



Bridgeton Public Schools

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Superintendent's Fall Edition **Bulldog Briefing**

Dr. Keith Miles, Jr. • Superintendent of Schools

Happy Halloween Monday Bulldog Team!

Our district is one of two districts in South Jersey to receive a federal grant to support us in adding two electric buses to our fleet. We are also transitioning more and more of our buildings to a dependency on renewable solar energy with the ongoing addition of solar panels on our schools' roofs. It is exciting to be a part of not only teaching our students more environmentally friendly practices, but also modeling those practices as a district.

At this year's Commissioner's convocation at Stockton University, which occurred earlier this month, the Commissioner's office highlighted Bridgeton Public Schools for its commitment to addressing staff and student wellness during the pandemic. I am so proud of the work our district staff have been doing to support our students during these unprecedented times.

It has been an all hands on deck effort. Since the convocation, I have been asked to author an article sharing how we collaborated with our school community to address the SEL and mental health needs of students. Thank you all for embracing our #StrongerTogether approach to the work!

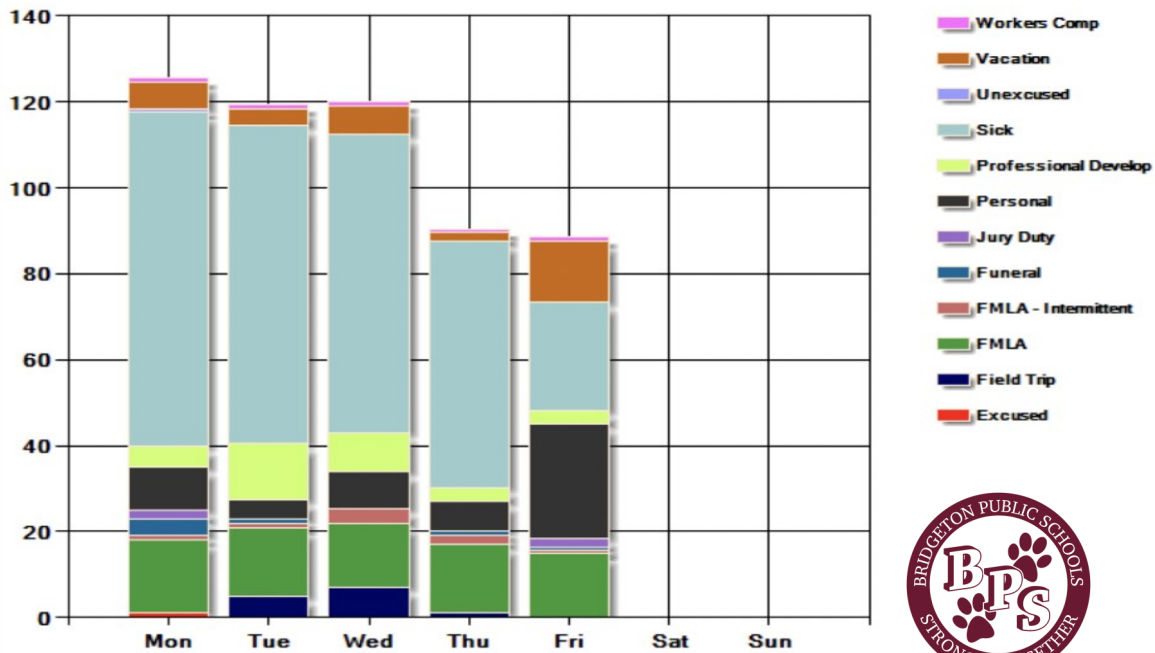


A big shout out to the sponsors of our BHS African American Club and our BHS Dance Department staff for getting students excited about life after high school, and helping our district deliver on our promise of preparing students for successful careers and global citizenship. Our Dance students visited Stockton University this past Friday, October 28th, where they toured the dance program, attended classes, and met faculty and current undergraduate Dance majors. You can access our Dance program's *Spooktacular* Halloween performance by clicking here. The African American Club was on Delaware State University's campus this past Saturday, October 29th. Students got a taste of the HBCU experience and saw two teams and their bands battle it out as part of this weekend's Delaware State University Homecoming activities.

Please be reminded to complete your Safe Schools activities prior to our district deadlines. Safe Schools due dates are September 30, 2022, October 30, 2022, and January 30, 2023. To access the system, please use this link: <https://bridgeton-nj.safeschools.com/login>.



Oct. 24^h – Oct. 28th Staff Attendance



Oct. 24th – Oct. 28th Fill Rate 43%



Meetings/Community Engagement Oct. 24-28

- 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
- NJSBA Conference
- Broad Street School Visit
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Meeting
- Pumpkin Project @ Cherry Street School
- All Principals check-in
- Board Facilities Committee Meeting
- BHS Math Classrooms Walkthrough

