

# BUHSD NEWSLETTER 201

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## A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT, DR. STEVE BEBEE

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Dear BUHSD Parents/Guardians, Community, and Staff,

We are very excited to have kicked off the start of the 2023-24 school year, and to see our students and their families back on all our campuses this year. The start of every school year seems to bring with it a positive energy that exists with our staff and our students.

Over the summer, we had the opportunity to continue to focus on the curriculum that will be taught with an emphasis on effective use of instructional minutes on our school campuses. We are blessed in BUHSD to have our 90-minute block schedule that allows our teachers to have more time daily with their students to ensure that learning is truly taking place. Our block schedule also allows for our students to have more elective classes and to truly get the opportunity to experience those subject areas they are interested in exploring. Having fewer classes in the school day allows our students to have more time for those important hands-on experiences and to have time for reteach and enrichment as a part of every class we offer. We are excited to welcome new students to our district and for the opportunities that each new school year provides our students as the year progresses. High school can be some of the most meaningful educational years for students, and we encourage all students to find those activities they enjoy which then shape the climate and culture of our schools. We want our students to want to be at school and work diligently to make our campuses viable learning spaces.

As a district, we are working to continue to improve our communications with all stakeholders. One of the easiest ways for us to communicate quickly and consistently is through our district app. If you have not downloaded the BUHSD app on your smart device, we encourage you to do so. Having the BUHSD district app will allow you to receive information and communication from the district as well as any of your school sites that you choose to follow. Communication is key and we want all our students, parents/guardians, and staff to be informed. This school year, I encourage our BUHSD students to give back to their communities by participating in the "Superintendent's Challenge". As a part of my challenge, students who complete community service hours will again be recognized on each campus and can earn a varsity letter and/or cords to wear at graduation. The information about my challenge can be found on the district web page under the Superintendent's page. I hope all students decide to take me up on this challenge.

The start of the school year is always exciting, and I look forward to the interactions I get to have with students, parents/guardians, staff, and community members this year. I would like to wish everyone an outstanding 2023-24 school year. Go Hawks, Wolves, Roughriders, and Bulldogs!

Sincerely,

Steve Bebee  
Superintendent



## SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Hello! I would like to introduce myself. My name is Scott Warner and I am the new Director of Safety and Security for the Buckeye Union High School District. I am excited to be part of the BUHSD team in this newly created position. I spent the first 20 years of my working life in law enforcement and now am entering my 17th year in education. I was most recently at the Deer Valley Unified School District in a similar position. Superintendent Bebee has charged me with updating and standardizing our safety procedures for the district including discipline and long term suspensions, threat assessments, emergency operations plans, and physical security. I also want to hear from you.

Do you have some ideas about how we can make our district safer? I would love to hear them. Please email me at [scott.warner@buhsd.org](mailto:scott.warner@buhsd.org) and look for more communication from me in the coming months.



## WAY TO GO!

It's so exciting when someone from the school district earns a big award. Congratulations on your incredible success Melissa Veo and Misty Moore!

**ACTE AZ 2023 TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**Melissa Veo**  
Buckeye Union High School  
Ag Teacher

A portrait of Melissa Veo, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a dark, textured, long-sleeved dress. She is smiling against a gold background.

**FCCLA 2023 TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**Misty Moore**  
Youngker High School  
Culinary Teacher

A portrait of Misty Moore, a woman with long curly hair, wearing a black top and pants. She is holding a framed certificate that reads "CERTIFICATE OF AWARD We proudly recognize Misty Moore For being the 2023-2024 Teacher of the Year." She is wearing a red lanyard and smiling against a gold background.



## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The City of Buckeye's Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce offers a Buckeye Leadership Program, which is a 15-week program covering the inner works of The City of Buckeye, Schools, Non-Profit organizations, and major employers in the valley to better prepare Buckeye Residents for leadership roles throughout the valley. Three of the district's staff members were part of Class 17 and were recognized by Mayor Orsborn at the City of Buckeye council meeting (May 2023) for completing the program. Congratulations to all with a special mention for:

- Brandon Hagen – Campus Technician
- Dulce Hagen – HR Director
- Kanishia Thomas – BUHS ESS Teacher



## Community Connections with Superintendent, Dr. Bebee

Over the summer, BUHSD hosted an informational meeting with several leaders of the faith-based communities of Buckeye and Goodyear to discuss how we could support each other over the next school year. We had a great conversation about the support the school district could offer our faith-based organization and the support those organizations could provide the district. We share the same students and families and look forward to continued conversations. This school year, BUHSD is creating a Faith-Based Council that will meet quarterly to continue these conversations. Our first official meeting will be September 14th at 6:00 pm in the district A wing conference room.

*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@buhd.org](mailto:marylou.martinez@buhd.org) for scheduling.*



## WELCOME TO OUR TEAM!

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### CERTIFIED

#### **BUHS CAMPUS:**

- Bob Campbell III - PE
- Anne Coryell - Ceramics
- Christine Hanes - English
- Luke Larm - Math
- Abigail Lyon - ESS
- Jonathan Lyon - Social Science
- Holli Sierra - Math
- James Winter - English

#### **EFHS CAMPUS:**

- Rose Ahmad - Math
- Richard Alexander - Social Science
- Emmanuel Blanco - Math
- Taylor Cluff - Foreign Lang, Spanish
- Christopher Haefner - Math
- Daniel Hesse - Science
- Sean Iverson - ESS
- Kyle Krater - Social Science
- Sherwood Perkins IV - English
- Shy Schroder - Math
- Kimberly Sears - Guidance
- Alec Suarez - Social Science

#### **LC CAMPUS:**

- Nicolle Morgan - Guidance
- Sara Price - English

#### **YHS CAMPUS:**

- Anurita Arora - Math
- William Babb - Character Coach
- Stacey Boggs - EL
- Julianne Brown - Guidance
- Scott Davis - Social Science
- Scott Grossman - ESS
- Dale Henderson - Guided Study
- David Lopez - ESS
- Bailey Montgomery - English
- George Rodriguez III - English
- Sarah Smith - Future Ready
- Alicia Szymonik - Social Science
- Andrea Tran - ESS

### CLASSIFIED

#### **BUHS CAMPUS:**

- Jose Angulo – Part Time Custodian
- Marcia Cain – Life Skills Para
- Nevaeh Garcia – Life Skills Para
- Paige Fehr – Admin Asst II, Guidance
- Elena Flowers – Sub Bus Driver
- Mekayla Fuller – Life Skills Para
- Mihai Popescu – Computer Tech
- Jada Smith – 1:1 Para

#### **EFHS CAMPUS:**

- Connie Crawfoot – Instructional Para
- Jack Henderson – Campus Security
- Amanda Holmes – Admin Asst I, Rover
- Gloria Yslava – Admin Asst I, Attendance

#### **YHS CAMPUS:**

- Christina Clawson – COOP Child Care Provider II
- Deanna Cuevas – Admin Asst I, Rover
- Dawn Porter – Campus Security
- Nicole Sosa – COOP Child Care Provider II

#### **LC CAMPUS:**

- Fabiola Hernandez – Part time Custodian
- Nicole Morales – Admin Asst I, Attendance
- Alycia Peters – Bus Aide
- Shayla Trejo – Bus Aide
- Cindy Urbalejo – Bus Aide

# Welcome