



Bridgeton Public Schools

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Superintendent's Fall Edition Bulldog Briefing

Dr. Keith Miles, Jr. • Superintendent of Schools

Happy Monday Bulldog Team!



This is the time of year when we reflect on the things for which we are most grateful... most notably, our families, good health, and our ability to provide for our loved ones. Personally I am thankful that I get to work with such a valuable and committed team of administrators, educators and support professionals who do their very best to instruct and support the 6200 students in our care.

It is because of our students and your dedication and commitment to the work that I am honored to serve in Bridgeton, and I

enjoy serving as your Superintendent. Through every test that has challenged us as an organization, we have demonstrated that we are stronger together. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all of you! May you enjoy the fruits of your labor during this Thanksgiving holiday.



On Wednesday, Nov. 23, all staff may be dismissed at 2:00 p.m., or when your supervisory responsibilities to students are completed. Custodians and maintenance staff please check with your supervisor for your dismissal time. However you choose to spend these next several days, be safe and enjoy!

As you know, I began my listening tour on Monday, November 14th. So far, I have heard from 46 students, 26 staff members, and 6 parents. To increase the number of parent voices, a message went out in both English and Spanish this past Friday and Sunday night inviting more parents to come out and share feedback. The same message will repeat for the next 2 Sundays.

As shared previously, this valuable feedback will be used to firm up the district's 2023-2024 goals, priorities, and initiatives as well as Bridgeton's 2023-2024 district budget. If you missed the tour at your school, there are still opportunities to join a session.

Upcoming Staff Tours

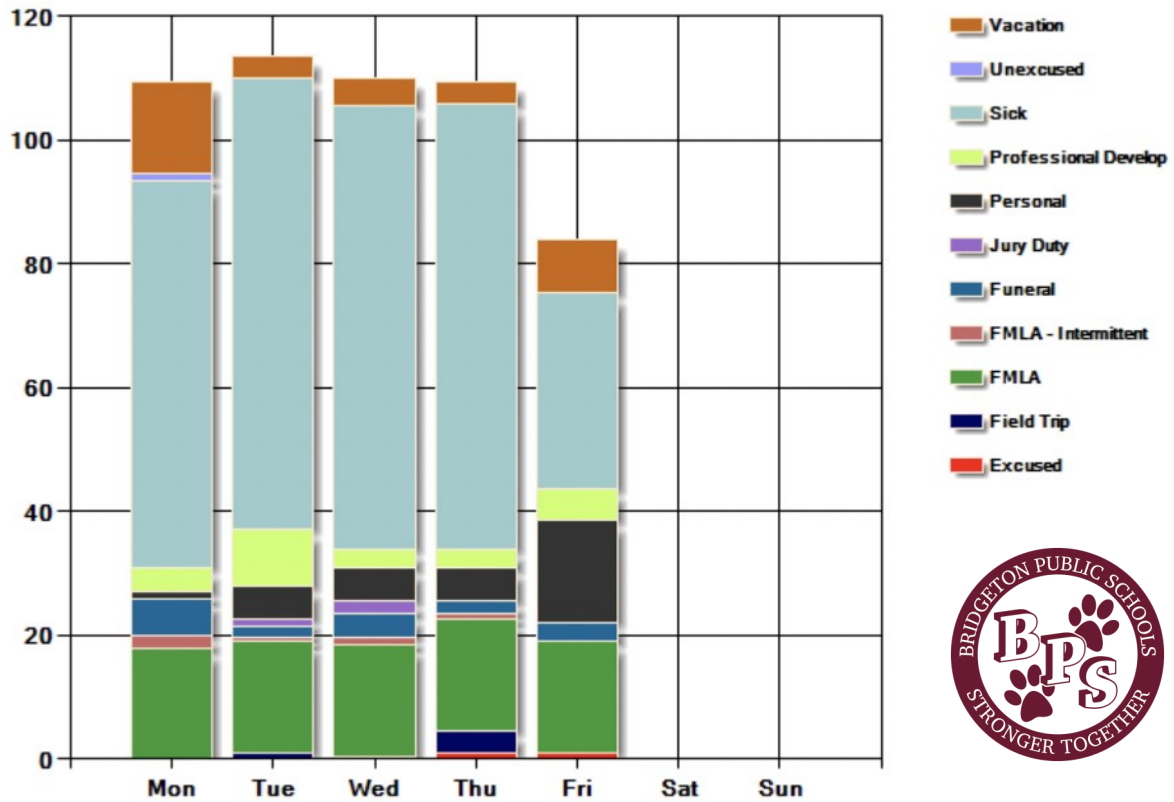
- Monday, November 21st I will be at West Avenue, from 3:45-4:45pm
- Tuesday, November 22nd I will be at Cherry Street, from 3:45-4:45pm
- Monday, November 28th I will be at Indian Avenue, from 3:45-4:45pm
- Monday, December 5th I will be at Broad, from 3:45-4:45pm
- Tuesday, December 6th I will be at BHS, from 2:45-3:45pm
- Thursday, December 8th I will be at the Dr. GOFEC, 4:30-5:30pm

