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Superintendent's Fall Edition Bulldog Briefing

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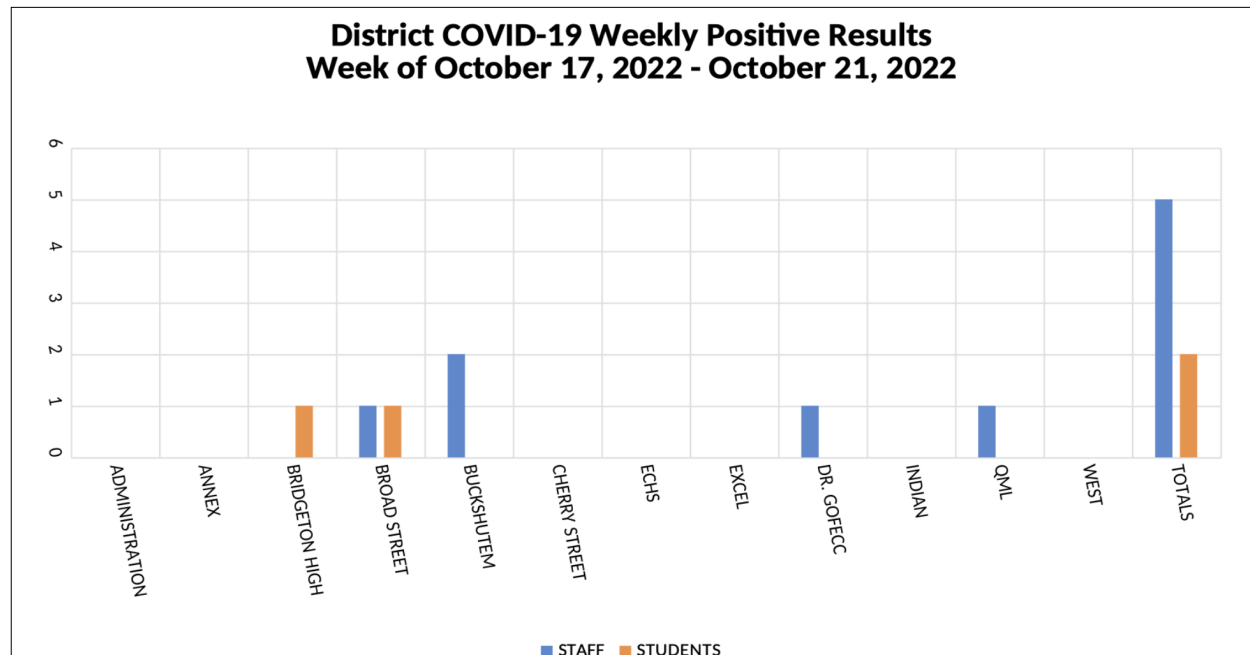
Happy Monday Bulldog Team!



I hope you all had a wonderful weekend and a great full day of development this past **Friday, October 21st**, as part of our full day of Professional learning. I used the time to get caught up on my required Safe Schools trainings. I hope you all are pacing yourselves and doing the same. To access the system, please use this link: <https://bridgeton-nj.safeschools.com/login>. Safe Schools due dates are September 30, 2022, October 30, 2022, and January 30, 2023. Today I am receiving additional professional development at the NJ School Boards Convention.

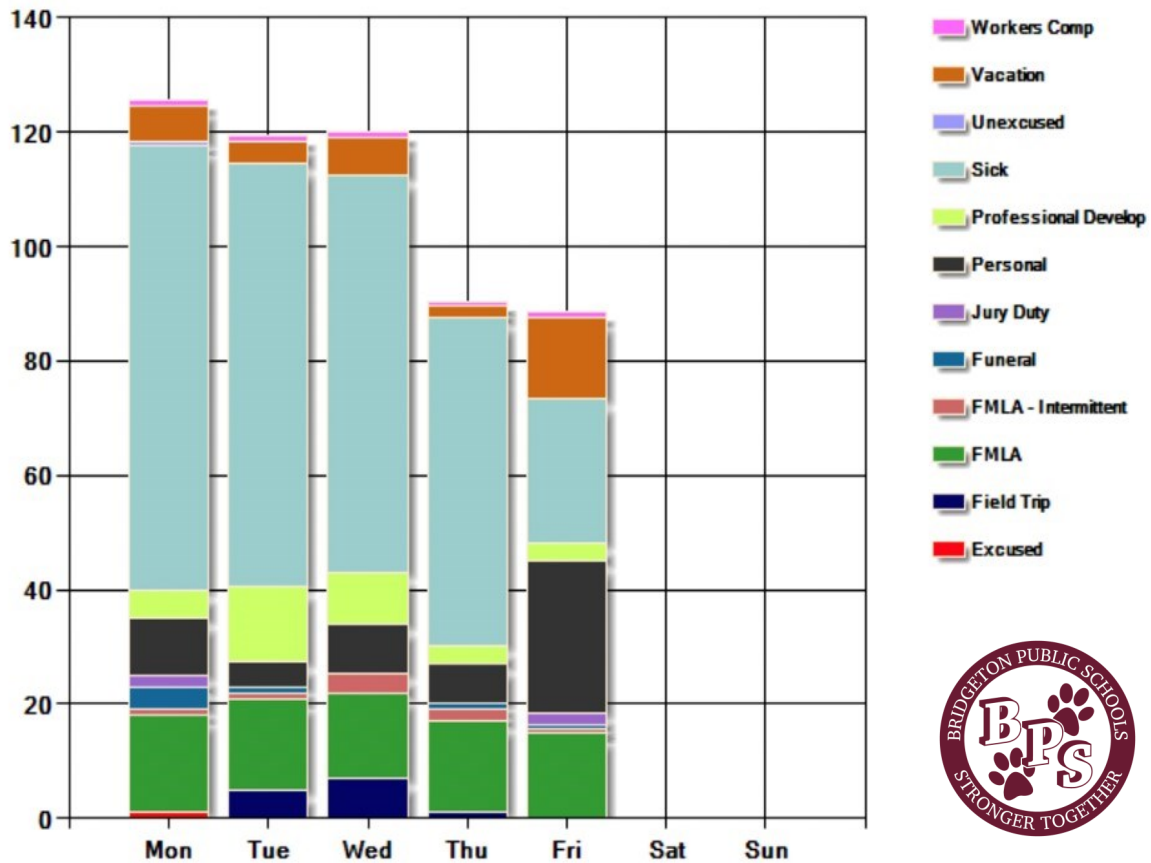
This week, our district saw 5 confirmed staff COVID-19 cases and 2 student cases. The information is regularly updated and available on our Bridgeton Public Schools homepage. Our community risk is low for the time being, while much of the rest of the state is at medium risk. Please continue to exercise caution and be safe.

