



# WAW GIWULK HA-MAMŞCAMKUD CEKŞAÑ NEWSLETTER

## Our Mission

*Our students will be loved, encouraged, and prepared to take on the world by embracing our Himdag.*

## A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT DÍAZ

Dear BUSD Family,

As we continue to uphold the vision of Baboquivari USD, which is to "create **H**ealthy, **I**nspiring, **M**otivating, **D**eveloping, **A**chieving **G**raduates," I would like to extend our appreciation on behalf of the BUSD family to our families and partners.

This year, the BUSD team has invested its energies to provide learning opportunities for students to engage in their learning, increasing their knowledge in the O’odham language, finding creative ways to increase our transportation services for students, updating facilities, meeting with as many districts to make connections with families, and learning new ways in which to build partnerships.

Some of our celebrations included secondary students declaring their intent after graduation...college, workforce, and military. Our BHS STUCO students traveled to Washington, DC to advocate for districts serving Native American students. They were also recognized nationally for their service to the school and the community. Other students represented our district at the State Capital during the Annual Youth Advocacy Day. And, our Warriors made it to State Finals in football and basketball. Our celebrations also include our students serving as ambassadors while performing traditional songs and dances for events outside of our District.

Another special celebration includes our Governing Board Member Sylvia Hendricks receiving the ASBA Barbara Robey School Board Member of the Year award for her outstanding service and contributions significantly benefiting our community.

For the 2024-2025 school year, we will need everyone’s support to reach our goals:

- 90% attendance by student, by class, by grade level, and by school
- 70% proficiency in reading and math
- Implementing engaging and culturally relevant standards-based instruction
- Supporting and challenging one another through systems that work

BUSD successes are only possible thanks to the support from our dedicated staff, committed families, and valuable partnerships. We look forward to collaborating and providing opportunities for all of us to grow in order to open the doors of opportunities for our students.

Mark your calendar for July 25, 2024 for the First Day of School. Have a great summer!

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# SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE TO THE CLASS OF 2024

## YOU DID IT!!!

As we gather here today to bid farewell to our esteemed high school senior class of 2024, I am filled with a profound sense of pride and admiration for each and every one of you. Over the years, you have grown not only in knowledge and intellect but also in character and resilience. Today, as you stand here, you are closing a chapter and starting a new one, please remember Four simple yet powerful words:

### **Be Authentic, Be Ready, Be Willing, and Be Able**

#### **Number 1: Be Authentic**

In a world that often demands conformity, it is your authenticity that will set you apart. Embrace your uniqueness, your quirks, and your individuality with pride. For it is when you are true to yourself that you will find your truest success and fulfillment.

As you embark on this journey, remember that there is no failure, only learning opportunities. Each setback, each challenge is an opportunity for growth and self-discovery. Embrace these moments with humility and grace, knowing that they are shaping you into the resilient, compassionate leaders of tomorrow.

#### **Number 2: Be Ready**

Be ready to seize every opportunity that comes your way, to step out of your comfort zone, and to embrace the unknown.

#### **Number 3: Be Willing**

Be willing to work hard, to persevere in the face of adversity, and to never settle for anything less than your best.

#### **Number 4: Be Able**

And, most importantly, be able to recognize the immense potential within yourselves, and the power you hold to make a difference in the world.

You are the bridge between this generation of advocacy and the next generation of empowerment. As you venture forth into the world, remember the lessons you have learned within these halls. Use your voice, your talents, and your passion to advocate for positive change, to uplift those around you, and to leave a lasting impact on the world.

Finally, remember that many people walk the path, but only a few leave a footprint behind. As you journey forward, strive to leave a legacy of kindness, compassion, and excellence in all that you do. Be the change you wish to see in the world, and inspire others to follow in your footsteps.

As we part ways, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the parents, staff, and community members who have supported and nurtured you along this journey. Your dedication, love, and guidance have helped shape these remarkable young men and women into the leaders they are today.

In closing, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you. May your futures be bright, your dreams be bold, and your hearts be filled with the courage to chase them. Go forth and make your mark on the world, knowing that the best is yet to come.





