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Superintendent's Fall Edition **Bulldog Briefing**

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Happy Cyber Monday Bulldog Team!



I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving holiday with your families, friends, and loved ones. I am sure you agree that November has flown by! As we usher in December this week, please join me in acknowledging December 3rd as "International Day of Persons With Disabilities."

As you know, I embarked on a districtwide listening tour on Monday, November 14th. So far, I have heard from 93 students, 54 staff members, and 12 families. Feedback received so far has been extremely valuable and 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 a few more opportunities to join a session.

Upcoming Staff Tour Opportunities

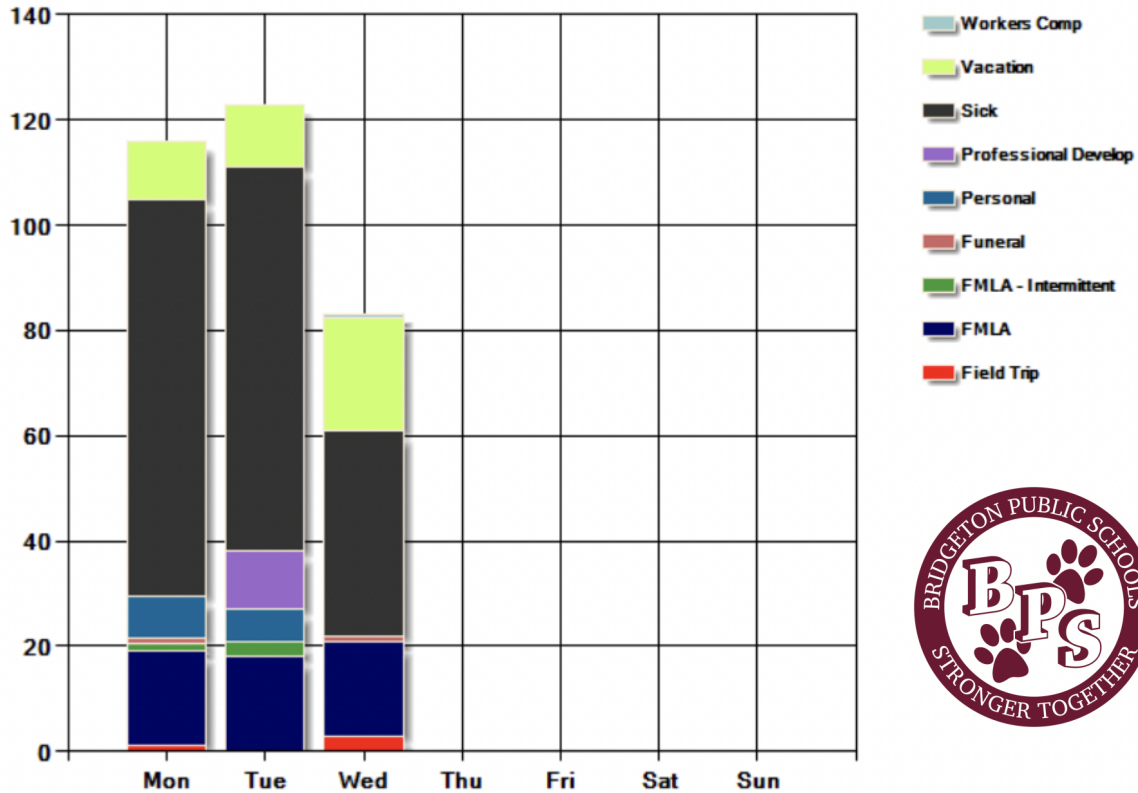
- Monday, November 28th I will be at Indian Avenue, from 3:45-4:45pm
- Monday, December 5th I will be at Broad, from 3:45-4:45pm
- Tuesday, December 6th I will be at BHS, from 2:45-3:45pm
- Thursday, December 8th I will be at the Dr. GOFEC, 4:30-5:30pm

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



Ready, Set, Read!