**District COVID-19 Weekly Positive Results
Week of October 17, 2022 - October 21, 2022**



Ready, Set, Read!

Oct. 17th – Oct. 21st Staff Attendance



Oct. 17th – Oct. 21st Fill Rate 42%

Cumberland County, NJ

Updated on October 23

COMMUNITY RISK LEVEL ⓘ
• **LOW**

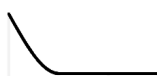
Cases >



• **143.8**

Weekly new reported cases per 100k

Admissions >



• **0.0**

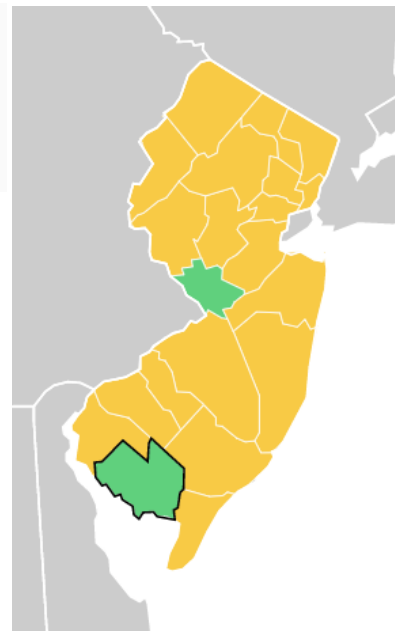
Weekly COVID admissions per 100k

Patients >



• **6.0%**

Patients with COVID of all beds





Ms. Renee Hender is a Literacy Leader who has been teaching for 13 years, 5 of them in Bridgeton. On any given day, you will see Ms. Hender and her students reading! She brings fun and creativity to her lessons and loves it when students have that “a-ha moment.”

Ms. Hender’s advice to new and fellow teachers is to “find a good balance between great teaching and self-care.”

Some of Ms. Hender’s favorite literacy activities include reading “Chrysanthemum” by Kevin Henkes and “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom”. When they read “Chrysanthemum”, the students not only gain an appreciation for their names but always discuss a community of kindness. Students use paper hearts to demonstrate how unkind words can affect a person. During “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom”, Ms. Hender dresses up as a coconut tree while the students tape letters on her! She also loves to incorporate music, recently reading “What a Wonderful World” by Bob Thiele and George David Weiss and then playing the song for her students. The students asked to hear that song every day for the next couple of weeks! Ms. Hender believes that if she