## 2023-2024 HIMDAG AWARD RECIPIENTS

As we continue to uphold the vision of Baboquivari USD, which is to "create **H**ealthy, **I**nspiring, **M**otivating, **D**eveloping, **A**chieving **G**raduates," there have been leaders in our district and leading organizations that have partnered with our district to create new learning opportunities for our students.

We would like to take a moment to recognize some of these outstanding individuals and organizations for their commitment to our students, families, and community.

### Sells District

Recognized for their support in sponsoring students attending the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools conference in which students had the opportunity to advocate for schools districts across the nation serving Native American students.

### Arizona School Board Association

Recognized for choosing to create advocacy opportunities for our young leaders.

### Nyeshia Thomas

Recognized for going above and beyond her duties in the Sunrise House.

### BUSD Employees Serving More Than 20 Years

- Michael Juan, 42 years
- Rozanne Lejero, 39 years
- Joseph Mease, 36 years
- Cynthia Wilson, 26 years
- Lois Lejero, 26 years
- Pamela Pancho, 24 years
- Janece Hendricks, 23 years
- Geraldine Pablo, 21 years
- Dr. Janice Pettigrew, 21 years
- Kenneth Wilson, 20 years

### Johnson O'Malley

Recognized for supporting BUSD in creating incentives to promote attendance, book dispenser machines using tokens as rewards for free books, artifacts related to the house system to promote attendance, a welcoming and fun learning environment, and sponsoring students to advocacy events locally and out of state.

## PROMOTIONS PARTICIPATION

Dear Families and Community Members,

Thank you for showing your support and love to our students by participating in our 2023-2024 promotions and graduation ceremonies. These events are reminders that working together and keeping our students' future in mind will result in nothing less than success.

Special thanks to all the parents and organizations that have assisted in fundraising, volunteered their time to decorate, and purchased items to ensure each event was a success.

To our promotees, thank you for your commitment to learning and choosing to do what it takes to get you to your next stepping stone. Stay strong and focused.



# STATE TESTING ATTENDANCE DATA

One of BUSD's performance indicators are the state tests. The goal is that 100% of our students take these tests and take them seriously to determine what students are learning, how well they are learning it, and what additional support they may need.

This year, our schools reported the following percentages of students taking the test:

<b>Primary:</b> AASA 3rd Grade = 100%	<b>Intermediate:</b> AASA 4th Grade = 100% AASA 5th Grade = 100% AASA 6th Grade = 100%	<b>BMS:</b> AASA 7th Grade = 97% AASA 8th Grade = 97%	<b>IOMS:</b> AASA 6th Grade = 60% AASA 7th Grade = 73% AASA 8th Grade = 69%
		<b>BHS:</b> ACT Aspire 9th Grade = 97% ACT 11th Grade = 92%	<b>IOHS:</b> ACT Aspire 9th Grade = 60% ACT 11th Grade = 78%

Thank you for your support in making sure our students are in school everyday, specially when we are evaluating their performance and learning.

We look forward to sharing how our schools did in the fall.

# TRANSPORTATION UPDATES



During the Spring of 2023, BUSD made the commitment to improve our Transportation Department. One of the changes made was partnering with Bee Line Transportation to increase our available bus routes from 8 to 16.

A second commitment was made to purchase two (2) new buses each year for the next 8 years to replace our 16 buses. As of May 2024, BUSD has invested funds to purchase a total of 6 new buses for our students!

We will continue to uphold our commitment to ensure that students have a quality ride to and from school each day, as well as continue to support our field trips and extracurricular activities.



# SUPPORTS AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES

## ENSURE YOUR PARENTVUE ACCOUNT IS ACTIVATED!

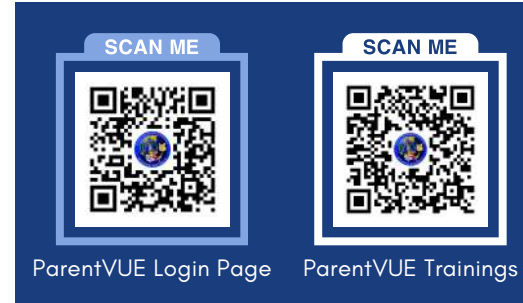
Be ahead of the game and set up for success for the upcoming school year! If you have not yet activated your ParentVUE account, call or stop by the school to get your account up and running!

