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Superintendent's Fall Edition Bulldog Briefing

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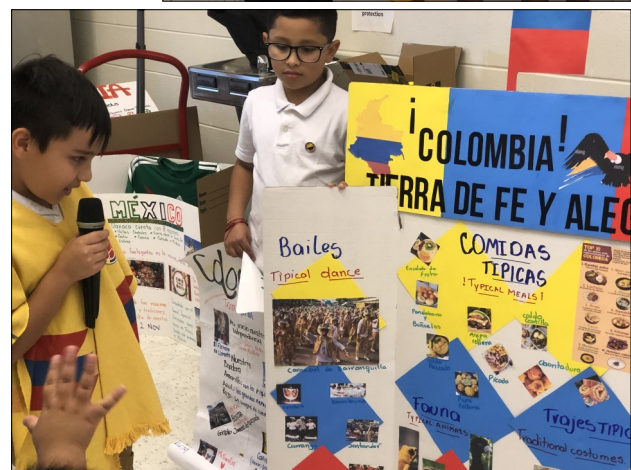
Happy Monday Bulldog Team!

I am truly enjoying all the Hispanic Heritage month activities our principals and staff have invited me to so far this month! Our school district is rich in Hispanic Culture and our students and families are enjoying all the celebrations and activities. ¡Feliz mes de Hispanidad!

Since this year's National Custodian Appreciation Day fell on Sunday, October 2nd, please join me in celebrating our custodians all week. In Bridgeton, we are grateful to have custodians keeping our buildings safe and clean each and everyday. I see our custodians sanitizing door knobs, handles, and frequently touched surfaces, keeping our floors shiny, moving supplies around the district, sanitizing our cafeterias, classrooms and restrooms, and so much more! Every day is custodian appreciation day in Bridgeton Public Schools. For a list of suggested activities schools can do together to thank their custodians, please click [here](#).

Over the course of the last 3 years, our focus areas have changed slightly to meet the needs of our students. Please familiarize yourself with our [2022-2023 District Goals and Priorities](#) to ensure our efforts are aligned. Working together in an organized and aligned manner, we can deliver on our promise to:

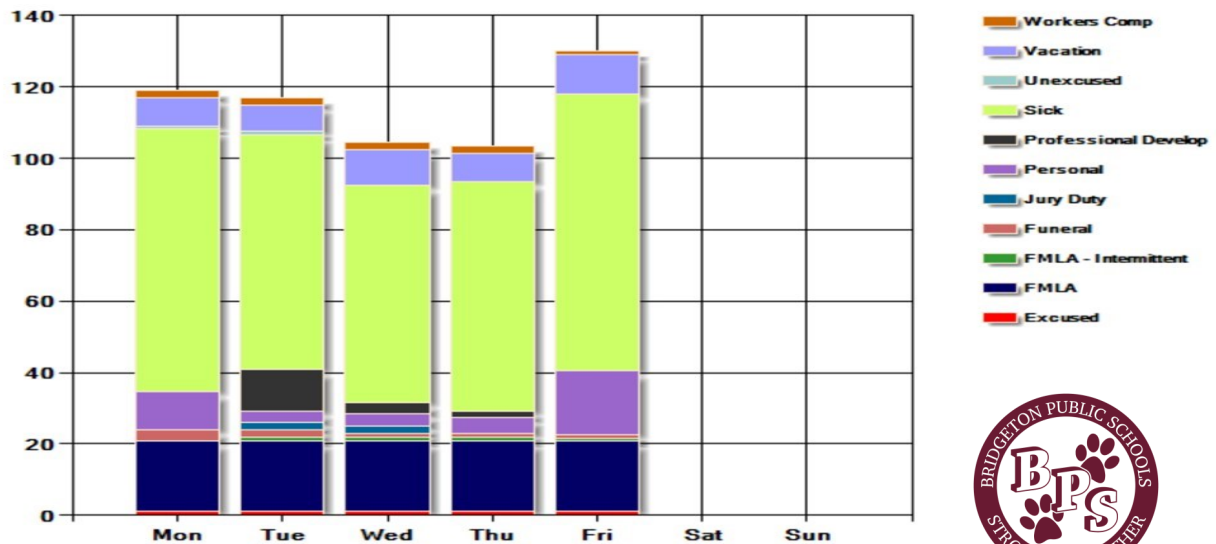
- meet the needs of our diverse learners
- prepare all students for the NJ Student Learning Standards
- graduate students prepared to be productive members of a global community



Ready, Set, Read!

