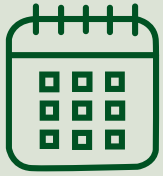




BUCKEYE UNION

Happenings

SEPTEMBER 2026



SAVE
the DATES

Oct 7

Board Meeting

Oct 12

Staff Dev. Day

Oct 21

Board Meeting

Oct 28

District LCAP Meeting

Nov 4

Board Meeting

Nov 11

Veterans Day

Nov 18

Board Meeting

Nov 23-27

Thanksgiving Break

Dec 16

Board Meeting

Dec 21-Jan 1

Winter Break

[VIEW THE 2026
BOARD CALENDAR](#)

A Great Start to the School Year!

Take a look at what's happening around BUSD! Our schools have been busy! From Back-to-School Nights, assemblies and student recognitions to athletic events, rallies, picture days and PTA/PTO/PTC activities, there has already been so much happening across Buckeye Union.

And, of course, in between all the special events, there has been **LOTS of learning!** Take a look at just some of the moments that have made the start of the school year so memorable.

From the Central Kitchen



Look for **farm-fresh blackberries** in our cafeterias in **September!**

These delicious berries are pesticide-free and come from Medina Berry Farm in Watsonville, CA. The Medina family has been growing blackberries, raspberries, and strawberries for over 20 years and credits the success of the crop to growing in the perfect climate.

They're back!
Watch for your
date in school
correspondence

Fall Coffee & Conversation

WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT



PATRIOT DAY & 9/11 REMEMBRANCE ACTIVITIES



Valley View

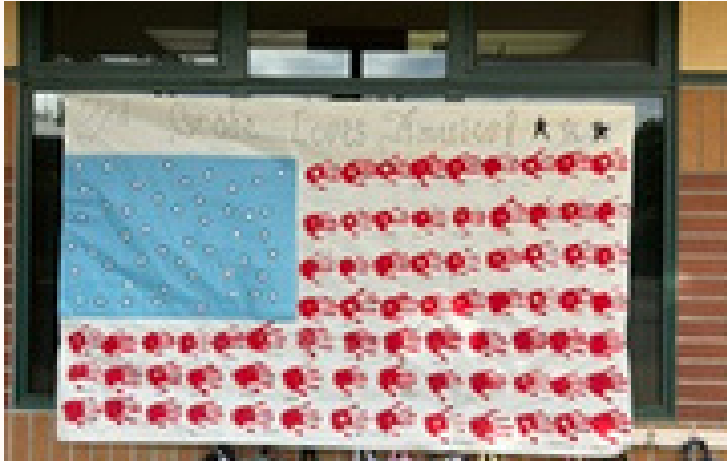
Our Patriot Day annual assembly brings students and staff together to honor the lives lost on September 11, 2001, and to recognize the courage and service of our first responders and military members. It benefits students by helping them understand an important moment in our nation's history while reinforcing gratitude, respect, unity, and responsible citizenship. The school also celebrated the 250th anniversary of our nation and correlated the values of our country to RISE (Respect, Integrity, Safety, and Effort).



Blue Oak

Our school celebrated Patriot Day with an "Honor our Heroes" event. We invited our local heroes, including Cameron Park Fire, El Dorado County Sheriff's Office deputies, veterans, and active military. We had an excellent turnout! We had breakfast together, student speeches, and two song performances for our heroes.

PATRIOT DAY & 9/11 REMEMBRANCE ACTIVITIES



Silva Valley

Artwork prepared by students and displayed at school for all to enjoy.



Buckeye



Buckeye Elementary continued its meaningful annual tradition of honoring Patriot Day with a special ceremony bringing students, staff, and local heroes together in remembrance and gratitude. Students reflected on the events of September 11, 2001, observed a moment of silence, and recognized local firefighters, law enforcement officers, veterans, and other safety personnel for their service to the community. Students presented their special guests with handmade cards and artwork before joining together for the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem. The annual event provides a meaningful opportunity for students to learn about courage, service, respect, and gratitude while personally thanking those who dedicate themselves to helping others.



LEARNING, LEARNING, LEARNING

Blue Oak

Students in 3rd grade receiving instruction on how a successful partner read should go in our Magnetic Literacy curriculum. The lesson included direction on stop and jots and annotating text.



