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Buckeye Union High School District

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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT, DR. STEVE BEBEE



Dear BUHSD Parents, Community, and Staff,

One of the things that we stress in BUHSD to our students is the importance of being involved in their community. To help spur this initiative, I started the Superintendent's Challenge in August of this school year for all BUHS, EFHS and YHS students to get out in their community and participate in community service. If a student takes me up on my challenge, any student who earns 50 hours or more per year in Community Service/volunteering (200 hours total in 4 years) by their senior year will receive a Superintendent's Challenge honor cord and certificate at their senior honors and awards night. Those seniors will also be recognized for their service in their graduation programs.

I took this a step farther for those students who might be more ambitious and have a passion for community service. Any BUHSD student who completes 200 hours of community service in one school year will earn a Varsity letter from their school. Community service hours for the 2022-23 school year started accruing on August 3rd and the deadline to earn a Varsity letter for this school year is May 1, 2023.

Understanding this challenge will take some time to get going therefore I have made some accommodations in the number of hours necessary for the Class of 2023 and 2024 since they have less time in high school to complete my challenge.

Classes of 2023, 2024 – A total of 100 hours are needed to complete the Superintendent's Challenge and receive an honor cord for your senior year and graduation recognition.

Classes of 2025 and beyond – will need to complete the full 200 hours that are required. All the information you need to participate as well as the community service log to be filled out and turned in can be found on the BUHSD district's web page under the Superintendent's tab. The deadline to turn in Superintendent's Challenge hours for the 2022-23 school year are April 10, 2023, for Seniors and May 1, 2023, for underclassmen. Community Service log of hours, once approved by the BUHSD Advisor, may be sent via inter-office mail, emailed, or scanned to the attention of MaryLou Martinez /Superintendent's office or MaryLou.Martinez@buhsd.org

I cannot wait to see how many BUHSD students decide to take me up on this challenge.

Sincerely,

Steve Bebee
Superintendent



CHOIR

Freshman Logan Coryell auditioned for the Southwest Region Choir and made it!

Only the top 25 students on each voice part get the opportunity to participate in the Regional Choir, and Logan came in 22nd out of 58 on his voice part!

Logan played the snare drum in marching band this past fall, is playing euphonium in concert band, sings in our choir, and had a part in the fall play. He is currently playing snare drum in our indoor percussion ensemble and just got cast in our musical. Outside of BUHS, he sings with the Phoenix Children's Choir (as a member of the top group, Encore) and takes private voice lessons. The fact that he's only a freshman and is this accomplished blows us away!

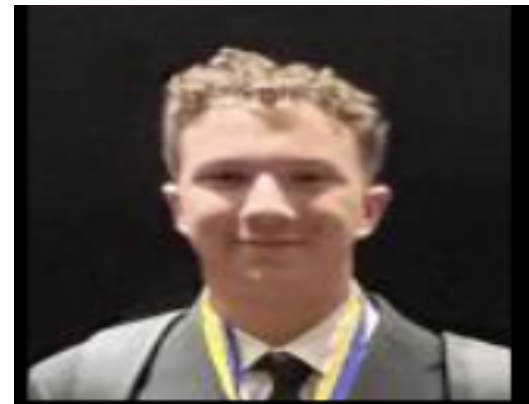
The All-Regional High School Honor Festival of Performance will be held at McClintock High School on February 17 and 18th. Participation in this qualifies Logan to audition for the All-State Choir in March.

Congratulations Logan - we are so proud of your hard work!



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

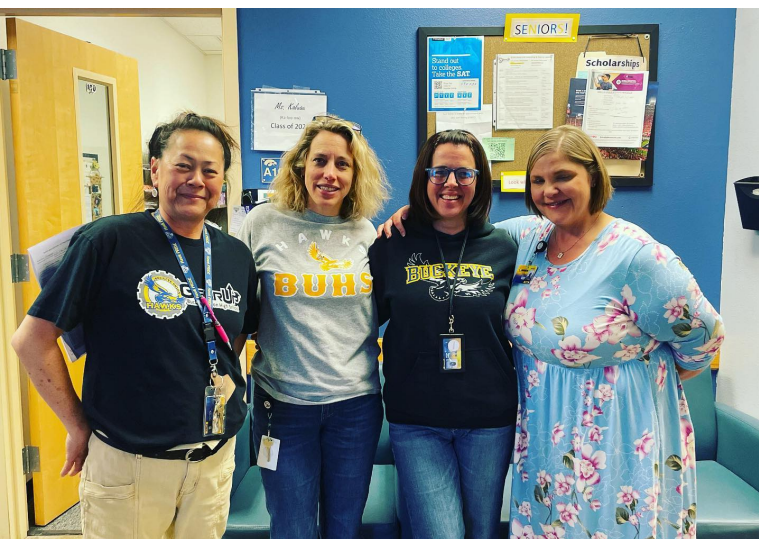
Let us celebrate Jagger Horne, a shining star in the world of Information Technology. Jagger is currently in Mr. Castillo's Coding Class at YHS and conducting his CTE practicum with the IT Techs on campus. Jagger has made a significant contribution to the IT Department in helping investigate vulnerabilities, thereby making the district a safer place for students and staff. His exceptional skills and dedication to this cause has earned him this recognition and has set a high standard for other to follow. Jagger has exceeded the exceptions for this role and we are excited to see what he is capable of in the future.



