrotter, Herb Lang

Oak Meadow and BUMI 8-22-25

Cross Country

Cool Patch Pumpkins

Rolling Hills 9-30-25

EDH Fire Dept. Safety Assembly

Oak Meadow and BUMI 10-3-25

Bengal Band

Rolling Hills 9-26-25

SUMMER PROJECT UPDATE

To learn more about the Buckeye Union Facility improvements made over the summer, click **HERE**

NEWS FROM THE CENTRAL KITCHEN

WELCOME to the new Director of Food Services, Laura Knight!

TO DO

As a result of new legislation and funding from the State, Buckeye Union School District will continue to provide free meals to all students for the 2025-26 school year. However, 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 in continuing to qualify for grants that support every school in Buckeye Union.

For the 2025-26 school year, the School Education Benefit Form also qualifies families for PEBT cards.

Federal Meal Application

Meal applications help qualify families and the school district for additional services such as grants, program funding, athletic waivers, textbook assistance, and PEBT cards, among others.

Buckeye Union School District Food Service
Fresh Start

To access menus and other Nutrition Services information, click **HERE**

Letter from the Superintendent

AN ENORMOUS AND HEARTFELT <u>THANK YOU</u> TO THE BUCKEYE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Thanks to the generosity of our community and the Buckeye Education Foundation, up to **$75,000** will be invested this year to enhance over 280 stipends for those who lead student programs and activities across **ALL schools in our District.** These stipends, many of which saw increases of up to 60%, help recognize the tremendous time and dedication of those who provide enriching experiences beyond the classroom.

Our District is deeply grateful to the Buckeye Education Foundation and to our supportive community for making this possible. Together, we continue to ensure that students across Buckeye Union benefit from outstanding opportunities both inside and outside the classroom.

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

BUCKEYE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

CLICK HERE for the 2025-26 BEF Survey and Donation Form

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

Opportunities for Every Student

Buckeye USD is home to Award-Winning Schools with amazing teachers, facilities, curriculum, libraries, PE programs...and so much MORE.

More Programs. More Opportunities. More Success!

- Band and VAPA LEARN MORE
- GATE LEARN MORE
- STEM LEARN MORE
- Athletic Programs
- Meet the Masters
- Gardens
- Student Clubs
- CJSF

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

BUSD Family Engagement and Attendance Liaison:
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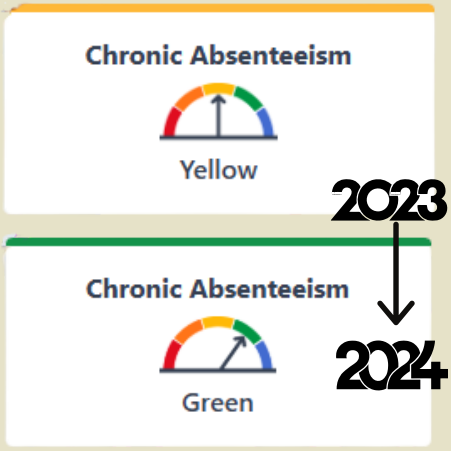
Our district is dedicated to reducing chronic absenteeism (defined as missing 10% or more of school days) by partnering with families, students, and staff to promote **consistent attendance and student success**. These collective efforts are showing positive results, with recent trends indicating a reduction in chronic absenteeism on the California School Dashboard.



To view more results, visit the: California School DASHBOARD

COMMUNICATIONS GUIDE

FOR BUCKEYE USD PARENTS & FAMILIES

The Buckeye Union School District aims to engage all members of its school community through open, honest, and transparent communication. This Communication Guide serves as a key resource for our families, while helping you get answers to your questions or concerns in a timely manner.