BUSD has a parent portal, called ParentVUE, that is intended to provide parents, caregivers, and students immediate access to:

1. Attendance
2. Class Grade Books
3. Report Cards
4. Progress Towards Graduation (HS only)
5. And, More

This portal is available 24/7 to families to monitor students' progress in real time and to ensure we have the most current student contact information.

You can contact your child's teacher and ask for guidance, support, or clarification. Actively monitoring your students' progress will result in accountability and success. Two of our goals as a district is to connect with each other and that 90% of the parents will actively navigate the parent portal. Let's meet these goals and secure a solid future for our children.



## SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION

BUSD will be holding summer school for K-12th grade students. There are different time frames depending upon grade level:

- **May 28th through June 14th** - Three (3) weeks for **K-8th grade** students
- **May 28th through June 21st** - Four (4) weeks for **9th-12th grade** students

Both programs will be at the **Indian Oasis School Primary Campus** from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This program was created for students who are still in need of intense interventions or credit recovery. Families of students selected were contacted the week of May 6th through the 10th.

Third through 12th grade students must bring their laptops and chargers to school each day.

If you have any questions please email our Summer School Coordinator Dr. Flores Ali at [aflores@busd40.org](mailto:aflores@busd40.org).

The SI'ALIG KI: - Sunrise House Family Resource Center will be open during the summer for any food and/or clothing needs!

Starting May 20th, we'll be open on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Regular hours will resume on July 19, 2024



Si'alig Ki: Sunrise House Family Resource Center is here to serve!  
520.719.1225

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**9:00-3:00 PM**  
LOCATED AT INTERMEDIATE CAMPUS

## SI'ALIG KI: SUNRISE HOUSE

# 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mark your calendars!

Our first day of school for the 2024-2025 school year is July 25, 2024!

For a copy of our district calendar, please visit our BUSD website at [www.busd40.org](http://www.busd40.org), then click on "Events" on the solid blue bar, and click on "2024-2025 District Calendar."

You will also see that our 2025-2026 is also available to assist with any future planning!



## BABOQUIVARI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### JULY 2024

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### IMPORTANT DATES

7/4	Independence Day
7/15-7/17	New Teacher Induction
7/18	Teachers Return
7/18-7/24	Staff In-Service
<b>7/25</b>	<b>First Day of School</b>
9/2	Labor Day
9/25-9/27	Parent/Teacher Conferences
9/30-10/4	Fall Break
10/14	Indigenous People's Day
11/1	All Soul's Break
11/11	Veterans Day
11/28-11/29	Thanksgiving Holiday
12/23-1/3	Winter Break
1/20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
2/17	Presidents Day
3/12-3/14	Parent/Teacher Conferences
3/17-3/21	Spring Break
3/24-4/30	State Testing Window
4/18-4/21	Easter Break
<b>5/22</b>	<b>Last Day of School</b>
5/26	Memorial Day
6/19	Juneteenth

### NOVEMBER 2024

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### APRIL 2025

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### JUNE 2025

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★ 100th Day of School!

# 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

BUSD Governing Board Approved: 5/14/2024

KEY	
	Holiday (No School)
	PD (No School for Students)
	Break (No School)
	Half Day for Students
	Community Partnership Day (No School for Students)
	New Teacher Induction
<b>1st Quarter:</b>	July 25 - Sep. 27 (45)
<b>2nd Quarter:</b>	Oct. 7 - Dec. 19 (47)
<b>3rd Quarter:</b>	Jan. 6 - Mar. 14 (46)
<b>4th Quarter:</b>	Mar. 24 - May 22 (42)



Our Vision

We create:

Healthy Inspiring Motivating Developing Achieving Graduates