MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to 2019! We are at the halfway point in the school year and looking forward to all that is left to be accomplished by year-end. To start off the New Year, we will be engaged in professional development at our in-service day on January 18th. Over the past several years, keeping up with changes in new standards, curriculum, and assessments has absorbed most of our professional development time. Of course, these areas of focus are central to what we do as educators; however, it is also the case that fostering the social-emotional development of students is key to their readiness to learn and their wellbeing throughout life. Thus, I am pleased to share that much more of our professional development time (see article below) is being dedicated to providing teachers and staff with opportunities to develop greater knowledge and strategies for meeting the diverse social-emotional needs of our students across the District.

As we round the corner on the halfway point in the school year, the District Office is increasingly focused on enrollment, staffing, and budget development for the next school year. This past week, our governor announced his 2019-2020 State budget. We are pleased that he has prioritized public education by providing a reasonable COLA and some one-time relief for the ever increasing cost of funding employee pensions. As Districts approach the point where the cost of staffing will be nearly 20% more than the salaries that employees receive, due to increases in employer pension contribution costs, our ability to ensure quality opportunities for students are increasingly challenged. Fortunately, Buckeye Union is coping well with these forces by partnering with the community, budgeting responsibly, and innovating in ways that draw more students to our programs.

Finally, as we enter the second half of the year, I want to encourage and remind all parents that your involvement with your child’s learning is essential. You should feel comfortable speaking to your child’s teacher about strategies for supporting your student’s learning at home and school. We are all partners in this journey and your support and active involvement is greatly valued.

Happy New Year!

Warm Regards,
David Roth, Ph.D.
Superintendent
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration packet will be available to pick up at your homeschool office starting January 30, 2019, completed packets are due back beginning February 4th.

Not sure what school is your home school. Boundary information can be found here by clicking here. Registration information can be found here.

Automated External Defibrillation (AED)

Buckeye Union School District has recently completed the rollout of our Automated External Defibrillation (AED) Program. This Program included the installation of 20 AED devices throughout our District. We now have one AED installed in every health office, one in each multipurpose room, one in each gym, and one installed in our Transportation office. The purpose of our AED Program is to allow BUSD to be better prepared to treat heart-related emergencies, and to make sure that we follow all of the requirements associated with placing AED’s at our sites. Training for proper use of the AED’s will be provided on our January 18, 2019 Professional Development Day, and also at future Professional Development Days.

A Christmas Carol Performance at Camerado and Rolling Hills

“Thank you Buckeye Education Foundation for sponsoring this wonderful event”.

Camerado Springs students performing

Great Job to both schools for an amazing drama presentation of “A Christmas Carol.”
Buckeye Union School District is pleased to announce that we are well underway with our Blue Oak Elementary School Modernization Project. This project is comprised of three phases and we are currently halfway through the second phase. Thus far, the work completed includes the modernization of 12 classrooms out of 24, the multi-purpose room, and the administration building. The modernization of these buildings included, but was not limited to, HVAC system replacements, complete lighting system replacements, casework replacement, flooring replacement, wall covering replacement, and exterior painting. The remainder of phase two, and phase three, will include the modernization of the remaining classrooms, the main student restroom facilities, and the library. The remaining phases will also include substantial improvement to the landscaping of the site. The entire Blue Oak Elementary School Modernization Project will be completed by late July 2019.
According to the American Library Association, one characteristic of a highly effective school library is one that meets a resource recommendation of 15-20 books per child. An additional factor to consider is that the age of library books is as important as the number of books available to students. In recent years, our elementary schools have been able to consistently add to and update their library collections through various fundraising efforts such as book fairs, jog-a-thons and birthday clubs as well as some very generous donations from parent organizations. As a result, each of our elementary sites meets or exceeds the optimum resource recommendations. However, our middle schools fell short of the recommendations for both age and number of books per student. Therefore, in January of this year, the district allocated approximately $250,000 for the purchase of new library books for our middle school libraries. Although the age of the collection is not an issue at the new Valley View library, at Camerado Springs and Rolling Hills our library associates have been working to review the current collections removing outdated, damaged or duplicate titles to make room for the new books expected to arrive in late January. While there is still much work to be done, we hope to schedule a re-grand opening of our middle school libraries sometime in the spring so that our families can see the result of this exciting project!

Teacher In-Service

This Friday, January 18th, teachers will be participating in professional development aimed at promoting best practices in instruction and the social-emotional development of all students. At the middle school level, teachers will be attending sessions on Universal Design for Learning as well as training in Zones of Regulation. At the elementary level, all staff will learn about trauma-informed practices that support student self-regulation and social-emotional development. Elementary teachers will also be focusing on writing instruction for grades TK-2, and grades 3-5 be collaborating around the concept of promoting student’s depth of knowledge in their learning. Elementary PE teachers will participate in the First TEE training (See article of First TEE) and library associates will be adding new books to our middle school shelves. (See article on our library collection updates). We also have training in CPR and AED devices for the appropriate staff. January 18th is a non-student day.

Buckeye Students Aim For a Hole in One

Thanks to the support of Parker Development in partnership with The First Tee organization, elementary age students in Buckeye Union will soon be learning about golf as part of their physical education program. The First Tee of Greater Sacramento has positively impacted the young people in our area since 1983; today they serve over 51,000 young people. Through the sport of golf, teachers can promote core values, life skills and healthy habits to young people and help give them the skills they need to flourish in their lives today and into the future.
School Site Recognition for 2018/2019

Congratulations

Buckeye Union Elementary

November 14, 2019

Classified Employee of the Year
Brian Pebbles

Certificated Employee of the Year
Trina Carter

Transportation

December 12, 2019

Classified Employee of the Year
Eric Larson
Winter Sports!

Curling  Ice Skating  Skeleton  Sledding  Snowmobiling
Hockey  Luge  Skiing  Snowboarding  Toboggan

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