

To: BUSD School Board
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Academics

Benchmarks

Our ELA timed writing benchmark results showed some improvement, but as our teacher analysis indicated, there were some persistent issues that have not improved with any significance the last three quarters. The rubric scores between Q2 and Q3 did not show great improvement overall other than a significant doubling of the number of 12th grade students scoring a 4. However, worth noting is the general improvement of struggling students in 12th grade. The Q1 benchmark results showed that 27% of all CP 12th graders scoring a 0 or 1 score, but only 3% scoring in this range on the Q3. Also, 12th graders scoring a 3 score increased 27% from Q1 to Q3. A positive decreasing trend was our 10th graders scoring in the 1 to 2 range which decreased by 12% while those scoring in the 3 to 4 range increased by 7% (8% increase in the 4 range).

Students across all grade levels have improved their analysis of what a particular prompt is asking and therefore creating thesis statements that address the prompt and generally respond appropriately to what the prompt is asking in the essay as a whole. The 12th grade prompt, as indicated in the teacher analysis, created some unforeseen difficulties because of the difficulty of the prompt and also because students received little to no instruction on the prompt itself compounded the issue. By 12th grade this scaffolding should be pulled away particularly by Q3.

The majority of our teachers still feel the need to work on body paragraphs and there were also comments, which we have seen in every benchmark, about the challenges struggling readers encounter when they are asked to write analytically while struggling to comprehend what a prompt is even asking.

Finally, our ELA team has been using the online testing platform in Illuminate to test students on additional CCSS claims, targets and standards using assessments they have built. We will soon be providing data from these assessments.

The math benchmarks are now created and reside in Illuminate as are the accompanying reports and analysis. These benchmarks are the same benchmarks that were in OARS and used in previous years but teachers spent PLC time this year reviewing and updating some of those assessments. Our math teachers have selected a report format that give feedback on standards performance by course and ranks the standard performance of our students from the highest performance on a standard to the lowest while continuing to assign point values to each standard. The commentary and analysis in this report echoes reports in the past in that challenges that the CCSS standards present are consistent from benchmark to benchmark and year to year - questions with multiple answers, performance tasks and multistep problems. Our math team has been the most consistent with implementing EDI and recognize the value and impact of their implementation.

Our social studies 3Q reports are the first using Illuminate and are providing subgroup performance data which is a welcome addition to the report and as expected “illuminates” the achievement gaps between whites and other ethnic groups, but also between English Only “EO” speakers and others.

Our science benchmarks for Q3 have substantially changed incorporating much more CCSS and NGSS tasks and have progressively evolved to focus more on writing and close reading analysis. The goal of this new

format, as noted by biology teacher Don Rowan, is aimed at “providing a more standardized measure of academic reading and writing progress across multiple subjects and years.”

Signing Day

BUHS staff represented their or their kids' colleges by wearing college t-shirts or sweatshirts on College Signing Day. The Bronco Roundup conducted individual interviews of students who had committed to college and these interviews will be aired on the Bronco Stampede program in the Roundup and also run on the school digital media displays. A list of students and their college choice will also be in the Bronco Roundup and on the digital media displays.



School Climate and Connectedness

ASB Director’s May Report to the BUSD School Board



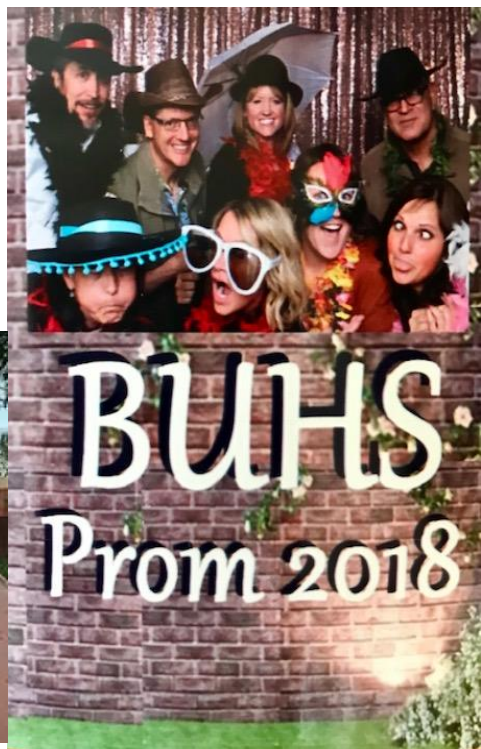
Year's-end is around the bend! Here is what ASB has planned for the remaining weeks.

City Council Meetings: ASB President Erika Ellis will continue to participate in meetings as her schedule allows.

Advertising: BUHS ASB and our Graphic Arts program continue to work together and improve our posters and signage. We have received many positive comments.

Student Store: The ASB student dollar store sales have picked up with the warming weather! Open every day at break, ASB students sell healthy snacks. We still have few tie-dye BUHS ASB t-shirts, popular among all staff and students, available for a \$10 donation (M and L only). Contact Mr. Rowan if you are interested before they are all gone!

Prom: Our "Garden of Lights" Prom at Whiskey Creek on **Saturday, April 21st** was, according to BUHS Junior Jeniffer Velazquez., "Prom Slapped!" (which means awesome). For ASB, it was a great success and we hope to use that location again next year. Over 200 elegantly dressed students were in attendance. BUHS seniors Ben Holland and Gracie Sandoval were crowned Prom King & Queen, respectively. We



thank all involved.