Oak Meadow

3rd grade students in Mrs. Bays' class worked on an exit ticket from their Magnetic Literacy lesson to show what they learned and help Mrs. Bays determine her next instructional moves to support students.

Blue Oak

3rd grade students participated in the 2026 Nationwide Constitution Day Mock Trial with Kansas District Court Judge Robert J. Wonnell and Olathe Public Schools. This was a live virtual and interactive event. Students prepared over the course of two weeks with classroom activities surrounding the three branches of government. This event is directly tied to social studies standards within 3rd grade.



HANDS-ON LEARNING ACROSS BUCKEYE UNION



Rolling Hills

Mr. Villalobos' and Mrs. Young's 8th grade classes worked on creating bottle rockets and then spent time seeing which design would reach the greatest heights.



William Brooks

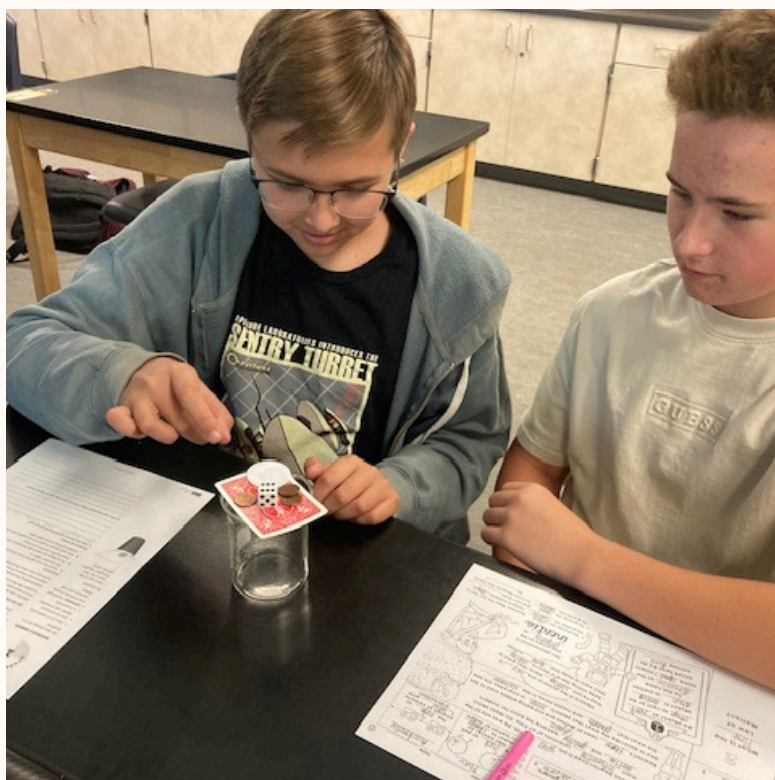
Mr. Nordquist's 5th grade class used math manipulatives to explore the volume of irregular shapes.



Silva Valley

First grade students are learning about Johnny Appleseed and doing some artwork.

HANDS-ON LEARNING ACROSS BUCKEYE UNION



Camerado Springs

8th grade students were learning about inertia by recreating their own magician's table. Their challenge was to quickly flick the card out from underneath the objects, causing the objects to fall into the beaker due to inertia.



Oak Meadow

2nd graders in Mrs. Amaral's class worked on building their subtraction skills with manipulatives.



HANDS-ON LEARNING ACROSS BUCKEYE UNION



Blue Oak

3rd grade students gained conceptual understanding of place value during a math workshop.



Buckeye El

Our first grade students were working on addition and subtraction problems using a variety of hands-on tools. Students were able to select number bonds, number paths, counters, cubes, ten frames, and 100s charts to help solve the problems they were working on. It was great to see students selecting strategies that worked best for their learning.



HANDS-ON LEARNING ACROSS BUCKEYE UNION



BUMI @ Oak Meadow

During this lesson, the teacher had students play a bingo game to learn new words. Students matched words with pictures.



Silva Valley

Students are developing fine-motor skills and scissor practice at the playdough table. They are also developing important language and social-emotional skills as they talk together and describe their work.



Oak Meadow

Mrs. Erickson's TK students engaged in play-based learning stations. Some students worked on fine motor skills while stringing beads on pipe cleaners to make bracelets. Others played in the store that changes theme monthly. This month is the coffee shop where students practiced ordering items from smallest to largest.