Student & Staff News

SCHOOL COUNSELORS WEEK

National School Counselors week was celebrated this past week. BUHSD is blessed to have so many great counselors who meet the needs of our students and their families everyday. Please join us in celebrating all our counselors for all that they do.



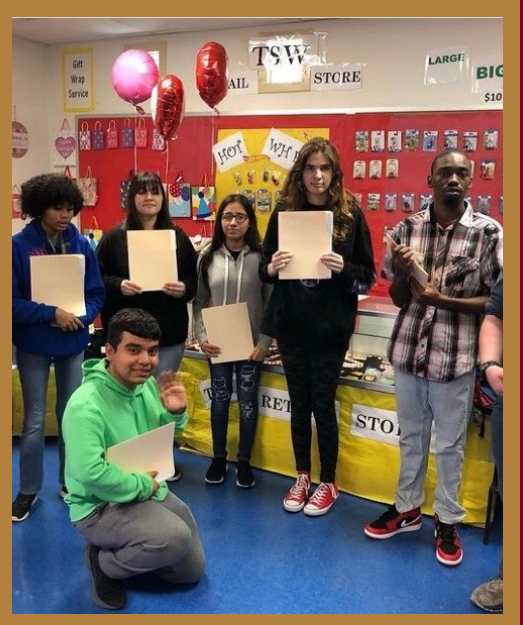
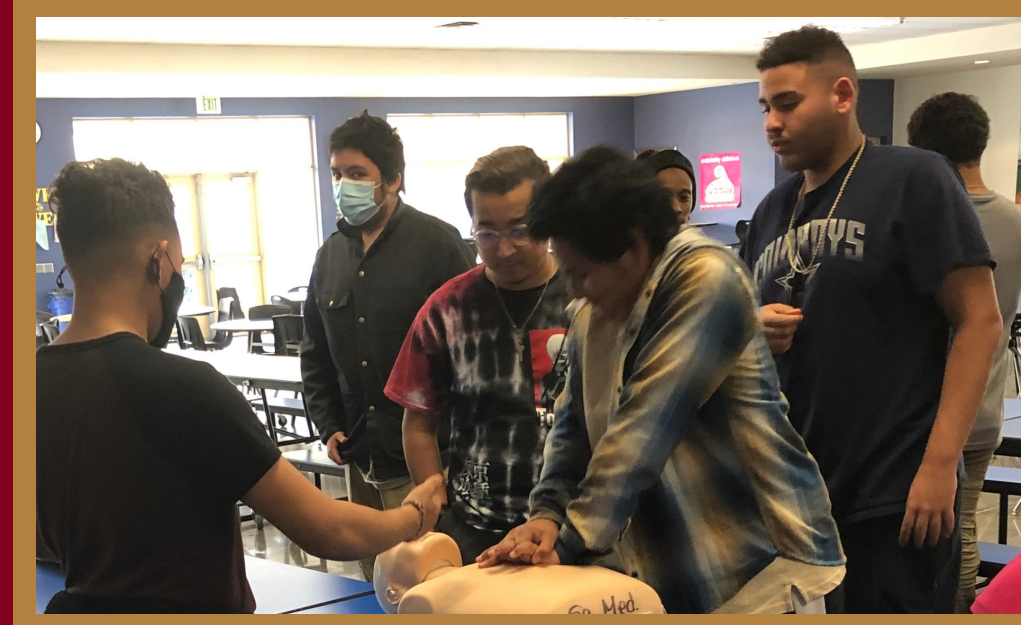
ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION

The Interact Club of EFHS assisted Rotary of Goodyear and Pebble Creek in their roadside clean up efforts. Rotary does monthly clean up in areas of Pebble Creek Parkway (Estrella Pkwy north of I-10) and Indian School Road. Well done Wolves!



