



Bridgeton Public Schools

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Bulldog Briefing

Dr. Keith Miles, Jr. • Superintendent of Schools

Happy Monday Bulldog Team!

Each of you play a very critical role in the success of our district, and I want to say thank you for your service to the students and families of Bridgeton Public Schools. National trends show a record number of educators retiring or resigning and staff transitioning to positions closer to home.

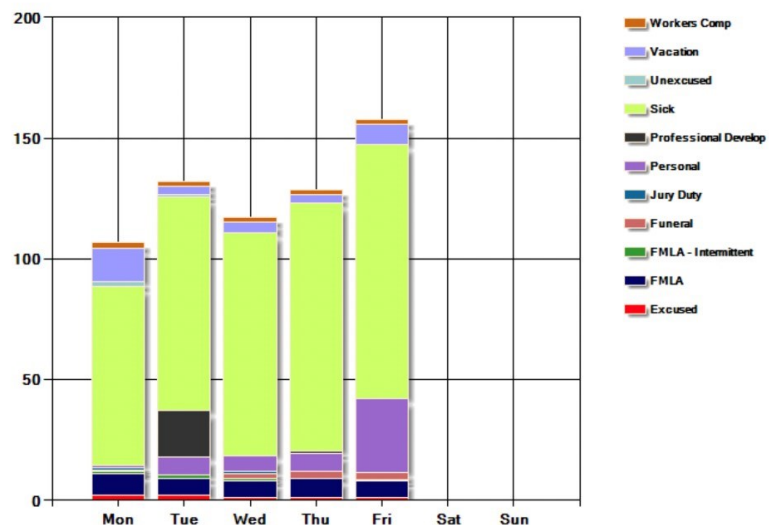
We currently have triple digit vacancies (117) across our district, and will need an all hands on deck approach to staffing our buildings. Word of mouth referrals are very effective when recruiting. Thanks in advance for continuing to spread the word that Bridgeton Public Schools is hiring. You can direct prospective applicants to the [employment opportunities](#) section of our website.

Because staffing has been such a challenge, those reporting staff members are routinely doing more to make up for the short fall. In the coming weeks (pending Board approval), we are planning to add 6 additional one session days for students to our school year calendar to commence in January of 2022

on the first Wednesday of every month. After next week's December Board meeting, we will send out a formal letter to parents, send out a district-wide phone blast, and hold an evening virtual Town Hall so parents can fully understand the need for these 6 additional one-session Wellness Wednesdays.

Examples of activities which can occur include and are not limited to planning time among staff, grade level activities, inputting grades, staff yoga, staff luncheons, team-building, self-awareness activities, etc. As always, I will update all of you as we move this plan forward in the coming days and weeks.

Nov. 29th- Dec. 3rd Staff Attendance



Nov. 29th- Dec. 3rd Fill Rate – 6%

Ready, Set, Read!

County COVID-19 Cases Back on the Rise

Cases

DAILY NEW CASES

• **51.5** PER 100K

INFECTION RATE

• **1.26**

POSITIVE TEST RATE

• **4.9%**



Staff COVID Cases

TCL ADMINISTRATION	2
BANK ANNEX	6
BHS	14
BROAD	5
BUCKSHUTEM	5
CHERRY	1
EXCEL	2
GOFECC	3
INDIAN	0
QML	6
WEST AVE	4

Staff on full FMLA - 21

Staff out intermittent FMLA - 78

Student Exclusions

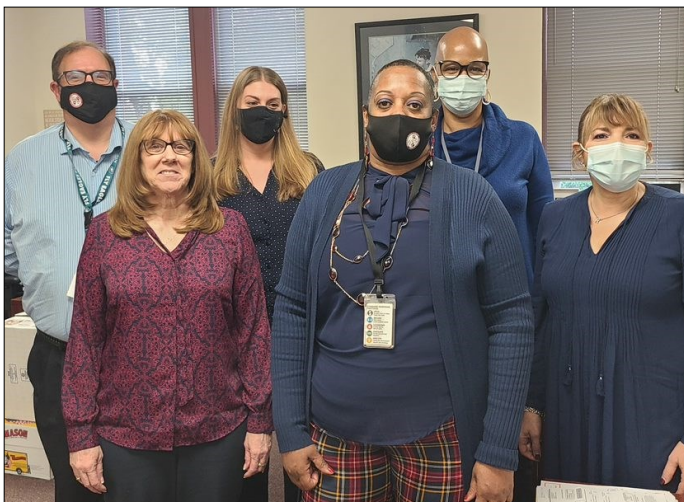
School	Exclusion	Positive Cases
BHS	51	26
BRS	33	3
BSS	56	3
CSS	169	16
ECHS	0	0
ExCEL	2	7
GOFECC	12	2
IAS	36	7
QML	46	4
WAS	53	14
Total	458	82