Nov. 21st – Nov. 23rd Staff Attendance



Nov. 21st – Nov. 23rd Fill Rate 60%

Cumberland County, NJ

Updated on November 27

COMMUNITY RISK LEVEL ⓘ
MEDIUM

Cases >



91.0

Weekly new reported cases per 100k

Admissions >



14.7

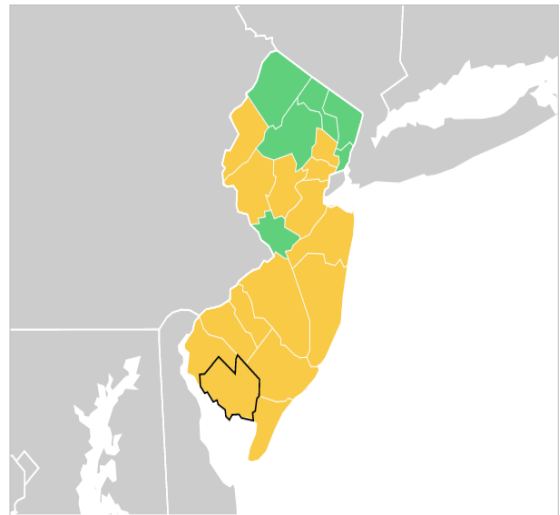
Weekly COVID admissions per 100k

Patients >



4.8%

Patients with COVID of all beds



% Vaccinated

Community risk level

Low level  High level



Desiree Aponte: Literacy Leader!

Ms. Desiree Aponte is a Literacy Leader who is relatively new to our district! She started in 2019 and currently teaches middle school language arts at Indian Avenue.

Ms. Aponte frequently utilizes novels and short stories during her instruction. Her favorite novel to read with the class is *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. To fully immerse her students in the content, Ms. Aponte divides them into districts, and they compete in weekly competitions... *friendly competitions, of course... not like in the novel!*

Ms. Aponte utilizes Socratic Seminars to create enriching dialogue within her class. She admits that they can be challenging at first, but the students quickly learn, and the discussion is always enjoyable and enriching.

Ms. Aponte also incorporates centers into her middle-grade classroom. During centers, stu-



dents work together to gain a deeper understanding of the skills. In addition, she uses this time to pull small groups of students to work with on specific skills.

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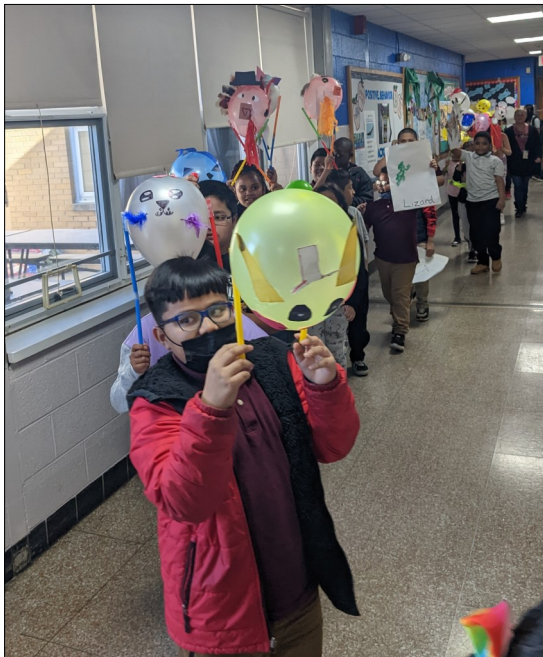
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Balloons Over Broadway at Indian Ave.



West Ave. Student Tour Leaders



Meetings/Community Engagement Nov. 21 - 23

- ◆ 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 West Avenue School
- ◆ ELL Program Meeting
- ◆ Listening Tour at Cherry Street School
- ◆ Cabinet Meeting
- ◆ Balloons Over Broadway Parade @ Indian Avenue School
- ◆ Closed Thanksgiving – Nov. 24-25

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. 28 - Listening Tour at Indian Avenue School, 2:00 pm
- ◆ Nov. 29 - Teacher Meeting, 3:30 pm
- ◆ Nov. 30 - Leadership Meeting, 8:30 am
- ◆ Nov. 30 - Board Finance Committee Meeting, 3:00 pm
- ◆ Nov. 30 - Board Facilities Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm
- ◆ Dec. 1 - Student Government Meeting, 7:45 am
- ◆ Dec. 1 - All Principals Check-In Meeting, 2:30 pm

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