**Due to high community transmission rates across Cumberland County
“Masks are highly recommended, but not required”**

Sept. 26th – Sept. 30th Staff Attendance



Sept. 26th – Sept. 30th Fill Rate – 43%

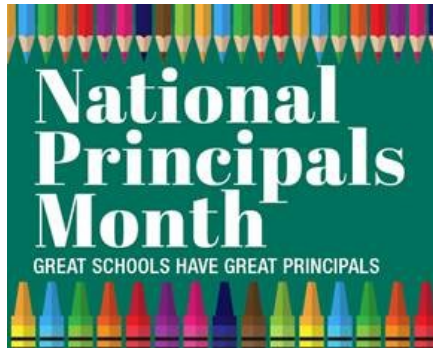
Upcoming Dates/Events

- ◆ One-to-One meetings with the Executive Director of Human Resources, School Business Administrator, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and the Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Student Services.
- ◆ Oct. 3 - CCASA Executive Committee meeting, 9:30 am
- ◆ Oct. 3 - Board Policy Committee meeting, 1:15 pm
- ◆ Oct. 4 - BHS Student Government meeting, 7:45 am
- ◆ Oct. 4 - Agenda Review meeting, 10:00 am
- ◆ Oct. 4 - Board Finance Committee meeting, 4:00 pm
- ◆ Oct. 4 - Board Facilities Committee meeting, 4:30 pm
- ◆ Oct. 5 - Leadership Committee meeting, 8:30 am
- ◆ Oct. 5 - Boys & Girls Club meeting, 2:00 pm
- ◆ Oct. 6 - QML School Million Father March: Take Your Child to School Day, 8:00 am
- ◆ Oct. 6 - 2022 Commissioners Convocation, 1:00 pm
- ◆ Oct. 7 - Superintendents Roundtable at CCTEC, 1 pm
- ◆ Oct. 7 - Board Student Services Committee meeting, 1:00 pm
- ◆ One-to-Ones with Principals

Meetings/Community Engagement Sept. 26-30

- ◆ Meetings held with the Executive Director of Human Resources, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, School Business Administrator, and the Assistant Superintendent of Special Education & Student Services.
- ◆ Guest Reader Hispanic Heritage Month at Dr. Geraldyn O. Foster Early Childhood Center
- ◆ Dual Language Meeting
- ◆ Attended Viewing for Mr. Williams brother Mr. Ellsworth Williams
- ◆ Electronic Summer Mailing Discussion
- ◆ Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
- ◆ QML Hispanic Heritage Luncheon
- ◆ Cabinet Meeting
- ◆ Grievance Meeting
- ◆ BHS Principal Meeting
- ◆ All Principals Check-in
- ◆ Site Visits to: QML, Broad, West

October recognition ...

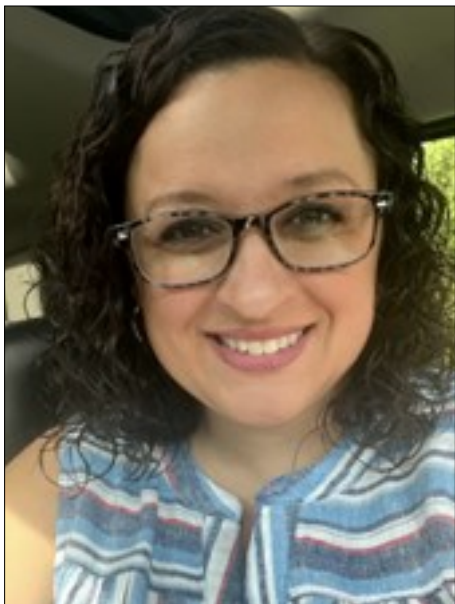


**October
National Bullying Prevention**



On behalf of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Team, please join us in celebrating the following activities this month:

1. Down Syndrome Awareness Month
2. Dyslexia Awareness Month



Stefanie Nichols: Literacy Leader!

Ms. Nichols has been a teacher in Bridgeton since 2012, currently teaching 9th graders at the high school; she previously taught middle school and RTI.