TSW STUDENTS IN ACTION

The TSW students have been busy starting off the second semester learning skills to help them in work crews and out in the work force. Tier 1 has started their cooking lessons and learning Skills to Pay the Bills based curriculum. Tier 2 completed basics in First Aid/CPR and Food Safety and Tier 3 started their career portfolio with a new resume and cover letter.



GOLF FUND RAISER SAT 4/15/23 Sundance Golf Club



EARNHARDT
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donated a 2023 ELANTRA SEL
for the winner of a hole-in-one
*restrictions apply

\$350 a 4some

includes: range, 18 holes, lunch, cart, "goodie bag", door prize tickets & some surprises!

\$\$ cash only for some items \$\$



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or

480-712-9228 (text is best)

pre-registration requested
Register online by scanning
QR code

<http://bit.ly/hands4paws2023>



A major portion of the proceeds from this event will go towards the sponsorship of a team of veteran/dog through Soldier's Best Friend. Hands 4 Paws is dedicated to serving shelter and rescue animals ~ a portion of all of our proceeds go to them. Eagle Tail Wolf Sanctuary will benefit from this outing.



Community Connections with Superintendent, Dr. Bebee

It was inspiring to attend the Buckeye Rotary meeting earlier this month at the Chamber to hear YHS and BUHS student delegates talk about their Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program (RYLA) experiences.

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.



CELEBRATING STUDENT ATHLETES

EFHS welcomed the Aguirre family to Liam Henry's (EFHS-RB) signing. The school community is always happy to support a future teammate and fellow district student. Both Liam and Evan Aguirre (YHS-WR) have committed to Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, both signed their National Letter of Intent (NLI). Congratulations Liam and Evan!



AIA UNIFIED SOCCER

The AIA Unified Soccer Qualifier Tournament took place at BUHS. BUHS hosted 11 AIA Unified Soccer teams with two divisions competing in AIA Unified Sports. BUHS, EFHS, & YHS.



SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

In view of the proclamation from Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs declaring January 2023 as School Board Appreciation month, it goes without saying how much we appreciate our Buckeye Union High School District board members. They volunteer hundreds of hours and an immeasurable amount of energy to ensure that our schools are providing the best education possible for the children of our community. We salute these public servants whose dedication and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible. We applaud them for their vision and voice to help shape a better tomorrow. "Thanks for caring about our children's education!"

- Board members currently serving:
- Mr. Brian Turner, elected 2020 (top row)
 - Mr. Nathan Madden, appointed 2022 (top row)
 - Mr. Maggie Lara, elected 2014 (top row)
 - Dr. Megan Blackburn, elected 2020 (bottom row)
 - Mr. Jeffrey Brady, elected 2020 (bottom row)



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DAY

Wednesday, Feb. 15 was National SRO Day and celebrated the officers who bridge the gap between police departments and school districts. An SRO is a full-time law enforcement officer that is trained in school-based, community-oriented policing. SROs serve as protectors, educators and mentors each day.



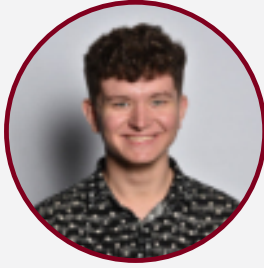
BUHSD IS FUTURE READY

Buckeye Mayor Orsborn, is one of our CTE Month Spotlights for Buckeye Union High School District CTE. Thank you Mayor Orsborn for being a supporter of CTE and proclaiming February as CTE Month for the City of Buckeye!



Student Recognition

FUTURE READY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



RYAN MELLINGER
BUCKEYE UNION



JAIR SANDOVAL DE LA PAZ
ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS



SUMMER DUENAS PARRA
YOUNGKER



CTE STUDENT OF THE MONTH CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION



**RIDGLEY
HOOPER**

BUCKEYE UNION
AIR FORCE
JROTC



**SOPHIA
RAMIREZ**

ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS
HOSA
MEDICAL ASSISTING



**LESLY
APONTE PINEDA**

YOUNGKER
SKILLS USA
CARPENTRY

Staff Recognition



FEBRUARY BUHSD EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

CLASSIFIED STAFF

EVELINA CASTILLO
ADMIN ASSISTANT

NADIA CUTTER
ADMIN ASSISTANT, AP

BRIAN JAIMES
COMPUTER TECHNICIAN

ALBERTO MOYA
CAMPUS SECURITY

CALVIN THOMAS
LIFE SKILLS PARAPRO

CERTIFIED STAFF

MARC JOHNSON
TEACHER - SCIENCE

MIA MCDERMOTT
TEACHER - ENGLISH

AMY RASMUSSEN
TEACHER - ENGLISH

DAWN STARK
TEACHER - MATH

ALYSSA TURNER
TEACHER - MATH

ADMIN STAFF

MUNDI WALLACE
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