Greetings Team NBPS,

I hope everyone is doing well and taking in the seasonal October foliage. This time of year is always exciting as we transition from the newness of school opening to already planning for the upcoming holidays including what costumes and candy to buy – Candy Corn 😊

Just think, we are already through 10% of the school year. The teaching and learning is time-sensitive and we have the honor, positioned with many teachable moments, to influence the lives of more than 13,000 children and their families. My visits to schools are the highlight of my days and weeks. I am proud of what I am seeing in our classrooms. The teaching and learning process is in full action with students learning to collaborate with one another, think critically and pose probing questions all under the guidance of our very talented educators. I thank you for your continued collaboration as we work to maintain high expectations in all that we do.

As you know, DESE recently released last year’s MCAS scores and across the state scores showed many similarities. NBPS results confirm what we already knew about the impact of two years of disruptions to attendance and in-person learning and it verifies the strategic work we are doing to address it. Our continued implementation of effective systems and strategies to internally monitor our progress and provide supports for classrooms is making a difference.

On the English Language Arts (ELA) MCAS: our students in Grade 8: increased 4%. On the Math MCAS our students in grades 3 – 8 increased by 5% increase in students meeting/exceeding grade level expectations. Thanks to your collective effort students in grade:

- Grade 3 increased 12%
- Grade 4 increased 6%
- Grade 6 increased 7%
- Grade 7 increased 4%

There are many positive things happening within our schools thanks to all of you. I am excited about the upgraded lab spaces at NBHS for finance and robotics, the makerspace, renovated television studio and the planetarium. There are many after school opportunities coming up for our Middle School Students - STEM program (Naval Undersea Warfare Center), Mock Trial, and boat building. The expansion of our Early College, International Baccalaureate, and Dual Enrollment programs will provide students with more high level rigor to prepare them for post secondary programs. I am very excited about our new Magnet Academy coming to New Bedford High School fall 2023 – The Academy of Excellence for Leadership and Global Studies. Students will have the opportunity to engage in an array of high-level courses in addition to internships, service learning projects, and other leadership experiences.

Fall sports are underway – please find some time to see our student-athletes who are exhibiting outstanding sportsmanship and character. Let’s please continue to take care of ourselves and one another. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Thomas Anderson
Superintendent
Employee Spotlight

Alicia Sousa
Paraprofessional
James B. Congdon Elementary School

Ms. Sousa is going into her eighth year at Congdon this school year. She initially came into the Congdon family as a parent. The Congdon team quickly realized how talented Ms. Sousa is, and she joined the staff as the kindergarten paraprofessional.

Every day, Ms. Sousa goes above and beyond to support all Congdon students. She believes in every student and supports them to grow academically, socially and emotionally. Ms. Sousa holds the students to high expectations and pushes them to achieve their goals. Her growth mindset, positive attitude, and infectious smile makes kindergarten a great place to be at Congdon!

Thank you for all you do, Ms. Sousa! We love you and we are so lucky to have you!

— Justine Santos, Principal
James B. Congdon School

Jennifer Murphy
Teacher
William H. Taylor Elementary School

Ms. Murphy has been an elementary school music teacher in the district since 2010. And we at Taylor are lucky to have her! She is an amazing teacher, engages her students in her lessons and instills in them the love of music. Her concerts are always the highlight of our school year! In addition to teaching general music and band, Ms. Murphy helps facilitate the Show Choir After-school Club.

Her love of chorus is demonstrated and very evident – she sings or chants everything! That enthusiasm for music and her students make her a joy to be around.

Ms. Murphy also gives back to upcoming educators. She mentors other teachers and her classroom is an open door. Her students – past and present – love her and she is a joy to have here at Taylor!

— Rafaela DeFigueiredo Spence, Principal
William H. Taylor School
NEW BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2022-2023
WELLNESS OFFERINGS

XtremeHipHop with Shocktroopfitness
Tobacco Cessation
Yoga with Cheryl Rocha
Building Healthy Habits
Behavior Change 101
Ask a Registered Dietician
Zumba Class with Cara Reis

NOVEMBER 17TH
Keith Middle School
Community Room
3:00-6:00 PM

COOKING DEMO
Holiday Dining Solutions
Goal Setting & Reaching
Shake It Up
Mindfulness 101
Supermarket Savvy
BCBS Exhibit
Stretch Your Pantry
Guided Stretch
Healthy Hydration
Ditch the Diet
Restorative Yoga

DECEMBER 8TH & 15TH
Virtual Wellness Fair
**Student Spotlight**

**Tatum Reis**  
Recipient of Citation for Environmental Stewardship

Tatum Reis received the “Citation for Environmental Stewardship from the Superintendent Thomas Anderson at the recent Sea Lab Graduation. She is the originator of the “Saving Planet Earth One Bottle at a Time” program addressing the reduction of plastics in the waste and recycle streams.

