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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT, DR. STEVE BEBEE

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October 2022

BUHSD Students, Parents and Faculty,

On Wednesday, October 5th, the Buckeye Union High School District hosted our first meeting of the BUHSD Strategic Planning Council. We have a very robust group that will be coming together to help us make decisions about our district and to create the strategic plan that will guide our actions and decisions for the next three, five and seven years. The council is made up of students, parents, support staff, certified staff, administration, directors, district leaders, governing board members, and community members. Through a series of four meetings this school year, the council will have the opportunity to work together collaboratively to discuss the mission and vision of the school district and to help to create the priorities and goals that will drive our district decisions as we continue to grow in our district. The purpose of the strategic council will be to share in defining the districts vision and mission and creating new goals for our district. District leadership seeks to better understand parent and student needs as well as learning from our stakeholders what those critical skills and abilities our students need to possess when they graduate from high school. As a district we want our students to be successful in life post high school in whatever pathway they may choose. We look forward to building strong partnerships with our stakeholders, and to identify the work that needs to be done to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our student and their families in the greater Buckeye Union High School District Community for years to come. These are exciting times in the Cities of Buckeye and Goodyear, and we look forward to the challenges that come with the growth we are all experiencing in our communities. With a collaborative effort, I am certain that collectively we will "Inspire Minds to Change the World....Everyone....Everyday".

Have a great Fall Break!

Dr. Steve Bebee
Superintendent

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Student & Staff News

BUHS Centennial Celebration

Buckeye Union High School celebrated their 100th year Centennial Celebration on September 21, 2022. The day consisted of a series of celebrations starting with the Homecoming Parade. To keep with the Centennial Celebration, the BUHS Hawks were honored to have Betty Jean Rhodes-Martin, the 1943 BUHS Homecoming Queen as the Grand Marshal. Ms. Rhodes-Martin led the parade from Buckeye Union High School, down the main street of Monroe and then continued in front of City Hall. Mayor Orsborn, Superintendent Bebee, and Principal Rodriguez participated in the parade, along with many other sports, clubs and organizations who decorated floats to celebrate 100 years. It was great to bring back the Hawks Homecoming Parade, and see so many alumni, students and people from the community come out to support BUHS.

Alumni from over the decades gathered in the Agee Gymnasium (original high school gym) where they were able to connect with others from their graduating year, and take a walk down memory lane with all of the memorabilia that was displayed throughout Agee Gym and A-Wing.

Following the Centennial Celebration, alumni, staff, and students attended the Homecoming Football Game against Lake Havasu. Prior to the game, they had Alumni Cheerleaders and Choir/Band line up on the field to sing the BUHS Fight Song.

It was a great evening of looking back at past memories and creating new ones for our Buckeye Union High School Hawk families and friends!

A special thank you to the Centennial Celebration Committee and other staff and administrators who helped in putting the event together.



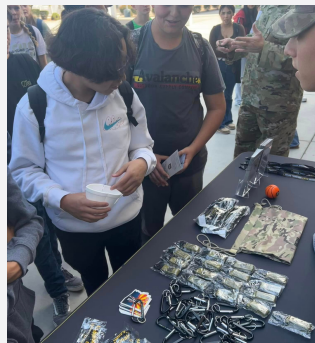
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GEARUP WEEK 2022

"In recognition of #NationalGEARUP week Arizona Governor Doug Ducey has proclaimed the week of Sept. 26-30 as Arizona GEAR UP Week." -Arizona GearUP

GearUP helps our students prepare for college and career to succeed in life beyond high school. At Buckeye Union High School District, BUHS, YHS and EFHS celebrated National GearUP week at the end of September. Our GearUP coaches worked hard at preparing a week of festivities from guest speakers, college tour fieldtrips, and college and career fairs, as well as lunch activities all week. It was a great week for students to learn and celebrate their next steps towards their future!



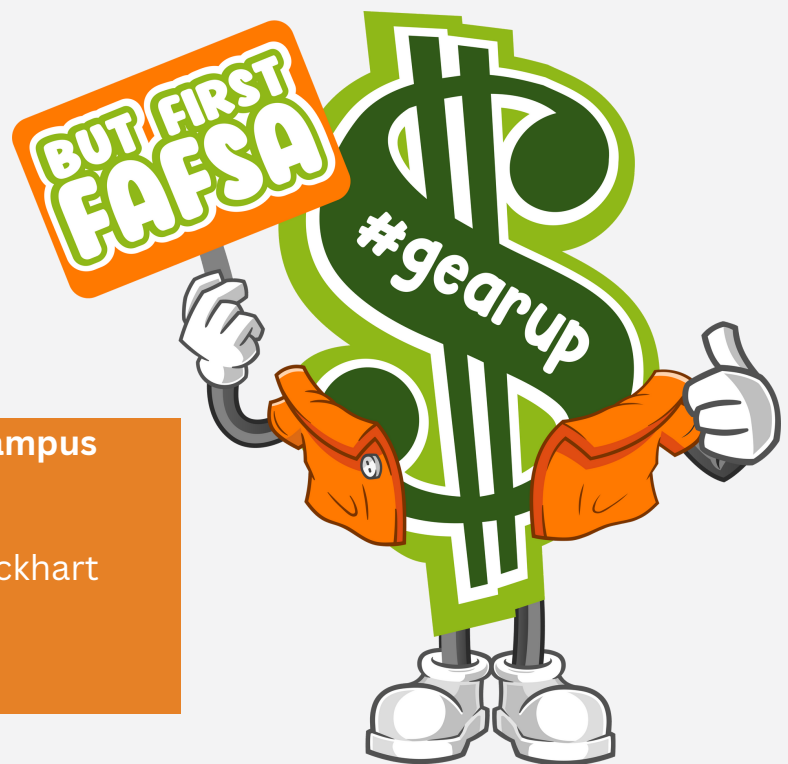
OCTOBER MEANS...FAFSA IS OPEN!

