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Buckeye Union High School District

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Dr. Steve Bebee

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Dear BUHSD Parents, Guardians, and Staff

I would like to formally welcome everyone back from our winter break and I hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Year. As we begin a new year and a new semester, I would like to take the time to formally thank the BUHSD parents, administrators, directors, and support staff who made up the BUHSD Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee to help us make decisions on what cuts we will need to make to reduce our Maintenance and Operations budget by \$1,056,404 for the 2022-23 school year due to our override not being continued this past November. The group was outstanding to work with and by working collaboratively together we were able to get the work done that was needed to take the recommended cuts to the governing board for their approval. While cutting the budget in a growing district is never something that you want to do, we will remain optimistic that through our growth and through our fiscal transparency over the next school year, that we will not have to be in this position again in 2023. BUHSD is committed to continue to develop students who think critically, can apply knowledge at high levels, and use technology to access, evaluate, and communicate information. Our rigorous academic standards and 21st century skills are a bridge to authentic, intellectually challenging work by students. BUHSD will continue to deliver its mission through a strong academic program, a wide range of co-curricular offerings, and a commitment to provide excellence tailored to the individual needs of every student in our district. Our district's System of Learning personifies graduates who are Future Ready and prepared for their next steps after high school graduation and their choice of Career Pathways. In BUHSD our students will continue to have outstanding educational opportunities in traditional academic programs, along with individualized opportunities through our Career and Technical Education department, our English Language Acquisition program, our Exceptional Students Services program, and a large variety of extracurricular activities.

I hope your spring semester is off to a great start and I look forward to seeing you around the district in the future.

Sincerely,
Steve Bebee
Superintendent


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Student & Staff News

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- * May 18th Learning Center Graduation, 5pm at the Learning Center
- * May 18th YHS Graduation, 8pm at the Goodyear Ballpark
- * May 19th EFHS Graduation, 8pm at the Goodyear Ballpark
- * May 20th BUHS Graduation, 8pm at the Goodyear Ballpark

STAY CONNECTED WITH BUHSD

-  District-@BUHSD
- Buckeye Union-@buckeyeunionhawks
- Estrella Foothills-@EstrellaFoothills
- Youngker-@YoungkerHS
- Learning Center-@BUHSDLC
-  Superintendent, Dr. Bebee-@SBebeee_BUHSD

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Youngker High School FAFSA Night Workshop.
 - When: Wednesday Feb. 16th
 - Where: YHS Media Center
 - Time: 5:00pm (Session 1) or 6:30pm (Session 2)
- 2022 Family Hope Fest
 - When: Saturday, Feb. 26th
 - Time: 11AM-4PM
- Gear Up for High School Success
 - When: May 26th
 - Where: High School where you 9th grader will attend high school (BUHS, YHS, EFHS)
 - Time: 9AM- 1PM
 - Register at: <https://forms.office.com/r/xp2US3rqa3>

*** Please visit our website to view flyers and more details about these upcoming events.**

The commencement ceremony is an important event in the lives of our students and their families; therefore, we want to make sure that you have these important dates on your calendars now. Seniors at each campus will have a graduation meeting this spring to receive school specific information about the ceremony, rehearsal schedules, attire for graduation, and such. We are excited for our graduating seniors and hope that this last semester of high school provides them good memories before moving on to bigger and better dreams!

Student & Staff News

Gear Up News and Events:

BUHS Upcoming Events:

- January 27th- Financial Aid Family Hands On workshop. In this workshop, families will have access to several FAFSA experienced professionals to help with FAFSA completion. We encourage all students and their parents to apply for FAFSA. Students can earn free money for college by completing the FAFSA.
- March 24th- 11th Grade Family "What You Need to Know for the Senior Year" Night. All 11th grade parents & students are encouraged to attend this event to prepare for the senior year. Information will be provided regarding graduation, caps & gowns, college applications, Financial Aid (FAFSA), and scholarships.
- May 2nd- Senior Decision Day. On this day, we will celebrate seniors as they commit their plans after high school. They will declare which university, college, trade school, military branch, or internship they will attend upon graduation.
- March 24 and April 24- West-Mec Field Trip for 9th & 10th graders
- Weekly increasing vocabulary and knowledge for students and families.

EFHS Upcoming Events:

- Admissions Workshop: EFHS will be having admissions and scholarship workshops during Wolf Den for Maricopa Community Colleges in January and February. Complete all admissions steps and join us for a field trip to the EMCC campus on 3/25 to register for classes. Get a jump start on your future. January 28, February 11, and February 25
- ASVAB Testing: Thursday, February 3 EFHS will be offering the ASVAB to 11th or 12th graders. Register today for the February 3rd ASVAB. This will be the only ASVAB test offered in 2nd semester at EFHS. Check out the Armed Forces Bulletin Board in the 400 building for more information, military contacts and ASVAB test prep.
- GEAR UP and Counseling Family Workshop on Elective Pathways/Curriculum and Welcoming any Incoming 9th grade parents: Wednesday January 26 @ 8:30am in the EFHS Flex Space or via Zoom.
- NEXT Steps Meeting: Mrs. Pond will be meeting with all Seniors 1:1 to finalize post high school plans, scholarships, and FAFSA completion.
- 9th/10th Wolf Den Presentations: Mrs. Pond and Mrs. Rossiter have teamed up to present to 9th and 10th grade Wolf Dens on the topic of Skills and Strategies to Manage Emotions and Stress.

YHS Upcoming Events:

- UTI visiting Youngker High School = January 27th (cars and motorcycles will be on display, reps available to talk with kids on careers in automotive and welding industries, virtual welding competition and much more!)
- Army simulation truck at Youngker High School = February 7th Come see the day in the life of an Army Soldier in this virtual reality experience.
- FAFSA application night = February 16th Need FREE money for school? We'll help you complete your FAFSA and provide a delicious dinner for FREE! (flyer attached)
- We also have community college application workshops every Thursday from January 20th until spring break.
- We also have Next Steps workshops with ASU and U of A (both in person!!!)



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Staff Recognition

January Employee of the Month

Award Recipient	School	Job Title
Mike Neu	District Office	CTE Director
Molly Northupsmith	Youngker	Teacher - Science
Chad Williams	Estrella Foothills	Teacher- English
Melissa Veo	Buckeye Union	Teacher- CTE- Agriculture
Dan Bauer	Buckeye Union	Teacher - CTE- Auto/ Adv. Welding
Joseph Lamar Baker	Estrella Foothills	Teacher- ESS
Jesus Gonzales	Maintenance and Transportation	Maintenance Technician
Louie Faison	Estrella Foothills	Security Guard
Rebecca Conner	Youngker High	Early Child Care Provider
Evelina Castillo	Buckeye Union	ESS Admin Asst
Britlynd Battaglia	District Office	CTE Data Reporter Tech

Student Recognition

January Future Ready Students of the Month



Princess has been a leader, great student, does the schools morning announcements, and is aspiring to become a Veterinarian.

Braxton has picked a career goal of becoming a Mechanical Engineer to work with his father and help the company grow. Braxton is taking AP classes, and maximizing those credits.



Throughout ReAna's under classman years she has been on the badminton, track and field as the high jumper and hurdler, and basketball team. In her upper classman years she has become Link Crew Ambassador, Secretary of the National Honors Society, and has helped many incoming freshman. ReAna hopes to attend Texas Southern a historical black college and earn her degree in Psychology and begin her career as a Mental Health Counselor.

January CTE Students of the Month



Mateo Garcia- De La Cruz
Buckeye Union



Keana Pope
Estrella Foothills



Juan Estrada Hernandez
Youngker High