

BUHSD 201

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Buckeye Union High School District

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT, DR. STEVE BEBEE

Dear BUHSD Parents, Community, and Staff,

The 2022 election results for our district override are now official and canvassing has been completed. I again want to thank each and every one of you who took the time to listen and demonstrated your understanding of the importance this budget capacity has on our district through your "YES" vote.

As a district, we look forward to now being able to reinstate those items that had to be cut from our budget for the 2023-24 school year and want to also begin to make an immediate impact for our parents and students who had to endure the changes that had to be made due to lost budget capacity. We are working with our business office to be able to reduce both the athletic/extracurricular fee and the technology fee for all parents and students this school year. Our plan is to return the athletic/extracurricular fee to \$50/\$37.50/\$25 and the technology fee down to \$20. We are looking to reimburse money paid more than those amounts to all seniors and enact a future year credit for all underclassmen. We are actively looking at our growth and master schedules for the 2023-24 school year and will be posting needed teaching positions that were cut for the 2022-23 school year so that we can proactively hire teachers and reduce class size again for the 2023-24 school year. We are also going to be reviewing the district ridership policy of 1.5 miles for our students who can ride a school bus to see if we can reduce that distance and allow more students to ride the bus to and from school. To accomplish this, we will need to be able to hire more bus drivers and will be actively looking at our ability to do that as we move into the spring semester.

We are very appreciative of the overwhelming support we have been given by the Greater Buckeye Valley Communities and want to assure all our families that the programs and positions that were associated with the override budget will be put back in place for the 2023-24 school year.

Thank you for the gift that you gave to BUHSD. On behalf of the entire BUHSD Administrative Team, I would like to wish all our parents, students, staff, and community members an incredibly happy holiday season. We look forward to a Happy New Year when we begin school again on January 2, 2023.

Sincerely,



Steve Bebee
Superintendent



UNIFIED SPORTS

Congratulations to all three BUHSD Unified soccer teams who participated in the Agua Fria Unified Soccer tournament in late November. BUHS came home with the silver and YHS came home with the bronze.



ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS BAND

The 2022 Season of “As Above so below” came to an end but what a fun and amazing ride it has been. First time in school history to make it to the ABODA state finals, placing 8th. Congratulations to the Pride of Estrella Foothills Marching Band.



We can't wait to see what next year brings!



SCHOOL SPIRIT AT BUHSD

The EFHS POM team has qualified for Nationals! The Nationals will take place in February 2023 in Anaheim California. The event gives an opportunity for student athletes to grow and compete against schools from other states in a cheerleading competition.



The 49th Annual Jerry Benson Invitational wrestling tournament took place Dec. 5-6 at BUHS.



YOUNGKER BOY'S SOCCER

Sending a congratulatory shout-out to the Youngker boy's varsity soccer team on their win (9-0) against Valley Vista in the Battle of the 303 Tournament. Go Roughriders!



CLINICAL MEDICAL ASSISTANTS



BUHS, EFHS, & YHS proudly recognize a select group of students for their successful achievement in passing the State Medical Assisting Certification test from the National Health Career Association. These goal oriented students are now officially Certified Clinical Medical Assistants. Congratulations go out to:

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| <p>BUHS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athena Castaneda • Italia Cruz • Anthony Defeo • Destiny Garcia • Saul Godoy • Ariana Hernandez • Dayanara Inzunza • Damien Kusse | <p>EFHS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nathalie Morales • Yajaira Pantoja • Jennifer Soto Munoz • Avril Brown • Valeria Ortiz • Marissa Villa • Isabel Bautista | <p>YHS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yasmin Salinas • Maya Robbins • Michaela Vanhook • Chloe Garrett • Keely Walker • Makena Young • Alycea Quintero Gallagan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morgan Greene • NeTanya McCrae • Celeste Coronado • Elizabeth Khalifeh • Emilio Santos • Keely Smith • Marissa Morris | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jaidyn Fountain • Victor Vargas • Israel Cerrano |
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COMMUNITY EVENT

FSB Church hosted a free Thanksgiving breakfast served in Benbow Park, downtown Buckeye. The celebratory community gathering included BUHSD students, teachers, and alumni.



Community Connections with Superintendent, Dr. Bebee

District staff had the opportunity to tour Canam Steel in Buckeye this month with David Mills. What an amazing facility and local employer.

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



GRATITUDE & GOOD NEWS

BUHS won the award for presentation and standards, sponsored by Chartwells. The honor is the first in the west! Congratulations to BUHS on winning this prestigious distinction.



Holiday celebrations at the District Office. Business Office Ugly Sweater Breakfast and District Office Lunch Potluck.

Thanksgiving Holiday celebrations at BUHS, EFHS, and YHS.



Student Recognition

FUTURE READY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ITALIA CRUZ
BUCKEYE UNION



ALEXANDRA SERRANO
ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS



PAYTON MACIAS
YOUNGKER



CTE STUDENT OF THE MONTH CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION



**VALERIA
ORTIZ**

BUCKEYE UNION
HOSA
MEDICAL ASSISTING



**BRENNA
LUKAVICH**

ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS
ED RISING
ED PROFESSIONS



**DAYSIA
OLIVER**

YOUNGKER
FCCLA
CULINARY

Staff Recognition



DECEMBER BUHSD EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

CLASSIFIED STAFF

CIARA OLMEDA

ESS LIFE SKILLS PARAPRO

SILVIA TINOCO SALCEDO

ADMIN ASSISTANT

CEDRIC GARDNER

CUSTODIAN

ISAAC GOMEZ

MECHANIC

ABDON VILLA

GROUNDS WORKER

STEVEN WILLBOURN

BUS DRIVER

CERTIFIED STAFF

SANDRA-AL KALUAU

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

AMBER MCNELLY

TEACHER - ART

BRIANNA PECHAC

TEACHER - GOV/ECON

ELIJAH WICKANDER

TEACHER - ESS

GREGG PELKA

TEACHER- FUTURE READY

CHRISTINA WILLIAMS

TEACHER - CTE MEDICAL ASSISTING



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KRISTEN AHLSTROM

Congratulations on 12 Years of dedicated service to Buckeye Union High School District from 2010-2022 as a Governing Board Member, Clerk, and President.

Celebrate your accomplishments, enjoy your newfound freedom and always remember what a difference you've made.

Thank You
Mrs. Ahlstrom for
your service to
BUHSD!