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

- www.BuckeyeUSD.org
- Parent Portal: Alma
- Emails & Connect Messages
- Report Bullying or Safety Concerns
- School Facebook pages
- Newsletters

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

SCHOOL

- Website
- School Newsletters
- Social Media pages
- Teacher Communications and classroom websites
- Connect Emails/ Communications

DISTRICT

- Website
- District Happenings Newsletter (quarterly)
- District Highlights Newsletter (semi-annual)
- Connect Emails/ Communications
- Board Meetings

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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: 11/12/25, 2/4/26, & 5/27/26

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: 10/22/25, 2/4/26, & 5/13/26

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

BUCKEYE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Approved 9/18/2024

"Expect the Best Today for a Better Tomorrow"

2025-2026 Student Calendar

AUG

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

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

SEPT

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

1 Labor Day Holiday
22-26 Minimum Days—Parent Conferences ALL SCHOOLS

OCT

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

13 Staff Development Day—Teachers Only (Non-Student Day)
31 End of 1st Trimester

NOV

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

10 Non-Teacher Work Day (Non-Student Day)
11 Veterans Day
24-28 Thanksgiving Break (Non-Student Days)

DEC

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

12/22-1/2 Winter Break (Non–Student Days)

JAN

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

1-2 Winter Break Cont. (Non–Student Days)
19 M. Luther King Jr. Day
23 Minimum Day—*Only* RH and CSMS

FEB

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

13 E nd of 2 nd Tri mester
13 Non-Teacher Work Day (Non-Student Day)
16-20 Mid-Winter Break
16 Presidents' Day and Washington's Birthday
20 Lincoln's Birthday (Observed)

MAR

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			

5-6 Minimum Days—*Only* Elementary Parent Conferences
16 Staff Development Day—All Staff (Non-Student Day)
30-31 Spring Break (Non-Student Days)

APR

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

1-6 Spring Break (Non-Student Days)

MAY

M	T	W	T	F
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11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

25 Memorial Day Holiday

JUNE

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

1 CSMS Minimum Day (Noon Dismissal)
1 RHMS Late Start (10:00 a.m. Student Start)
2 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—MINIMUM DAY—ALL SCHOOLS
19 Juneteenth (ESY Staff Will Observe on Alternate Day 7/2/26)

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

BUCKEYE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026-2027 Academic Calendar

JULY

M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

7/3 Independence Day Observed

AUGUST

M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

8/7 New Teacher Orientation (Non-Student Day)

8/10-8/11 Teacher Workday (Non-Student Day)

8/12 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

8/28 Staff Development Day (Teachers Only)

SEPTEMBER

M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

9/7 Labor Day

28-30 Minimum Days – Parent Conferences ALL SCHOOLS

OCTOBER

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

10/1-10/2 Minimum Days – Parent Conferences ALL SCHOOLS

10/12 Staff Development Day (ALL Staff)

10/30 End of 1st Trimester

NOVEMBER

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

11/6 Elem Report Cards Sent Home

11/11 Veteran's Day

11/23-11/27 Thanksgiving Break (Non-Student Days)

DECEMBER

M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

12/21-12/31 Winter Break (Non-Student Days)

Note: EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAYS

JANUARY

M	T	W	Th	F
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

1/1 Winter Break (Non-Student Days)

1/8 Elem Progress Reports Sent Home

1/18 M.L. King, Jr. Day

1/22 Minimum Day – Only RH and CSMS

FEBRUARY

M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

2/12 End of 2nd Trimester Staff Development Day (ALL Staff)

2/15-2/19 Mid-Winter Break

2/15 & 2/19 Washington/Lincoln's (President Days) Observed

MARCH

M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

3/4-3/5 Minimum Day – Only ELEMENTARY

3/12 Elem Report Cards Sent Home

3/22-3/29 Spring Break (Non-Student Days)

APRIL

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

4/9 Elem Progress Reports Sent Home

MAY

M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

5/31 Memorial Day

JUNE

M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

6/3 CSMS Min. Day (Noon) RH – Late Start (10 a.m.)

6/4 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Elem Report Cards Sent Home

6/7-8 Emergency School Closure Days, if Needed

6/18 Juneteenth (Observed)

26/27 First Day of School Wed. 8/12/26

APPLY @ EDJOIN.ORG