A few months ago, Tatum went to Mrs. Simone Bourgeois, Facilitator/Teacher, at Sea Lab with a proposal. She felt that plastic throwaway water bottles were contradictory to promoting a healthy environment and were contradictory to everything she had learned while attending Sea Lab. Her proposal was to develop a reusable water campaign. Along with a program for Sea Lab to eliminate excess waste and mitigate the negative impacts of plastics on the environment. Tatum initiated the installation of water bottle filling stations and the purchase and use of reusable water bottles to Sea Lab students. The proposal was funded by Dr. Joe Costa, Executive Director of Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program.

Tatum is also very active in a variety of other activities. She is a 3-sport athlete. Member of the Student Advisory Council, a Key Club member, a great outdoors club member, Whaler Wave Club president and a Science Olympiad.

At New Bedford High School, she acted as tour guide for incoming middle school students has has been the social media manager for the Whaling Marina Aerobatics, an intern in Newport Naval Arcade, for the Utap Program, a member of City of New Bedford Youth Advisory Council and Mayor’s Youth Council liaison for the Youth Council Advisory. Most importantly, she is a Sea Lab graduate.

“Tatum is a change agent. A young woman who will change the world.” – Lawrence W. Oliveira

**Sea Lab plaque memorializes former Mayor Fred Kalisz**

A bronze plaque honoring the late former Mayor Fred Kalisz (1957-2021) was installed recently at Sea Lab after a dedication ceremony formally designating the Dr. Frederick M. Kalisz, Jr. Sea Lab Marine Science Education Center, which took place in August. The Kalisz administration built the Sea Lab campus in 2005. Later expanded, Sea Lab now shares the enlarged building with William H. Taylor Elementary School.

*Left: Rick Kalisz III and Mrs. Patricia Kalisz with the Kalisz/Sea Lab plaque*
Looking for a unique way to give back to the community?...

**BOO! AT THE ZOO**

**Weekends: October 15-16, 22-23, and 29-30**

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Last admission 4:00 p.m.)

Boo at the Zoo at Buttonwood Park Zoo is a fun way to volunteer while helping to create slightly spooky memories for thousands of families. Great for families or school groups to volunteer together! Volunteers under the age of 13 are required to volunteer with an adult (18+).

Volunteers may be assigned to pass out candy to guests, run activity stations or help zoo staff with providing a spooky good time. You are encouraged to wear family friendly Halloween costumes to the volunteer event.

Would you like to volunteer? [Click here](#) for more information!

*NBPS District Goal #4 – “Increase awareness of staff to the benefits, partnerships, and opportunities to become a bigger part of the greater New Bedford Community.”*
Congratulations!

Stagecraft Sages

Retired NBHS English Teachers and theatre directors, George Charbonneau (left) and Armand Marchand, returned to the NBHS Stage to meet with members of the current Drama Club. Students were able to hear about how George and Armand started their work at NBHS and how that led to the founding of New Bedford Festival Theatre, their regional professional theatre company. A number of students shared that members of their families participated in the NBHS Drama Club under their direction, and several current students reflected on their participation in the NBFT Summer Academy – a summer apprenticeship program that provides NBHS students with experience working on a professional theatre production.

You’re Invited! Celebrate George and Armand’s legacy of enriching the lives of NBHS students and the greater New Bedford community.

50 Years of Theatre at New Bedford High School!

Welcome to the Theatre! will be a full evening’s entertainment including:

- The premier of Legends Among Us, a short documentary film about Armand Marchand and George Charbonneau shot in November 2019.
- Musical performances featuring current and former NBHS Drama Club members along side professionals.
- Historical footage from New Bedford High Drama Club, Zeiterion Musicals, and Festival Theatre shows.
- Special tributes from alumni and special guests.
- A preview of the exhibit I Could Be Happy With You: New Bedford and the Theatre of Marchand and Charbonneau.

Welcome to the Theatre! One Night Only! October 22, 2022 7:00 PM at New Bedford High School’s Philip Bronspiegel Auditorium.

