



**Bridgeton Public Schools**

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# Superintendent's Fall Edition Bulldog Briefing

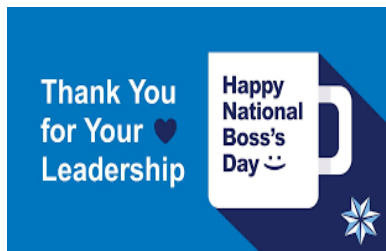
**Dr. Keith Miles, Jr. • Superintendent of Schools**

## Happy Monday Bulldog Team!



Bridgeton High School hosted its homecoming game on Friday night, and BHS students enjoyed their first homecoming dance since the pandemic on Saturday. On Friday night, I had the wonderful opportunity to crown the homecoming court and drive the King and Queen around the track so our school community could celebrate them. A special thank you to Principal Steve Morris, Athletic Director Cynthia Wilks, and all the staff and sponsors at BHS who made this weekend's activities successful and memorable for our students.

As you all know, National Boss's Day 2022 fell on Sunday, October 16th. I would like to wish all of our leaders, supervisors and managers a very Happy Boss's Day! From what I



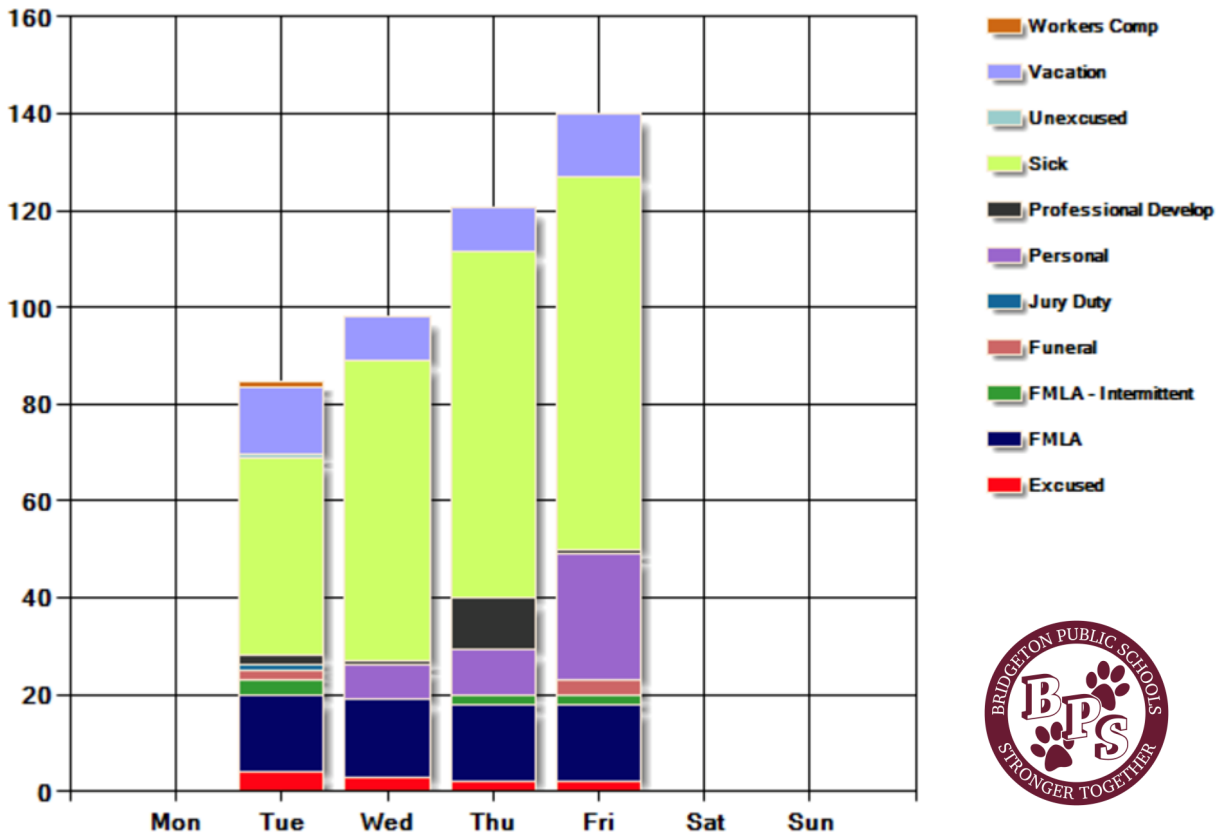
have seen, here in Bridgeton, we have strong leadership, who operate more as leaders rather than bosses. As you know, leaders generate enthusiasm, coach employees, give credit, develop employees, and say "we" often. Bosses drive employees, make "I" statements, command, take credit, blame others, etc. To all of our leaders across the district, thank you for your leadership!! It is a pleasure to serve along side you.