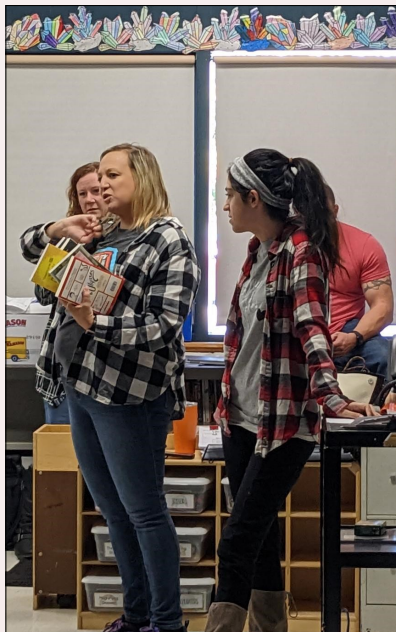
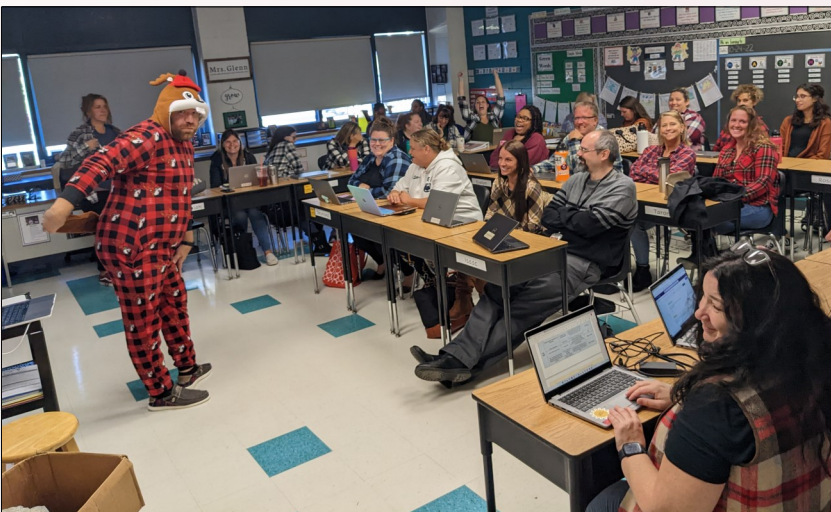
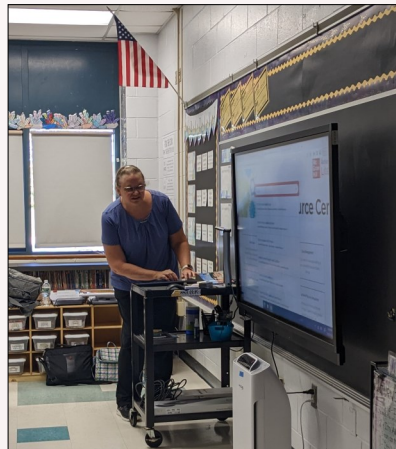
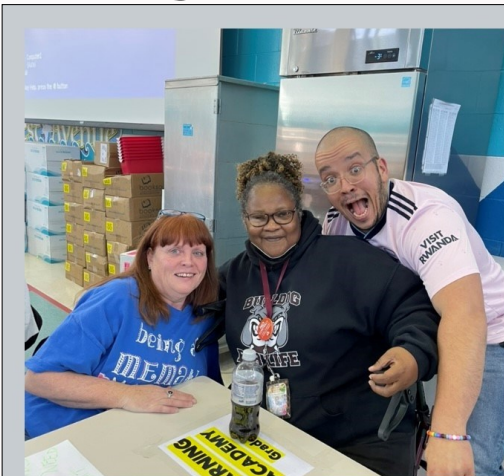
Renee Hender: Literacy Leader!

shows her students her love of learning, they will love learning too!

Ms. Hender notes that teaching can be exhausting and wants to remind all teachers that mental health is physical health. She encourages everyone to check on themselves frequently and how they are doing, feeling, and reacting. Her advice to new and fellow teachers is to “find a good balance between great teaching and self-care.” Ms. Hender stresses that you must allow for growth and setbacks; both will make you stronger!



A Day of Professional Development



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Supt.'s "September" Bulldogs of the Month



Broad St. School



Cherry St. School



Dr. G.O.F. ECC



ExCEL



Indian Ave. School



West Ave. School



BHS



BHS

Meetings/Community Engagement Oct. 17-21

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ BHS Additions Working Meeting
- ◆ Leadership Meeting
- ◆ NJ Alliance of Black Superintendents Virtual Meeting
- ◆ Brunch "SEL"abration at West Avenue School-Principal Meeting at Broad Street School
- ◆ Administrative Council at QML School
- ◆ Professional Development Day
- ◆ Board Retreat

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. 24 - NJSBA Conference in Atlantic City
- ◆ Oct. 25-26 - Vacation Days
- ◆ Oct. 27 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Meeting, 9:00 am
- ◆ Oct. 27 - Pumpkin Project at Cherry, 10:30 am
- ◆ Oct. 27 - All Principals Check-in, 2:30 pm

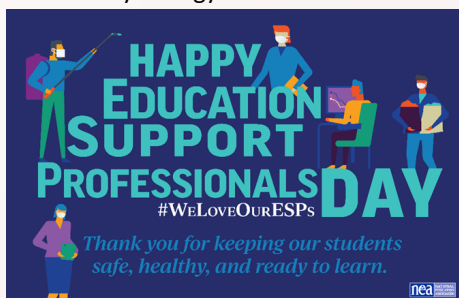
November Appreciation Dates ...



National Stress Awareness Day
U.S. National Stress Awareness Day, on every first Wednesday in November — November 2 this year — is 24 hours of reinforcing the fact that you're not doing yourself a favor by stressing about situations you can't control



School Psychology Week - Nov. 7-11



Educational Support Professionals Day - Nov. 16



Thanksgiving - Nov. 24



Veteran's Day - Nov. 11



Thank you!
SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Substitute Appreciation Day - Nov. 17



International Men's Day - Nov. 19

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