General Admission Seats are $35

Tickets can be purchased online at nbftestivaltheatre.com, by phone (508) 999-5900, or in person at the Zeiterion Box Office 635 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740.
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Register for section 7201 (class number 14055)

PRD 572 Foundations of Reading
MTEL Preparation (test 190)
October 22 and 29 9:00am-1:00pm
Register for section 7201 (class number 14056)

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MTEL Preparation (test 54)
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Register for section 7201 (class number 14058)

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Contact
Traci Almeida
talmeida@umassd.edu
508-999-8098

College of Arts & Sciences
UMass Dartmouth
NEW BEDFORD COHORT
BSU SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Fall 2022 Information Session

Thursday, October 27th
5:00pm–6:00pm
100% Online

https://bridgew.zoom.us/j/93071634967?
pwd=NWhrM1FxS09wQnk4RH4cmZzSU9jUT09

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• EdS – Education Specialist

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following Thursdays (1/19, 2/16, 3/3)

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  - **$100 for each 3-credit graduate course** in the Special Education Initial Licensure program (a combined savings of almost $12,000)
  - Details for how this grant-funded coursework transfers directly to the M.Ed. in Special Education at BSU

**click here** to watch the informational Zoom session. For additional information, you may also contact:

Darren Macdonald  [D3MACDONALD@bridgew.edu](mailto:D3MACDONALD@bridgew.edu)

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**NBPS Wraparound Services Event Calendar**

**October 2022**

**READING CLUBS**
- **Gomes School** - Monday, Oct 31st 1pm-2pm
- **Jacobs** - Tuesday, Oct 4th 4pm-6pm (English)
- **Tuesday, Oct 11th** 4pm-6pm (Spanish)

**SNAP & HOUSING**
- **Keith Middle School & NBHS** - Tuesdays 1:30pm-4pm
- **Normandin Middle School** - Tuesdays 8am-10am
- **Roosevelt Middle School** - Thursdays 1:30pm-4pm
- **Hayden McFadden** - Tuesdays 10:30am-12:30pm
- **Gomes School** - Thursdays 8am-10am
- **Jacobs** - Thursdays 10:30am-12:30pm

**ATTENDANCE WORKSHOPS**
- **Roosevelt Middle School** - Oct 12th 1pm-2:30pm
- **Hayden McFadden** - Oct 5th 12pm-1pm
- **Keith Middle School** - Oct 11th 9am-10am
- **Normandin Middle School** - Oct 13th 10:30am-12:30pm
- **Zoom Webinar** - Oct 24th 2pm-3pm

**COMPUTER CLASSES**
- **NBHS** - October 6th & October 20th 10am-12pm
- **Normandin Middle** - Every Tuesday 12-1pm
- **Roosevelt Middle** - Every Tuesday 10am-12pm
- **Hayden McFadden** - Oct 10th & Oct 24th 2pm-3pm
- **Gomes School** - Oct 19th *8am-9am/12pm-1pm/2pm-3pm
- **Jacobs** - Fridays 8:30am-9:30am

**WOMEN’S CENTER OPEN HOURS**
- **Hayden McFadden** - OCT 6th & 20th 9am-10am
- **Gomes School** - OCT 11th & 25th 1pm-2pm ON CALL
- **Jacobs** - Oct 4th & 18th 2:30pm-3:30pm

**NBHS** - OCT 13th & 27th 10:30am-11:30am
- **Keith Middle School** - OCT 13th & 27th 9am-10am
- **Normandin Middle School** - OCT 6th & 20th 10:30am-11:30am
- **Roosevelt Middle School** - OCT 4th & 18th 1pm-2pm

Wraparound Department - 455 County Street, New Bedford, MA
(508) 997-4511 ext. 14154
Normandin Middle School

Trunk or Treat
Friday, October 21st
Music - Treats - Games
5:30PM-7:00PM
Parking Lot Outside Field
Hosted by Wraparound Coordinator, Nasha Encarnacao
Contact on how to get involved
508.997.4511 ext. 31518
NEncarnacao@newbedfordschools.org

Keith Middle School
Family Engagement Center Invites You!
Trunk & Treat
OCT 21
5-7pm
Keith Middle School
Parking Lot
For more info reach out to our Family Engagement Center! Ext 30529

ART CONTEST RULES

Your Art Piece
Your art can be in any medium - digital, paint, drawing, sculpture, anything goes! It MUST contain the color purple for domestic violence awareness, and contain all or some of the following phrases: #1thing, action, awareness, or social change

Submitting Your Piece
All art pieces will be submitted by October 20th, 2022 in your school's Family Engagement Center. All of the pieces will be showcased at the Keith Middle School Community Room on October 27th, 2022 from 5pm-6pm. Awards will be presented at this time.

Questions
Any questions regarding the contest can be directed to eduarte@newbedfordschools.org

#1thing ART CONTEST
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