2018-19 ASB Elections: ASB elections, speeches, and interviews are scheduled for May. ASB is excited students at HSMS who are interested in joining BUHS ASB next year. They were recruited at our Bronco Pride Night in March.

Drive-in Movie Night: ASB is planning on having their second ever Drive-in Movie Night on **Friday, May 18th** at BUHS. Tickets are \$5 per adult and \$3 per child and will be sold at the event. We are planning on showing a kids movie first, and then another movie for the high school students and adults later. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Stay tuned for more information on movie titles, etc.

Senior Send-off Assembly: Our Senior Send Off Assembly to honor our current senior class is scheduled for **Thursday, May 24th** in the West Gym during Home Room. HSMS 8th graders will be in attendance during this changing of the guard.

ASB End-of Year Party: As described in previous Board reports, one will notice that ASB has been extremely busy this 2017-18 school year. To honor all the hard working students, ASB will hold a party for them on **Friday, May 25th** at the Mammoth Bowling Alley. Please thank any BUHS ASB student you encounter for their hard work and dedication to improving many aspects of BUHS..

Important Dates & Event (Mark Your Calendars!)

<u>Drive-In Movie Night</u> : Friday, May 18th 745-1030 PM
<u>Senior Send Off Assembly</u> : Thursday, May 24th
<u>ASB End-of Year Party</u> : Friday, May 25th

May 2018: Guidance & Counseling Report

Department:

Master schedule is in progress. 4th quarter progress reports will be in the mail in the next 24 hours. 1:1 student conferences will begin on tomorrow or Friday to try to assist those that are at risk for failure.

Summer school 2018: Enrollment forms were mailed home for any F grades AND to students with a D in English, Social Studies and Math 1 or Math 2 to recoup “a-g” eligibility. These are students who need to repeat a failed English, Math 1, Math 2, US history, World History or Health or who need to improve a D grade (in English or Social Studies) to maintain “a-g” eligibility. Plus any spring semester failures that may still happen.

Prevention: a PLUS forum took place on 5/7. This Forum targeted the “unknown students” who we identified through the “Know every student” activity and grade level team meetings that took place in April.

Tardy Incentive/ Goal Grade incentive Pilot: Tardy incentive: Students who had no (zero) tardies from May 4 – 10th will be rewarded with a 12:30 lunch release on 5/11 (this is :10 minutes early). On

Link Crew. We received over 50 applications for 2018-19 Link Crew program. The “try out” or May Day will Monday, May 21st during periods 2-4. 40 students will selected to be our Link Leaders.

Testing:

CAASPP Testing: 11th grade SBAC testing will take place May 15, 17, 22, 23. This year we are using 4 groups of 30-33 each for a smaller test environment. The Lion’s Club and Bishop Rotary are bringing breakfast for the students on test days.

CAST Testing: 12th grade CA Science Test field test will take place on May 16th.

AP Exams are in progress: May 8 – 16th.

SAT: 59 Students plan to take the June 2 SAT.

AWPE: UC’s writing placement exam, on 5/12 three of our seniors planning to attend a UC campus will be taking the AWPE as they did not meet the entry level writing requirement (pass an AP English or score 680 on the Evidence Based Reading /Writing SAT or score of 30 or higher on the ACT).

Senior activities:

Seniors with completed community service and 65% or higher in all classes selected their graduation seats on 5/2. The next activity will be Senior Picnic on 5/18 for students who’ve completed community service and have minimum 65% in classes required for graduation by 5/16.

On 5/11 seniors will receive cap & gowns and do the “graduate walk” through the elementary halls.

Athletics :

May Athletics Report

Some spring sports are wrapping up league competition. Track has completed league. The girls are league champions. Four qualifiers for CIF travel to Exeter on Wednesday May 9 th . To qualify for CIF, you must have a fully automated time, which can only be achieved at invitational or our league finals. The golf team is the High Desert League and CIF Division 3 Champions! This is our second CIF Championship win in golf in the central section, exactly 4 years apart. A few individuals may continue on the Valley Area meet, qualifying cut scores will be announced May 8 th . Currently the baseball team is in 2 nd place in the league and they are ranked #1 in their new division 6. Play offs begin on Tuesday May 15th. The softball team will complete their season with their last league game on May 10 th . The girls and boys track team and golf were recognized for spring academics having a team GPA of 3.0 or higher. Congratulations to Kristen Lamb for being selected at the Central Section Scholar Athlete of the year and earning a \$1000 scholarship.

One would think athletics are wrapping up with the conclusion of spring sports, but spring football begins May 21. Our student athletes seem to always have an opportunity to improve themselves and their game. Also we have had try outs for cheer and dance and now have a spirit squad of 28 that begins practicing in May. They plan to go to camp in June so they can perform and be around for Freshmen Orientation.

Lastly, the Bishop Boosters will be hosting a fundraising BBQ on Saturday June 2 nd at the fairgrounds. A \$25 ticket will buy you a tri tip dinner, musical entertainment, adult beverages, and a chance to support all athletics. All sports teams have tickets if anyone is interested in attending!