Completing the FAFSA is how you apply for financial aid at many colleges, universities and trade schools across the country. When you submit your FAFSA you are considered for additional merit and need-based aid - including federal, state and institutional aid.

visit www.azregents.edu/fafsa

Contact your GearUp Coaches at your campus for more information!

Buckeye Union- Ms. Seymour and Mr. Lockhart
Estrella Foothills-Ms. Pond
Youngker- Ms. Taylor or Ms. El Habach



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BUHSD SPECIAL OLYMPICS UNIFIED SPORTS

All of September, the Unified teams at EFHS, YHS and BUHS competed in Badminton, Swim and Bocce. Our Badminton team competed on September 15th, and had two teams win their bracket against Sunrise Mountain High School. On September 22, at the Special Olympics Unified Swim Competition, BUHSD had several Unified athletes make the podium.

Congratulations to all students who participated in these events!

For the month of October, Unified Athletes and their Partners will be practicing Soccer and Esports.



Edgenuity's ACT Prep

This year we will again enroll ALL district Juniors in Edgenuity's ACT Prep classes. Each class contains a pre- and post-diagnostic test. Students have a 4-hour time limit to take the test. The pre-diagnostic test creates a customized study path based on each student's strengths and weaknesses. Each lesson has three associated questions on the diagnostic, and students must answer two out of the three questions correctly to place out of the lesson. The post-diagnostic test contains the same questions as the pretest. It can then be used to measure student progress after the student has completed all of the required coursework. Juniors will be informed of this opportunity through a letter from Mrs. Arrieta.



Community Connections

with Superintendent, Dr. Bebee

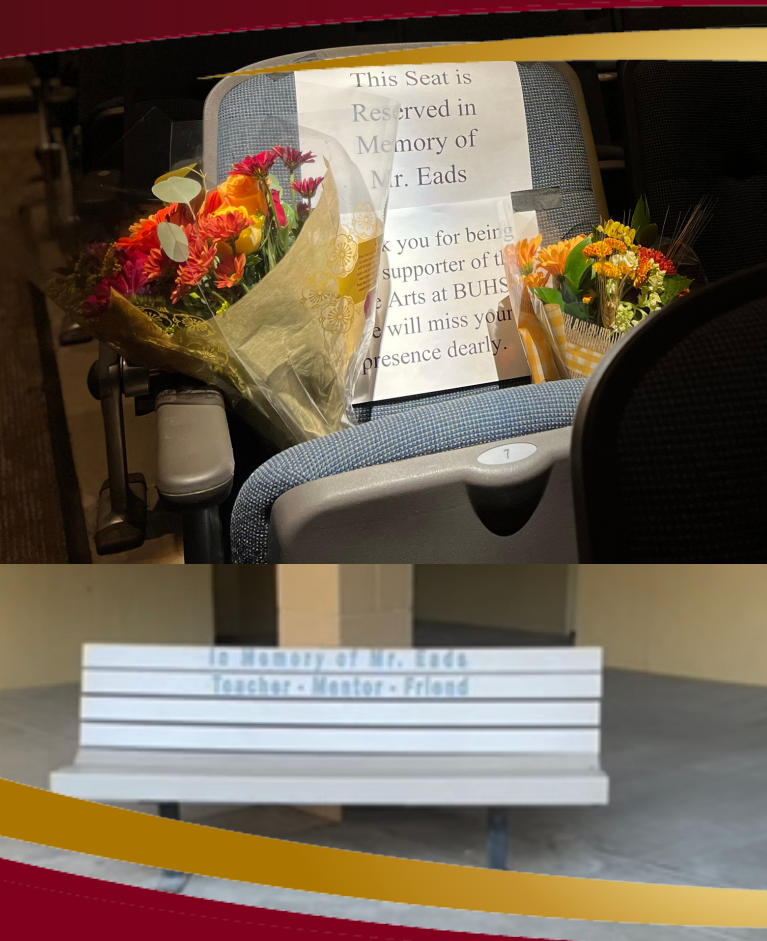


It is the goal of Superintendent, Dr. Bebee to make connections within the Buckeye and Goodyear communities and businesses. During the month of September Dr. Bebee along with Mike Neu and Melanie Lintz, were able to tour the Cardinal Glass facility in Buckeye and see how we can help prepare our students for the workforce within the Buckeye community.



On October 5th, residents of Canta Mia in Goodyear experienced a day of an Estrella Foothills student. The morning started off with a tour of the campus, classrooms, and CTE programs and then the EFHS Culinary Arts students provided them with a delicious lunch.

If you have a local business you would like for us to tour, or would like to set-up a tour of one of our campuses, please reach out to steven.bebee@buhsd.org for more information.



IN MEMORY OF MARCUS EADS

Teacher. Mentor. Friend

The BUHS staff celebrated the life of teacher Marcus Eads by dedicating a seat in the PAC and a bench by his classroom on Tuesday, September 27th. Marcus built relationships with the BUHS school community for nearly 25 years. He was an educator that cared about his students and took the time for all of his colleagues. He will be missed, and his beautiful and kind nature will live through all of us.

If you would like to make a donation to the Marcus Eads Memorial Scholarship Fund, please email mveo@buhsd.org.

Student Recognition

FUTURE READY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



HANNAH DEAN
BUCKEYE UNION



DALTON RUTKOWSKI
ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS



VALERIA AGUYAO
YOUNGKER



CTE STUDENT OF THE MONTH CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION



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JOHN**

BUCKEYE UNION
AGRISCIENCE
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**AMAURIE
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ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS
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