Upcoming Dates/Events

- ◆ Dose #2: Dec. 9 - Complete Care Vaccine Clinics, BHS from 2:30-6pm; Dec. 10 - Buckshutem Road from 1:30-5:30pm
- ◆ Dec. 10 – One Session Day for Students – Staff PD
- ◆ December Board Meeting – Tuesday, Dec. 14 at BHS @ 6pm
- ◆ December Administrative Council – Thursday, Dec. 16 at QML
- ◆ Rotary/Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting – Thursday, Dec. 16 at the Alms Center
- ◆ One Session Day – Thursday, Dec. 23
- ◆ Winter Recess – Dec. 24 through Dec. 31



The Thomas C. Lane Staff wishes all of our Jewish colleagues a very Happy Hanukkah!

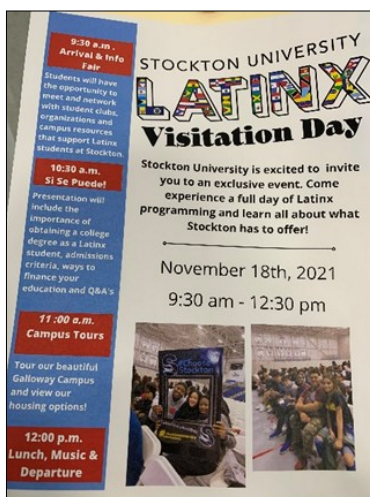


Acceptance, Scholarship Letters Given On “Instant Decision” Day

ECHS seniors joined their BHS classmates to participate in Instant Decision Day in the BHS auditorium. Students received instant acceptance and scholarship offers from colleges and universities such as Stockton, Holy Family, Bloomfield College, Delaware Valley College, NJIT, and more!



38 ECHS seniors accompanied 28 BHS seniors for a presentation and campus tour of Stockton University.



Meetings/Community Engagement 11/29 - 12/3

- ◆ Individual Check-ins with the School Business Administrator, the Executive Director of Human Resources, the Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Student Services, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, the Director of Curriculum – ELA, and the Director of Bilingual, ESL and World Languages.
- ◆ Led Leadership Team Meeting
- ◆ Principals and Superintendent Check-in
- ◆ Met with Dr. Jean Marie, Dean of the College of Education and 11 other Superintendents at Rowan University's Mullica Hill campus to discuss issues facing our schools.
- ◆ District Pandemic Response Team Meeting
- ◆ Great Schools New Jersey Monthly Meeting
- ◆ Holiday Activities Planning Meeting
- ◆ Administrative Council Planning Meeting
- ◆ Broad Street's Morning Announcements - Joke of the Day recording
- ◆ Attended Sunday Morning Worship Services at Glory Tabernacle
- ◆ Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
- ◆ Conversations and negotiations meetings with Association leadership, Business Administrator, Board members, and attorneys are ongoing.
- ◆ Conversations with the Board President, Vice President, and other Board members are ongoing.

District's Self-ESTEAM Night a Great Success



An evening of STEAM hands-on activities gave parents and their children an opportunity for exploration, collaboration and creativity. A Thanksgiving-style meal and free haircuts for students also were available.



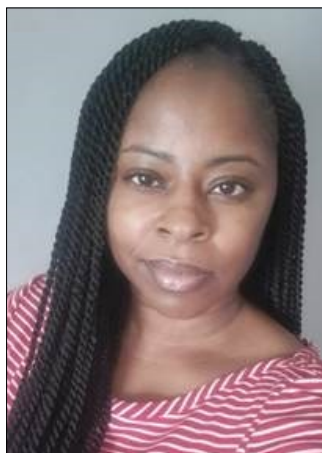


This week's Bulldog Briefing features our Curriculum and Instruction and Technology teams.

Curriculum and Instruction



Dr. Celeste Merriweather
Assistant Superintendent
Curriculum and
Instruction



Rhuby Marsh-Mozelle
Administrative Assistant
Office Manager



Barbara Wilchensky
Director
Language Arts Literacy
and Social Studies K-12



Dr. Darlyne de Haan
Director
Mathematics
and Science K-12

Curriculum and Instruction



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Director of
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Community Partnerships



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Coordinator of Grants
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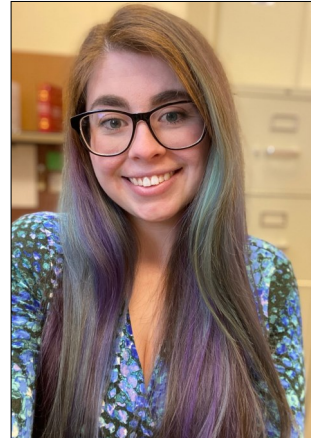


