The holiday season is a chance to come together and reflect on the past year. While most years are a time of joy, celebration, and a time for family and friends, we know that the pandemic continues to bring many hardships. With all of the challenges we have faced, I continue to be in awe of the resilience shown by our students, families and staff in our pursuit of Excellence in Education.

Panama-Buena Vista families have humbled us with their unwavering support and passion as they have advocated for their children and their dedication to take extra precautions in order to remain in-person.

P-BVUSDs support staff, from the District Office and throughout our 25 school sites have made adjustments to their daily work schedules and created new processes to meet the diverse needs of our stakeholders. Watching the impact of their services is remarkable and greatly appreciated.

Our teachers continue to impress and inspire with their dedication to our students. They have juggled the needs of their students for almost 2 years with their own families and challenges. To say I work amongst heroes is an understatement. I am touched by the upbeat spirits of our teachers!

One of our Pillars of Excellence is focused on Family and Community engagement and I am so proud to announce our first graduating class for Parent University. Our parents and families have worked so hard to be a part of their children’s school sites and supporting one another. Stronger communication with our district families is a priority for Panama-Buena Vista.

As we look forward to 2022, I would like to encourage each of you to reflect on this past year. Take a moment to think back to a small, good experience: for me that would be hearing my grandson say “grandma” for the first time. He didn’t say it as clearly as I just did, but I definitely knew what he said. I believe that we can find the good in our world through random acts of kindness, and these moments can give us continued hope in the new year.

Thank you so much for your continued dedication to Excellence in Education. This year, I am thankful for each and everyone of you. Our district is a diverse group of wonderful families that I am proud to support as your superintendent.

(close speech with the following languages)
English - Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Spanish - Feliz navidad
Punjabi - Sarbat Dah Pala (Peace to everyone)
Saa-rey-aa nu nava saal mubarak (wishing you all a happy new year)
Signing - [See 0:24 and 0:53 for examples] flat hand twice in front of chest - arch hand letter C
Happy Hanukkah
Korean - [https://youtu.be/41jth5MqAOw] chrisa mas is hine pi a ti ah
Vietnamese: Giáng sinh vui vẻ - Chook Moong Yangh Sinh
Happy Kwanzaa
Azerbaijani - (http://learn101.org/azerbaijani_phrases.php) Mak Bar Um Musboo A-rek

Happy Holidays everyone!!