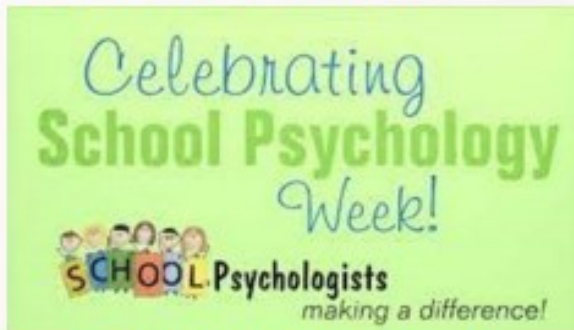
Upcoming Dates/Events

- One to One meetings with the Executive Director of Human Resources, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, School Business Administrator, and the Assistant Superintendent of Special Education & Student Services
- CCASA Executive Committee Meeting in Vineland, NJ-Monday, October 31, 2022 @ 9:30 AM
- QSAC Governance Meeting- Monday, October 31, 2022 @ 3:00 PM
- BHS Additions Working Meeting- Tuesday, November 1, 2022 @ 9:00 AM
- QSAC Discussion and Signing— November 1st
- Leadership Meeting—November 2nd
- Agenda Review Meeting- Wednesday, November 2, 2022 @ 9:30 AM
- Board Personnel Committee Meeting- Tuesday, November 1, 2022 @ 11:00 AM
- Board Policy Committee Meeting- Tuesday, November 1, 2022 @ 2:30 PM
- Board Finance Committee Meeting- Tuesday, November 1, 2022 @ 4:30 PM
- BHS Student Government Meeting @ BHS – Thursday, November 3, 2022 @ 7:45 AM

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



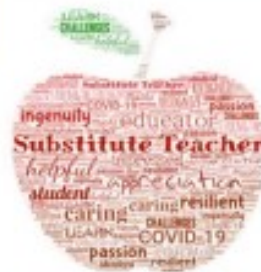
Educational Support Professionals Day - Nov. 16



Thanksgiving - Nov. 24



Veteran's Day - Nov. 11



Thank you!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Substitute Appreciation Day - Nov. 17



International Men's Day - Nov. 19



Nancy Dixon Literacy Leader!

Nancy Dixon is a Literacy Leader who has taught for 19 years, 3 of which have been in 1st grade at Cherry Street School! Ms. Dixon is a fun, energetic classroom teacher who loves to engage her students visually with colorful and animated Power Points and through physical movement. Ms. Dixon is very proud that her students are successful in independently navigating her literacy centers, which include the Reading with the teacher, Excellent Writing, Awesome Apps, and Dynamic Word Work stations, which she summarizes as R.E.A.D. time! One of her favorite movement learning activities is Jolly Jump Up which she created to help students learn their red words.

Her favorite book to read in her classroom is *My Brother Charlie* which celebrates and embraces the uniqueness of the main charac-

ter, who is Autistic. Ms. Dixon shares that this book not only helps her students but has also helped her own family as she is the mom of an ASD child. Ms. Dixon says that she loves working in Bridgeton because of the unique culture and diversity of the students and staff and that she was honored to be named the Cherry Street Teacher of the Year for 2022. Her advice to new teachers is that it is okay to be yourself in front of the students and make mistakes. She says these mistakes are examples to the students that we are all human beings. Ms. Dixon also wanted all teachers to know that they are each other's support system and, "if we can continue to support one another through this process of educating our students locally and globally then we can truly impact our world and nation one student and one day at a time."



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African American Club Visits Delaware State



3-5th Grade GT Students Visit the Library

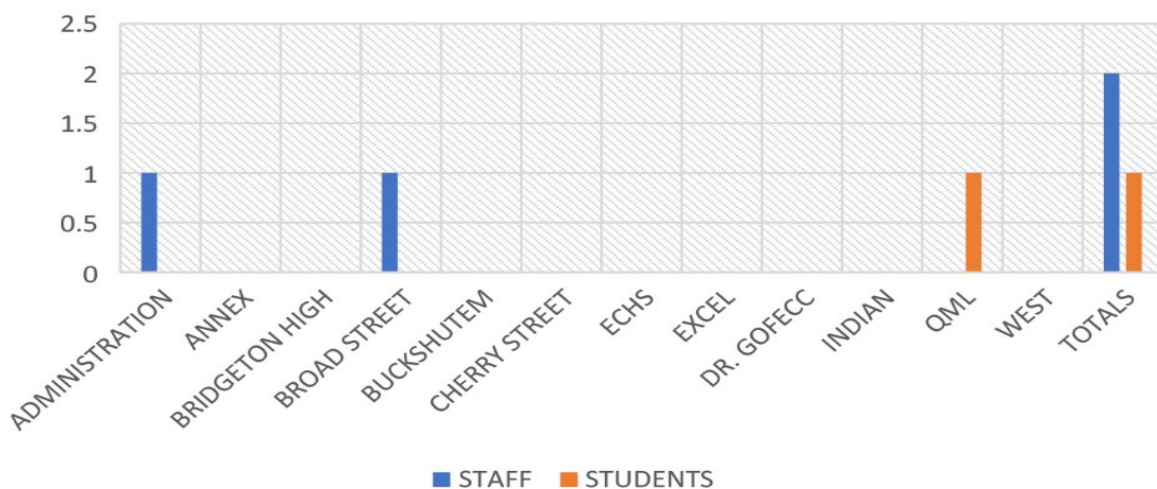


The 3rd-5th grade Gifted and Talented students attend the first Environmental Education Day at the Bridgeton Library! The students were treated to informative and interactive presentations by the following local agencies: ACUA, The Cumberland County Improvement Authority, The Maurice River Conservatory, The Littoral Society, and Belleplain Park Rangers.

BHS Dance Students Visit Stockton



District COVID-19 Weekly Positive Results
Week of October 24, 2022 - October 28, 2022



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