You may attend any session that is convenient for your schedule.



Ready, Set, Read!

Nov. 14th – Nov. 18th Staff Attendance



Nov. 14th – Nov. 18th Fill Rate 54%

Cumberland County, NJ

Updated on November 20

COMMUNITY RISK LEVEL ⓘ
● MEDIUM

Cases >



● 107.3

Weekly new reported cases per 100k

Admissions >



● 19.4

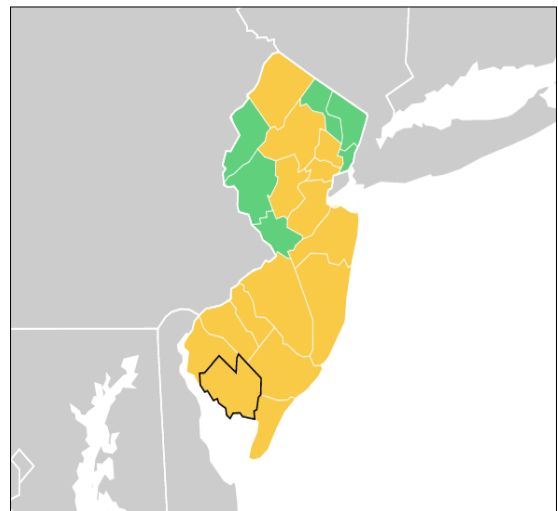
Weekly COVID admissions per 100k

Patients >



● 5.9%

Patients with COVID of all beds



% Vaccinated

Community risk level

Low level  High level



Kim Porch: Literacy Leader!

Mrs. Kim Porch is a literacy leader who has served the Bridgeton Public School District for 33 years! Mrs. Porch began her career as a Kindergarten paraprofessional when she was just in college. Through the years, Mrs. Porch has served as a fourth-grade teacher, whole-school reform facilitator, and literacy coach at West Avenue School. For the last 15 years, she has been an Assistant Principal at Broad Street School. Mrs. Porch has a passion for literacy and is often found working with the K-4 teachers. She states she is proud of the teachers' collaboration focused on writing. Mrs. Porch is a huge supporter of the "Ready, Set, Read Campaign". Her favorite books include the Harry Potter series, which she did not think she would like, and *Bats by the Beach* by Brian Lies, whom she says is a masterful

and storyteller.

Although Mrs. Porch loves reading, she also finds working with numbers and solving math problems to be very satisfying. She is intrigued by the ocean's depths and would

love to experience being a fish or bird! One of her favorite people is Jeff Corwin, a wildlife conservationist, and biologist.

