



Dr. Kristi Sandvik
Superintendent

Superintendent's Letter
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Dear Colleagues, Parents and Community Members,

We have so much to celebrate as we come to the end of another school year. At the end of April we held our second annual Education Foundation for BESD. The “Denim and Diamonds Gala” was co-chaired by Tmber DeLong and LesLee White, and they did an amazing job. Nearly 350 people attended and helped raise more than \$30,000 for BESD student and staff projects! This was only our second year and already our event is larger than many other West Valley school foundation fundraisers. I want to congratulate all of the volunteers for all of their dedication and hard work. You can view a video of the wonderful evening [here](#).

On Friday, May 13, BESD will give its Passionate About Student Success (P.A.S.S.) Award to the following staff, students and community members who have made outstanding contributions to the success of students of the District. This prestigious award is the highest recognition given in the Buckeye District. Its objective is to recognize those who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of education in the District and in the community. Congratulations to the following:

- Aimee Singletarry, Kindergarten teacher at Jasinski Elementary School
- Dylan Basch, 8th grader at Inca Elementary
- Bobby Williams, Purchasing Tech at the Central Office
- Byron Clark, a Volunteer at Buckeye Preschool
- Cody Montgomery, an 8th grader at Jasinski Elementary
- Crystal Weaver, second grade Teacher at Bales Elementary
- Darrin Weaver, Bales Elementary Volunteer
- Dan Bunnell, WestPark parent who contributes to the school and the community
- Diamond McGraw, a parent Volunteer with Inca Elementary School
- Erica Boettcher, a Staff Member at Inca Elementary
- Gagan Bhullar, Technology Teacher and Art Club Sponsor at WestPark Elementary
- Jodie Hice, a parent Volunteer and Substitute Teacher at Buckeye Elementary
- Karen Peyer, a sixth grade Teacher at Buckeye Elementary School



- Nijya Gray, 8th grader at Buckeye Elementary School

- Meghan Pablo, 8th grader at WestPark Elementary
- Maisy Salcido-Lugo, 8th grader at Bales Elementary
- Sue Johnson, Human Resources Director for the District
- Sue Helm, Site Coordinator for Read On With Buckeye.
- Heather Orozco, Intervention Specialist at Sundance School
- Marianna Ruiz, 8th grade student at Sundance School
- Alyvia Meacham, a preschool student at Buckeye Preschool
- Ingrid Holloway, a Volunteer from the Sundance Active Adult Community
- Jessica Ebel-Wheat, Preschool Teacher at the Buckeye Preschool, and
- Valerie Orvis, Administrative Assistant at Jasinski Elementary

I invite you to become an active community member in our District and help make a difference in our schools. You can join the Parent/Superintendent Council or Site Councils at each of our schools. In addition, our BESD Foundation would love to have you as an active member in helping our teachers and programs. Be sure to follow us on Twitter or Facebook. These are all opportunities to connect with us and see why we are “Passionate About Student Success.”

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