



BUCKEYE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Our 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 his/her academic and personal success in a global society.

A Look Ahead

First Day of School

August 7, 2019

Labor Day- No School

September 2, 2019

I-Day- No School for students

September 3,

<http://applehill.com/2019>



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

It is incredible how quickly the 2018-2019 school year seemed to fly by. There were many highlights this past year. For one, Buckeye Union became the only District in the region to introduce a fully articulated K-8th grade science program (Amplify Science) that is aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards. A quality science education, at all grade levels, is essential in order for students to be prepared for the world they will enter as adults. Complementing the focus on science was a very special opportunity for Brooks and Buckeye Elementary students who spoke to an astronaut working on the International Space Station. Our students posed many interesting questions such as, "What happens when you sneeze in space?" Students also pondered, why there was a ping pong paddle floating behind the astronaut?! In addition to our District's instrumental music program, there were numerous parent supported visual and performing arts activities including Meet the Masters, drama productions, and choral opportunities. These activities were made possible by many parent volunteers and the financial support of the PTA's/PTO's/PTC's and the Buckeye Education Foundation. Additionally, our teachers and staff received professional development on topics such as Zones of Regulation and Trauma Informed Practices that are raising awareness and building strategies for supporting the mental health of all students in our district. This year, we added 7th grade to our Montessori program and introduced a Mandarin Immersion program. Additionally, teachers and principals at Camerado and Valley View Middle Schools explored the International Baccalaureate (IB) education model and with the approval of our School Board, we are launching IB candidate programs at two of our middle schools next year. To end the year, our students demonstrated gains on the State's academic assessments. This is the result of quality instruction, the outstanding support of staff in all capacities throughout the District, focused student engagement, and strong parent support of learning. In parting, I would like to wish everyone a restful summer.

See you all in August!

David Roth, Superintendent

Silva Valley Principal Bids farewell



By **Jana Rossi**

It was a suggestion from Kathy Holliman’s husband that put her on the 15-year path in the field of education.

Originally from Texas, Holliman was a tennis teaching professional in Houston before becoming a buyer for a golf and tennis chain. Her husband’s job working as a safety manager for Otis Elevators relocated them to California, then to Arizona and then back to California.

My husband said, “Why don’t you go into teaching? Every kid in the neighborhood is always at our house, and you love kids,” she recalled. “He made a good call.”

Holliman went back to school and after graduation taught third and fifth grade in the Clovis school district for seven years. Another job relocated them to Ahwatukee, Ariz., where she was the assistant principal for two years before another move landed Holliman the principal assistant job at both Blue Oaks and Silva Valley elementary schools. The last 10 years she has called Silva Valley Elementary home, helping guide thousands of students and her staff at the El Dorado Hills School.

Reno is the Holliman family’s next move — this time by choice. With her husband retired in January, Holliman recently wrapped up her final school year.

“The district is like a family, from the office level to the teachers to the bus driver and custodian,” she said of the Buckeye Unified School District. “It’s a second home. I will miss the people I work with. I feel very blessed to be here.”

“Kathy has been an incredibly skilled and student-centered principal who has led Silva Valley through an important period of change as the site has transitioned to the use of 21st-century classroom technology, new state standards in English language arts, mathematics and science, and new state assessments,” BUSD Superintendent David Roth said. “She is a highly respected member of leaders across our district, and we will miss her greatly.”

“I love my job, and I feel lucky to go out strong,” Holliman said, adding that she plans to continue advocating on behalf of children — this time in a volunteer role. “I still have a lot to give.”

PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT			OPEN HOUSE	
School	Date	Time	Date	Time
Blue Oak	8/15/19	5:30-7:15	5/14/2020	5:30-7:00
Buckeye	8/13/2019	5:30-7:00	5/21/2020	5:30-7:00
Oak Meadow	8/6/19 K & 1st & All Mandarin	5:30 - 6:30	5/6/2019 K, 1st	5:30 -7:00
Oak Meadow	8/7/19 3rd	5:30 - 6:30	5/19/19 3rd, 4th & 5th	5:30 - 7:00
Oak Meadow	8/15/19 2nd, 4th, 5th	5:30 - 6:30	4/1/19 2nd	5:30 - 6:30
Silva Valley	8/8/2019	5:00-7:00	5/21/2020	5:30 -7:00
Valley View	8/5/19 (Middle School)	5:00-7:00	4/2/20 6th-8th	5:00-6:30
Valley View	8/8/19 (Elementary)	5:00-7:00	5/19/20 TK-2nd	5:30-7:00
Valley View			5/21/20 3rd-5th	5:30-7:00
WM Brooks	8/7/2019	5:30-7:00	5/19/2020	5:30-7:00
Camerado Springs	8/8/2019	6:00-8:00	5/13/2020	5:00-7:00
Rolling Hills	8/5/2019	6:00-8:00	5/14/2020	5:00-7:00

ROTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to El Dorado Hills Rotary Teacher of the Year
Britni Miller –Teacher at William Brooks Elementary