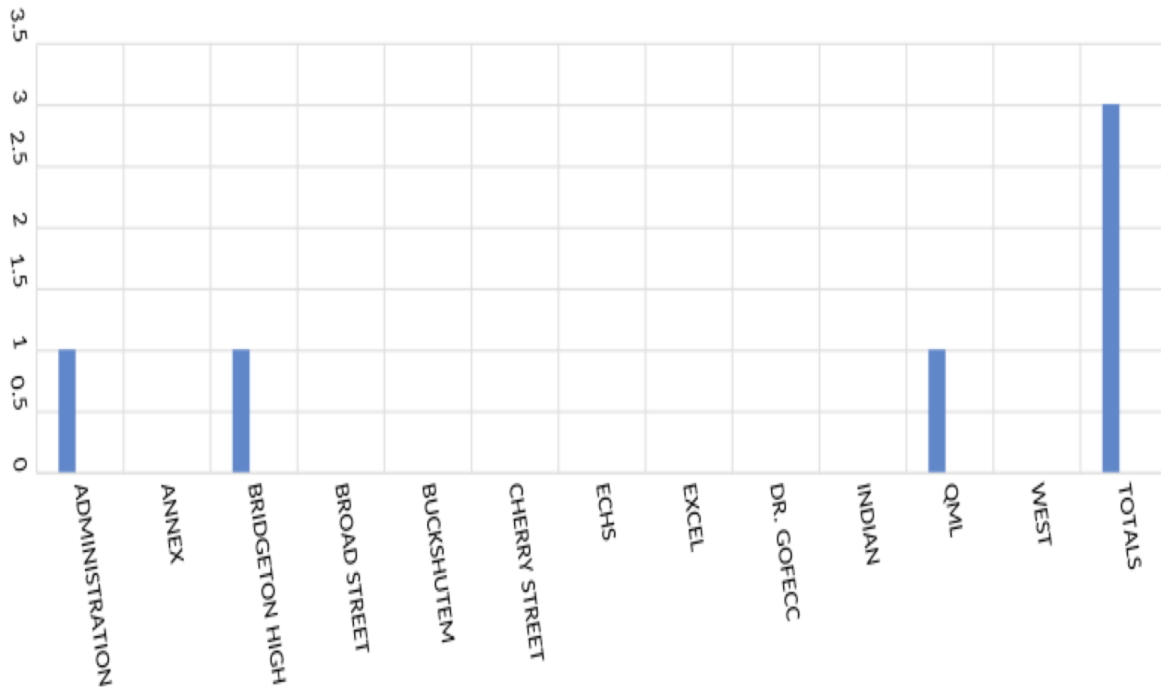
Mrs. Porch loves being an educator, especially working with teachers and students to build confidence and excitement about teaching and learning. She also enjoys working with parents and staff to ensure the students' mental well-being. Mrs. Porch advises teachers to "never

stop learning and growing!" She also says to take the time to build relationships with students, personalize instruction, and meet them in their areas of need.

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District COVID-19 Weekly Positive Results Week of November 14, 2022 - November 18, 2022



Meetings/Community Engagement Nov. 14 - 18

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Listening Tour at Buckshutem Road School
- ◆ West Avenue School Visit with the County Superintendent
- ◆ Listening Tour at Quarter Mile Lane School
- ◆ Leadership Meeting
- ◆ NJ Alliance of Black Superintendent's Virtual Meeting
- ◆ Great Schools of New Jersey Virtual Meeting
- ◆ Listening Tour at ExCEL School
- ◆ Administrative Council @ 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.
- ◆ Nov. 21 - Listening Tour at West Avenue School, 2:00 - 6:00 pm
- ◆ Nov. 22 - ELL Program Meeting, 12:30 pm
- ◆ Nov. 22 - Listening Tour at Cherry Street School, 2:00 - 6:00 pm
- ◆ Nov. 23 - Cabinet Meeting, 8:30 am
- ◆ Nov. 23 - "Balloons Over Broadway Parade" at Indian Avenue School, 12:30 pm
- ◆ Nov. 24-25 - Closed for Thanksgiving

BHS Program Dancing With Great News!



On Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, BHS dance teacher Jennifer Shaw (pictured below), accompanied four senior BHS dance students on a field trip to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Dance Auditions hosted and held at Rowan University. These students, Zy'Anah McKenzie, Theonna Carroll, Irmani Russell and Alicia Gomez, auditioned for 10 dance colleges/universities and did extremely well. The students' college acceptances are as follows: Zy'Anah - SUNY Fredonia; Theonna - SUNY Fredonia; Irmani - SUNY Fredonia, AMDA College of the Performing Arts, Rhode Island College and West Virginia University; and Alicia Gomez - SUNY Fredonia, Rhode Island College, Rowan University and Temple University. In addition, Ms. Shaw recently was informed that she was the recipient of the Members 1st of NJ Federal Credit Union Mini Grant ... for the second time in three years! The \$200 grant will be used to purchase such items as holiday props, hats, costumes and costume pieces for BHS's upcoming "Virtual Holidazzle Dance Show." The holiday show will air on Bridgeton High School's YouTube Channel on Dec. 22.



November 14, 2022

Mrs. Jennifer Shaw
Bridgeton High School
80 Hitchner Ave
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Re: Teacher Mini Grant

Dear Mrs. Shaw,

Members 1st of NJ Federal Credit Union would like to congratulate you for winning the 2022 Teacher Mini Grant. We have enclosed your award along with a check in the amount of \$200.00 for your creative idea for a classroom project. Once the project has been completed, we asked that you provide us with photos of the project to showcase in our lobby area and social media platforms.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (856) 696-0767 ext. 107 or by email at MMazzeo@MembersOneNJ.org

Best regards,


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