HANDS-ON LEARNING ACROSS BUCKEYE UNION



Silva Valley

Students are working in the writing center building mat man. Mat Man supports early writing skills by introducing children to the different types of lines used to produce letters.



Valley View

1st grade students worked on Montessori jobs and participated in small-group reading.



Silva Valley

Students are working on letter recognition, color sorting, and counting at the sensory table.

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS



September 9, 2026

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

September 10, 2026

The Rotary Club of Cameron Park honors Camerado Springs student, **Alodia Juanitas**, as Student of the Year.



STUDENT RECOGNITIONS IN A FUTURE PUBLICATION

To kick things off this school year, more than **2,200** Buckeye Union students in **grades 3 through 8** (2025-2026) received certificates recognizing growth and achievement on the spring 2026 *state assessments* (CAASPP) in English language arts, mathematics, and science.

Of those students, **654** earned Scholar recognition for performing in the Advanced range on every test they took at their grade level.

If your student received a CAASPP certificate in the mail, **we invite you to share a photo with us** for inclusion in an upcoming District publication



BUCKEYE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

7th Annual Virtual Art Show



TK-8 students are invited to get creative and share what they're grateful for in the 7th Annual Virtual Art Show. Prizes will be awarded to the top-scoring artist at each grade level, with top artists also invited to have their work displayed at the BUSD District Office.

Deadline to enter:
November 30, 2026

[Click HERE](#)
[to learn more](#)

2026 Theme: What I'm Grateful For

Back to School Survey & Donation Drive



The Buckeye Foundation's annual back-to-school survey and donation drive is wrapping up. Thank you to all of our generous donors for supporting our schools and classrooms! Foundation volunteers are busy processing donations, and **grant requests are already coming in from BUSD teachers and staff with ideas to enhance classroom programs and resources.** If you missed the donation drive, it's not too late - the [donation form](#) remains available on the Foundation's website year-round.

Stipend Enhancements Return for a 2nd year!

Thanks to the Buckeye Education Foundation's fundraising efforts, \$80,000 in community donations will support enhanced stipends for student activities this school year. Many stipend positions received a 60% increase for 2026-2027.

Last year, the Foundation enhanced stipends for 279 student activities. This additional funding recognizes the teachers, staff, and community members who dedicate their time to providing these special opportunities for our students.



BUCKEYE EDUCATION
FOUNDATION

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	

ATHLETICS

Elementary

Fall

Cross Country and Unified Sports Soccer

Winter

Basketball

Spring

Unified Sports Basketball

Middle School

Fall

Cross Country, Girls Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Boys Basketball, and Flag Football

Winter

Boys Soccer, Girls Basketball

Spring

Boys Volleyball, Track and Field, Unified Sports Basketball, and Unified Sports Track

WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE STUDENT SUCCESS

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.

*We are
Buckeye!*
♥

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



Know the Rules Before You Ride

Class 1 E-Bike



- No age restriction
- PEDAL ASSIST ONLY
- Assist stops at 20 mph
- Helmet required if under 18
- Bike lanes & trails OK
- LESS THAN 750 watt motor

Class 2 E-Bike



- No age restriction
- MAY exclusively propel bike up to 20 mph
- Assist stops at 20 mph
- Helmet required if under 18
- Bike lanes & trails OK
- LESS THAN 750 watt motor

Class 3 E-Bike



- Rider must be 16+ years old
- PEDAL ASSIST ONLY
- Assist stops at 28 mph
- Helmet required for ALL
- Restricted on some trails
- LESS THAN 750 watt motor

E-Scooter

DRIVER'S LICENSE or INSTRUCTION PERMIT



- No passengers
- No riding on sidewalks
- If road's speed limit is over 25 mph = must be ridden in Bike Lane. (No Bike Lane = Prohibited)
- Max speed: 15 MPH
- Helmet required if under 18
- +Many more rules (21235VC, 21221.5 VC, 21223 VC, 21227 VC, 21228 VC, 21229 VC, 21650.1 VC, 22411 VC)

Moped / Motorized Bicycle

DRIVER'S LICENSE + M2 or M1 Endorsement



- Must be registered & plated
- DOT motorcycle helmet
- Max Speed: 30 mph
- Restricted on trails

Motorcycle

DRIVER'S LICENSE + M1 Endorsement



- Must be registered & plated
- DOT motorcycle helmet

FREE E-BIKE SAFETY COURSE FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL:



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Note: EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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