Ms. Nichols is passionate about teaching with novels and has even provided her own personal books to build the classroom library! Her favorite novel to teach is *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. She said she loves teaching this novel because the students become so invested in it. Ms. Nichols loves pairing it with the movie and using the book discussion as the perfect launching point for Socratic Seminars. Socratic seminars and Gallery Walks, which she has

students conduct before reading, are two of Ms. Nichols' favorite classroom activities.

Ms. Nichols says her favorite part of teaching is when her students succeed. She loves seeing her students years later and hearing about their successes in life.

Ms. Nichols wants all new teachers to challenge their students because they will rise to the challenge, no matter what level they begin. She routinely challenges students to handle multiple texts simultaneously, and they have met her expectation. Ms. Nichols reminds us to make the students believe they can and they will!



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Things are Happening at Cherry St. School!



Cherry Street School is a "Leader In Me" school where students are encouraged to take the lead from morning announcements ...



... to presenting at "Back to School Night" and Student Expectation assemblies. Spirit Week was held from September 26-30. Each Day was a different theme. Ms. Dixon's students (top left) wore their tie-dyed or neon bright tee-shirts to "Sharpen the Saw" (Habit number 7).

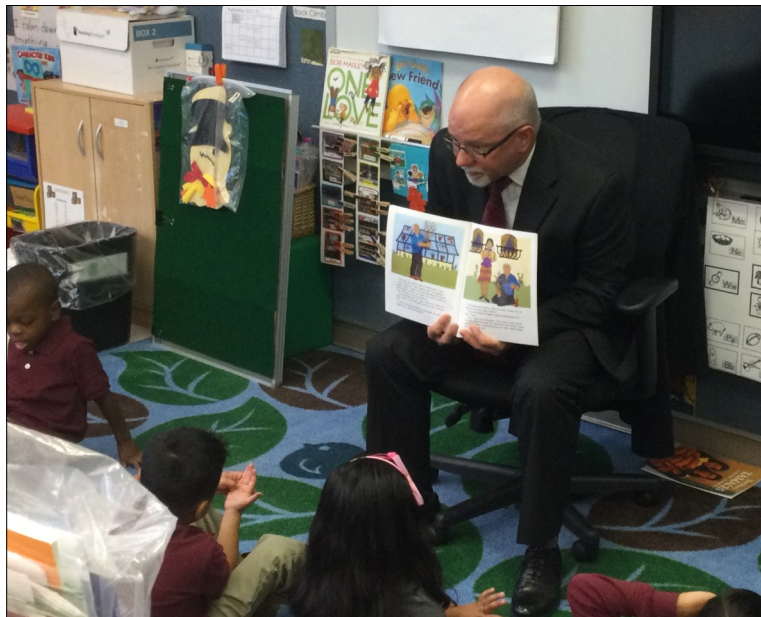
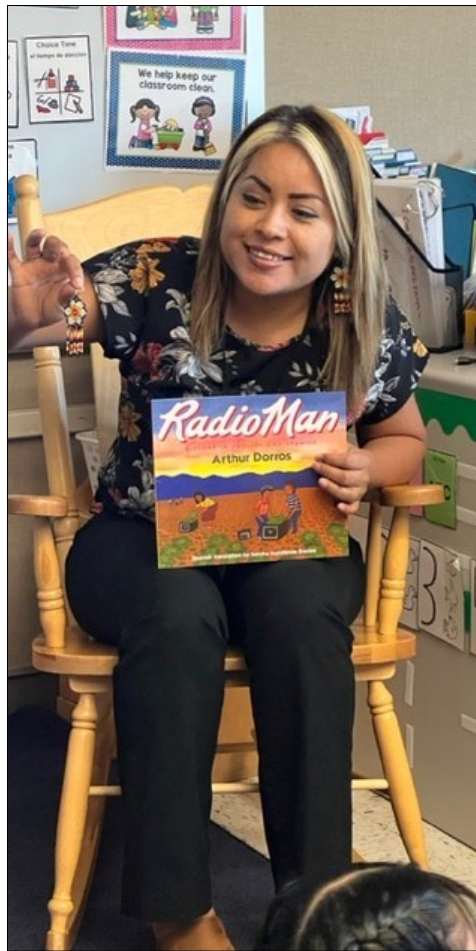
PBSIS Students v Staff at QML



Hispanic Heritage Month at QML



More Guest Readers at Dr. G.O.F. ECC



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