Thankfully, our COVID-19 risk level across Cumberland County is low, while the majority of the state's counties are at medium risk. Please continue to exhibit caution as we enter into the colder months. We want everyone to remain safe and healthy for those that depend on us such as our students and our own families.



**Ready, Set, Read!**

## Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Staff Attendance



Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Fill Rate 48%

## Cumberland County, NJ

Updated on October 16

COMMUNITY RISK LEVEL ⓘ  
• **LOW**

Cases >



• **126.4**

Weekly new reported cases per 100k

Admissions >



• **0.0**

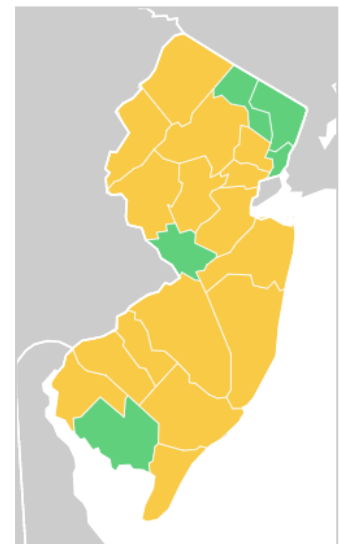
Weekly COVID admissions per 100k

Patients >



• **7.5%**

Patients with COVID of all beds





## Jessica Vega: Literacy Leader!



Mrs. Jessica Vega is a literacy leader that has worked in the Bridgeton Public School System for 17 years. She currently serves as the Community Parental Involvement Specialist at the Dr. Geraldyn O. Foster Early Childhood Center where she says that seeing the students' smiles each and every day makes her smile too!

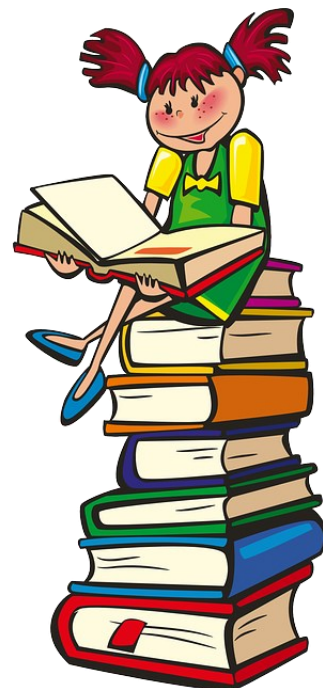
Mrs. Vega loves connecting families, communities and schools to work together for student success, and she is an advocate for literacy.

Mrs. Poland, the principal of the Dr. Geraldyn O. Foster Early Childhood Center, points out that Mrs. Vega regularly organizes guest readers, posts her read-alouds to Class Dojo, and distributes books at family events. Mrs. Vega says one of her favorite literacy events is the Library Night called "Campfire Stories." During this event, the community librarians join to discuss the importance of reading, and families can sign

up for a library card! The event ends with a pretend campfire, bug juice, and smores!

Mrs. Vega says, "Bringing in the diversity of our community leaders and parents/guardians as guest readers allows our children to be culturally immersed in a variety of literature, and it sparks innovation and creativity in our students in and out of the classroom." She is a reader herself, and her favorite authors are Nicholas Sparks and Mitch Albom.

Mrs. Vega's favorite quote is, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."  
~Aristotle



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# Pre-schoolers Celebrate Hispanic Heritage



# Homecoming Court 2022



# Week of Respect Homeroom Challenge



## Meetings/Community Engagement Oct. 10-14

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Math Staffing Meeting
- ◆ October Board Meeting
- ◆ Cabinet Meeting
- ◆ Meeting with Directors
- ◆ Principal Meeting at Broad Street School
- ◆ Principal Meeting at BHS
- ◆ Vacation Days - Oct. 13-14
- ◆ Attended Homecoming Game at BHS

## 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. 19 - Leadership Meeting, 8:30 am
- ◆ Oct. 19 - NJ Alliance of Black Superintendents (NJABS) Virtual Meeting, 10:00 am
- ◆ Oct. 19 - Brunch "SEL"abration at West Avenue School, 11:00 am
- ◆ Oct. 20 - Administrative Council at QML, 8:30 am
- ◆ Oct. 21 - Professional Development Day - Closed for Students
- ◆ Oct. 22 - Board Retreat

# Things are Happening at Broad St. School



Pictured above: Bridgeton Fire/EMS came to visit some students; pictured left, Food Service staff dress up for "National School Lunch Week"; and below, a sampling of entries in Broad Street's Door Decorating Contest in observance of Hispanic Heritage Month.



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