

Celebrations, Collaboration, and Gratitude

Dear B-ESD Families,

I trust this message finds you well as we navigate through the vibrant month of November. It has been an incredible journey of celebrations, learning, and collaboration across our school district. I'd like to take this opportunity to recap some of the highlights from the past few weeks.

We kicked off November with a flurry of fall festivities that showcased the creativity and spirit of our school community. From the annual parade at Edison to the pumpkin decorating contest at Allen, schools across the District truly embraced this autumn season. Special shoutouts to West View and B-EHS for hosting fantastic Día de Los Muertos events, including the mesmerizing performances by our Baile Folklórico dancers and the unforgettable encore demanded by the audience for our incredible Mariachi band.

In my ongoing effort to understand the student experience in our district, I spent a day this month as an elementary student at Allen. The warm welcome and support I received from Allen students and staff affirmed the positive learning environment we strive to create.



The 32nd Annual B-EHS Craft Fair, organized by the Band Boosters, was a smashing success earlier this month. This event, featuring over 100 vendors, benefited 9th-12th grade band classes, including Jazz, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Marching Band, Pep Band, and Mariachi.

November is designated as Native American Heritage Month - an opportunity to celebrate the rich and diverse cultures and traditions of Native Americans. Throughout the district, we engaged in meaningful discussions and highlighted the vibrant tapestry of Native American cultures, enriching the educational experiences of our students and fostering unity within our diverse community.

We also took time this month to celebrate and honor our Veterans. Our schools hosted various assemblies and events to honor and recognize the men and women who have served our country. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about the sacrifices made by our veterans and to express our gratitude for their dedication and service.

We also had multiple opportunities for family conferences throughout the month of November. B-EHS in particular used conferences as an opportunity to strengthen relationships with families in support of our students. Building a strong partnership with families is essential to our students' success.

The B-EHS Fall Drama Production of 'It's a Wonderful Life' opened on November 16th. I encourage you to attend and witness the talent of our students on display. Additional performances are on December 1st and 2nd at B-EHS.





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This month I attended the WSSDA Conference in Bellevue alongside our tremendous B-ESD Board Members. It was great to have all of our Board members there learning together. Our monthly Regular Board and Work Study Meetings were used to learn more about our school safety and security needs, report on our district's Equity Policy, and to celebrate student groups like our Naval Sea Cadets. We also recognized the service of our departing board members, David Lowell and Troy Wright, and we look forward to welcoming our new board members, Elli Haddick and Shayna Campbell, at our December meeting.



Additionally, I had the privilege of holding a parent meeting conducted in Mixteco, furthering our commitment to inclusivity and understanding the needs of our diverse community. We recently hosted a Parent Advisory Committee Meeting focused on Cultural Responsiveness, fostering a more inclusive and supportive environment for our students and their families.

Our Winter Sports Season has commenced, and I encourage you to extend your full support to our student-athletes, coaches, and staff involved in these programs. Your dedication contributes to a positive and enriching experience for our students.

As we approach the holiday season, I want to express my gratitude for the incredible and ongoing support from our community for our schools. This dedication and partnership makes a significant impact, and I am thankful to have such a committed community.

Wishing you peace and happiness as we begin the exciting month of December.

Best regards,

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