Tim Zoyac
Project Manager
Pathways 21st Century
Community Learning Centers

Curriculum and Instruction



Desiree Lara
Bookkeeper



Rene Mottola
Secretary



Melony Powell
Secretary



Lisa Trembley-Scafidi
Secretary

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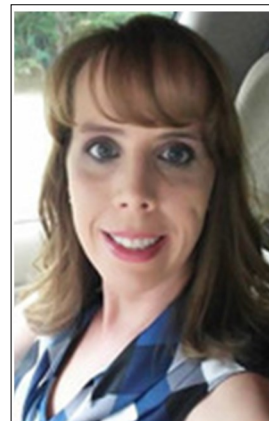
Jennifer DeShields
Supervisor
Math and Science



Stephen DiPatri
Supervisor
Social Studies



Kerry Sullivan
Supervisor
Creative and
Performing Arts



Samantha Terry
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Curriculum and Instruction



Michael Eckmeyer
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Guidance



Cynthia Wilks
Supervisor
of Athletics



Jeffrey Schirf
Athletic Trainer

Technology



Alix Silva
Director of
Technology



Not Pictured

Jane Caine
Secretary
Technology Department



James Boner
District Technology and
Audio Visual Engineer



Ken Murray
District Technologist
Specialist

Technology



Brian Randall
Network Technology



Jason Valentine
District Administrative
Software Specialist



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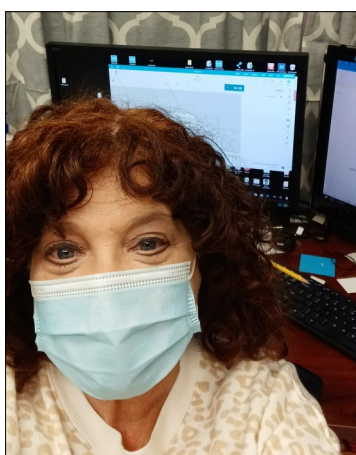
Jeffrey Meeks
Technology Coordinator
BHS



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Technology Coordinator
Broad



Jeffrey Hyson
Technology Coordinator
Buckshutem



Dawn LaMontagne
Technology Coordinator
Cherry



Robert Fink
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ExCEL

Technology



Ramon Gonzalez
Technology Coordinator
GOFECC



Nathan Reed
Technology Coordinator
Indian



Nathan Thomas
Technology Coordinator
QML



Jaclyn Hall
Technology Coordinator
West



Activities in Our Schools

12/6	12/7	12/8	12/9	12/10	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/17
Bridgeton High School									
							National Honor Society Induction Ceremony @6pm	Progress Report	Gym Naming Ceremony Boys Basketball vs Atlantic City BHS Merit Award Casual Dress Day
Broad Street School									
Holiday Shop Grades K – 4	Holiday Shop Grades K – 4 City Council @ 5:30pm	Holiday Shop Grades K – 4	Holiday Shop Grades K – 4 Holiday Craft and Center Celebration @ 9:30am	De Haan Stem Night 5:30pm – 7:00pm PBSIS Monthly Reward @ 2pm	School Store 7:45 am – 8:45 am	School Store 7:45 am – 8:45 am Gingerbread House Decorating Party @ 2:00pm – 3:00pm	School Store 7:45 am – 8:45 am	CASUAL DRESS DAY AIE @ 9:10am – Arielle Egan	
Cherry Street School									
					MP 1 Shout Out	BOM Presentation	Book Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair

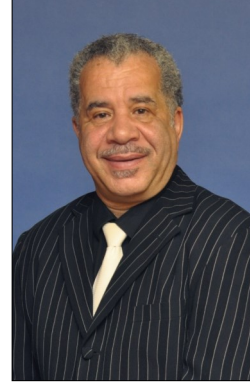
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Indian Avenue School									
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Quarter Mile Lane School									
Holiday Shop PBSIS Candygram Sale			PAW Time 5 th – 8 th Grade 1:00pm- 3:00pm	School Store 8:00am – 9:15am Outside of the gym	Pretzel & Popcorn Week (12/13 – 12/17)	1 st Marking Period Student Recognition (K – 4 th) 1:15pm – 2:15pm	1 st Marking Period Student Recognition (5 th – 8 th) • QML's Holiday Crafts and Cookies Event 5:30- 7:00p.m.		School Store 8:00am – 9:15am Outside of the gym
West Avenue School									
Holiday Shop	Holiday Shop	Holiday Shop	Holiday Shop						

Our Board Members



Mary Peterson
President



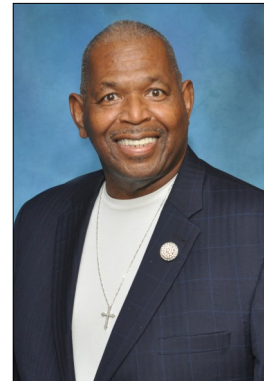
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Member



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