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NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT, DR. STEVE BEBEE

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Dear BUHSD Families, Community, and Staff,

As we prepare to wrap up another exciting school year, I wanted to take the time to say "Thank You" to the staff, students, parents, community members and business partners who helped us to create our new strategic plan and allow us to now focus on our future as a district.

I have absolutely enjoyed my time here in BUHSD as the superintendent and I am blessed to continue to build relationships and friendships that support our district. We all know that the cities of Buckeye and Goodyear are an amazing place to live and to work and with the incredibly fast-growing communities we serve, it appears more and more people are beginning to recognize this as well.

I would again like to thank Mayor Orsborn and Mayor Pizzillo as well as both City Councils and the leadership of these great cities for their continued support of BUHSD. This past school year, we joined several west valley school districts in focusing on school safety. From those collaborative efforts, the first ever West Valley Safety Summit took place. We will continue to work with our west valley friends to focus our attention on the safety and well-being of our students and staff as we plan for the 2023-24 school year.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our constituents again for saying "yes for BUHSD" last November. With the return of our override dollars, we can continue to improve our school district for our students. We very much appreciate that those efforts have been met with full support from both cities. Having this support will continue to make it much easier to grow our school district in future years. I would additionally like to thank the faculty and staff in our district for their dedication to our students and for always putting students' best interests first in everything they do and thank the amazing leadership team that I have had the privilege of leading and for the efforts they put into this district. They again put students first in everything they do and collectively they have made a difference in the lives of students across our district through their dedication and commitment to inspire excellence. As a school district, we finally had some normalcy to our school year, and we look forward to the exciting new things that will come our way in the 2023-24 school year.

As we push toward the finish line, I would like to wish all our students, parents, faculty, and staff a very smooth end to the school year. I hope that everyone gets to take some time off, rest and enjoy the summer with family and friends. For our seniors who are graduating next week, I wish you the very best in your post high school aspirations and great success in your lives. Those seniors who chose to take me up on my challenge, thank you for making a difference and for giving back to your community.

Best wishes and Congratulations Class of 2023!

Steve Bebee

Steve Bebee
Superintendent



BUHSD TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Buckeye Union High School District congratulates its 2022-2023 Teachers of the Year!

- Belle Turner - BUHS Math Teacher
- Laura Edwards - EFHS Math and Ed Professions Teacher
- Dawn Stark - YHS Math Teacher

Congrats!



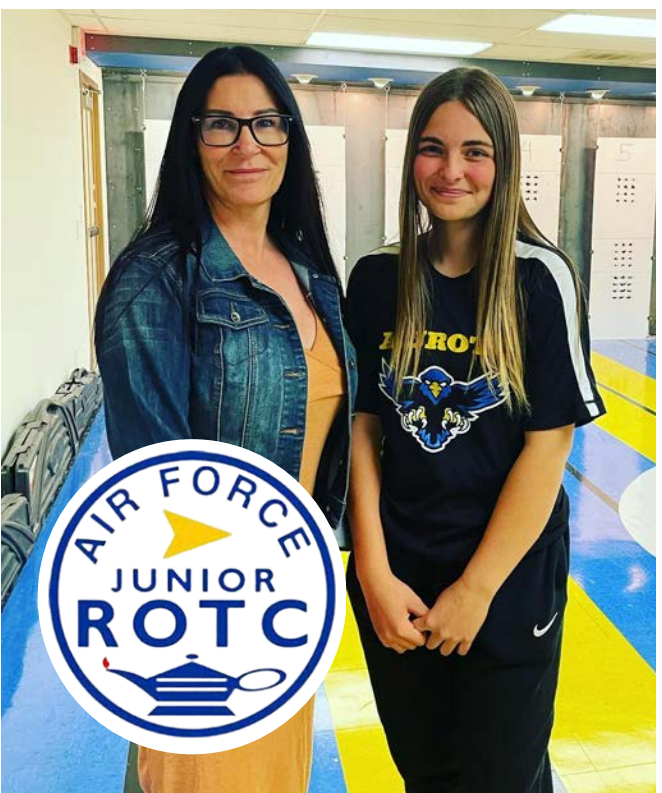
SPECIAL OLYMPICS

BUHSD hosted a Special Olympics Unified Esports competition with YHS & BUHS coming in 2nd place!



AZ JROTC CHAMPION

A shout out to BUHS student, Kylie Rodarte, for being crowned the AZ JROTC all services Air Rifle Champion!



FLINN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Congratulations to YHS Senior Josh Bunnell for being one of this year's Flinn Scholars. Not only is Josh an amazing scholar but also a multi-sport athlete! We are so excited to see what the future holds for him at Arizona State University!