2019-2020 School Calendar



BUCKEYE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Approved 3/7/2018

"Expect the Best Today for a Better Tomorrow"

2019-2020 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 & 6 Teacher Work Day (Non-Student Day)
7 *FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL / EARLY RELEASE

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) -1/3

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	

6-17 Spring Break (Non-Student Days)

SEPT				
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 Labor Day Holiday
3 All Staff Dev. Day (Non-Student Day)
23-27 Minimum Days—Parent Conferences ALL SCHOOLS

JAN				
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

1-3 Winter Break (Non-Student Days)
17 Staff Development Day—Teachers Only (Non-Student Day)
20 M. Luther King Jr. Day
24 Minimum Day—Only Middle School

MAY				
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

25 Memorial Day Holiday
29 CSMS Minimum Day (Noon dismissal)
29 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	

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

10 Lincoln's Birthday (Observed)
17 Presidents' Day and Washington's Birthday
21 End of 2nd Trimester

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 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—MINIMUM DAY—ALL SCHOOLS

NOV				
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

1 End of 1st Trimester
11 Veterans Day Holiday
25-29 Thanksgiving Break (Non-Student Days)

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 All Staff Development Day (Non-Student Day)

- First Day/Last Day of Classes
- Staff Development Day (Non-Student Day)
- Minimum Days
- Holidays or Breaks
- Early Release Days

BUCKEYE EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Valley View Charter Montessori School

Classified Employee of the Year- Amy Morgan

Certificated Employee of the Year- Bonnie Hampton



Oak Meadow Elementary School

Classified Employee of the Year- Lorilei McCusker

Certificated Employee of the Year- Jennifer Currie



Rolling Hills Middle School

Classified Employee of the Year- Paul Minton

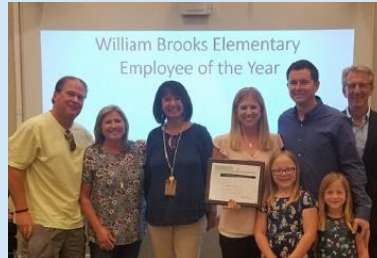
Certificated Employee of the Year- Jenny Ghio



William Brooks Elementary School

Classified Employee of the Year- Coleen Vanderwall

Certificated Employee of the Year- Britni Miller



Camorado Springs Middle School

Classified Employee of the Year- Amy Case

Certificated Employee of the Year- Anne Carney

Certificated Employee of the Year- Don Cochran

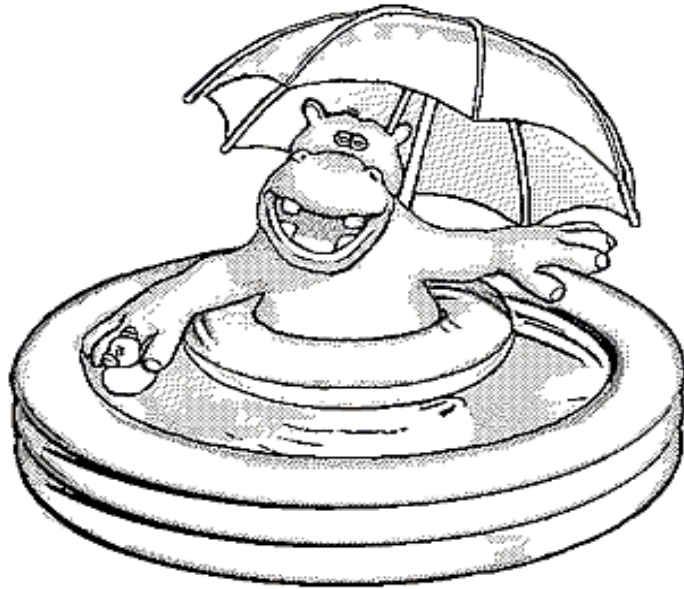


BUCKEYE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ADDS ANOTHER AWARD

Congratulations to Rolling Hills Middle School for achieving The Honor Roll School Award for 2018-2019. Results can found at:

[Educational Results Partnership Website](#)





HOT SUMMER DAYS

Use the word list to find and circle all of the words in the puzzle that have a 'Hot Summer Days' theme.

Word List

BARE FEET
BEACH
BOAT
FLIP FLOPS
FLOWERS
ICE CREAM
LEMONADE
POOL
STRAWBERRIES
SUMMER
SUNSCREEN
SUNSHINE
SWIMMING
UMBRELLA
WATERMELON

L E M O N A D E W Q G R F B E
F I G K G I T E A I E I P R V
P L I A H L N H T F Z E N I N
D A O C B I T B E S F U Y Q N
H I A W H E B A R W L V X J K
S E K S E S C R M I N G F K N
B E N E J R Q E E M Z K L Y G
G U J P A P S F L M S Y I L H
S H Q J O W S E O I U R P H F
P R S A N O G E N N M D F P G
W K Q R D A L T U G M R L G R
V N I C E C R E A M E S O J C
U M B R E L L A H E R G P X R
T S T R A W B E R R I E S I L
Y B O A T S U N S C R E E N M

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