



# Buckeye Elementary School

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Good morning Buckeye Families,

I hope all the kids had a great time at the Spooktacular and during all the Halloween festivities. I know I sure did. I'd like to take a moment to thank all the parents, staff members, and former students that volunteered at the Spooktacular. Without your help and support, we couldn't have made it happen. I heard from both parents and students that they had a wonderful time. Thank you.

I wanted to let you know about a couple of things we are starting up at Buckeye. First, we have started inviting students in 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade to come to the STEAM lab during lunch. Ms. Ava, our STEAM teacher, will be setting up activities for students to do and we will be rotating different grade levels through on Thursdays and Fridays during their lunch and last recess. Of course, this will be completely voluntary.

Also, we have a gentleman named Steven Vario that is going to help us start up a choir program here at Buckeye. He will be volunteering during lunch recesses on Tuesday to work with students that would like to be part of our school choir. Each grade level will have an opportunity to participate and learn songs under his guidance. I will be taking Mr. Vario around to all the classes on 11/13 and we will start on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have a singer in your house, please encourage them to attend.

## **PARENT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY:**

Trina Carter, our literacy TOSA at Buckeye, will be providing a parent education opportunity on how to support students with in K-2 with reading on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:15-4:00. We will have childcare, pizza, and Spanish interpreter on hand. Students and caregivers are welcome.

## **COFFEE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

Coffee and Conversation with Dr. Roth: You're invited to Coffee & Conversation with the Superintendent on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 in the staff room! David Roth, Ph.D., will be here to visit with our parents and enjoy a cup of coffee. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and have an open conversation. Hope to see you there!

## **ATTENDANCE DATA:**

Each year, our students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade take the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA). These results are now public on the CA Department of Education website. We use this data to help guide our instruction and look for areas that we can celebrate and areas where we can grow. One piece of data that really jumped out at the district level was the impact of chronic absenteeism and its impact on meeting standard on the language arts portion of the SBA. What we see in the data is 72% students that were not chronically absent met or exceeded standard in language arts opposed to those students that were chronically absent only had 50% of them meet or exceed standard. The scores are even lower for our economically disadvantaged students that were chronically absent with only 26% meeting or exceeding standard. This again speaks to the importance of regular attendance at school.

### **KIDS CAN FOOD DRIVE:**

We are still collecting can foods and non-perishable food items for our Kids Can Food Drive. The food drive has been extended until November 9<sup>th</sup>. All the food items will be donated to the El Dorado County Food Bank to support local families in need. Let's see if we can fill up my office with cans and show what a small school with a BIG heart is all about.

### **FREE FOOD AND PHONE OPPORTUNITY:**

Food Distribution is the first Thursday of each month. (November 2<sup>nd</sup>) Faith Episcopal Church  
2200 Country Club Dr. Cameron Park 10:30 am – 12 pm No income qualification is required.

Free food, diapers, books and more. Provided by Placer Food Bank and Community Hubs

They are hosting another phone event as well. Cameron Park library – November 20<sup>th</sup> 12 pm – 4 pm

Applicants should bring a photo ID, proof of benefits as CalFresh, food stamps, Snap, MediCal, SSI, Unemployment, etc (check flyer for more info). No PO boxes are accepted as address.

### **UPCOMING DATES:**

Trimester 1 Ends: Nov.3

Report Cards Sent Home: Nov. 9

Veteran's Day: Nov. 10 (no school)

Thanksgiving Break: Nov. 20-24

GOOOO Bobcats!  
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