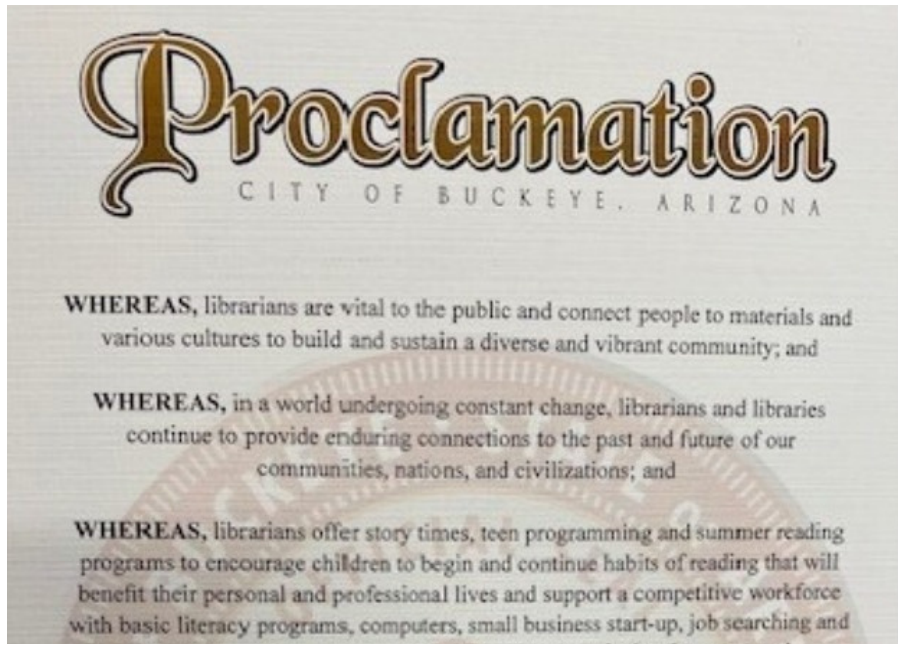
2023 FLINN SCHOLARS

Joshua Bunnell
Residence: Buckeye
Youngker High School



BUCKEYE YOUTH COUNCIL

Buckeye Senior Letura Kpea organized all the details, donations, and City Proclamation for Librarian Appreciation Day which was celebrated late last month. This was part of her Buckeye Youth Council senior project.



FUTURE READY

THE COOP

Congratulations to the Youngker COOP Preschool Graduating Class of 2023!

The Future Ready students at Buckeye Union High School had the opportunity to tour the Jack Meck Water Treatment Facility in Buckeye to learn how things work. What a great learning experience for students.



Community Connections with Superintendent, Dr. Bebee

Congratulations to the recipients of the coveted Lions Club and Rotary Club of Buckeye scholarships. Students were awarded \$500 each towards educational expenses, except for Jarelyn Gildo who received \$2,500. Thank you Lions Club and Rotary Club of Buckeye for your generosity!



- Buckeye Union** - Riley Wood
Sabrina Jaimes-Trujillo
Cheyann Clark
Jarelyn Gildo
Abigail Bishop
- Estrella Foothills** - Karina Madrigal
- Youngker** - Kayla Maltbie

- Buckeye Union** - Esmeralda Guadalupe Osorio Hernandez
Sabrina Jaimes- Trujillo
Christina Wilson
Vincente Esquivel
- Estrella Foothills** - Brenna Lukavich



YHS TRACK TEAM

The YHS Track Team members made the Open Division in Track & Field. Congratulations to:

- Kamrynn Smith in 100M
- Mirellys Nieves in 400M
- Greenlee Henderson in Triple Jump
- Lambdon Liggans in Triple Jump



COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS!

Congratulations to YHS Senior Irafasha Rodrigue for signing with Umpqua Community College (Roseburg, Oregon)!

Noah Killeen is a top senior at EFHS and has been accepted by several top schools in the country but has chosen Yale. Congratulations Noah!

**RIVERHAWK
TRACK & FIELD
CROSS COUNTRY**

**IRAFASHA
RODRIGUE**
YOUNGER HS
ARIZONA

DISTANCE



Student Recognition

FUTURE READY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ADRIANA RODRIGUEZ
BUCKEYE UNION



SOPHIA BOBADILLA
ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS



MIA VERBECK, YHS
YOUNGKER

CTE STUDENT OF THE MONTH CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION



**MAIKYLEIGH
CARTER**

BUCKEYE UNION
FBLA
CODING



**ADDISON
PERES**

ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS
FBLA
CULINARY



**VICTOR
VARGAS**

YOUNGKER
HOSA
MEDICAL ASSISTING



Staff Recognition



MAY BUHSD EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

CLASSIFIED STAFF

RITA JONES

ESS, TSW TRANSITION
SPECIALIST

HARLEY PIRTLE

ESS, LIFE SKILLS PARAPRO

CLARISSA TALAMANTEZ

ESS, LIFE SKILLS PARAPRO

ALYSSA MARKLE

ESS, INSTRUCTIONAL PARAPRO

MARY STORTO

ADMIN ASSIST III, PRINCIPAL

CERTIFIED STAFF

AZUCENA GARCIA BARCENAS

ENGLISH TEACHER

MICHAEL HASLANGER

FINE ARTS TEACHER (THEATRE)

AMY MONTANO

ENGLISH TEACHER

JUSTIN LEWIS

MATH TEACHER

JACOB NELSON

PHYSICAL ED TEACHER

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

JAYME ARRIETA

GEAR UP DIRECTOR

DULCE HAGEN

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

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CAFE
25:35



Congratulations Class of 2023



May 17, 2023
5:00pm
Learning Center



May 17, 2023
8:00pm
Goodyear Ballpark



May 18, 2023
8:00pm
Goodyear Ballpark



May 19, 2023
8:00pm
Goodyear Ballpark

Tickets are not required to attend graduations at the City of Goodyear Ballpark.



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