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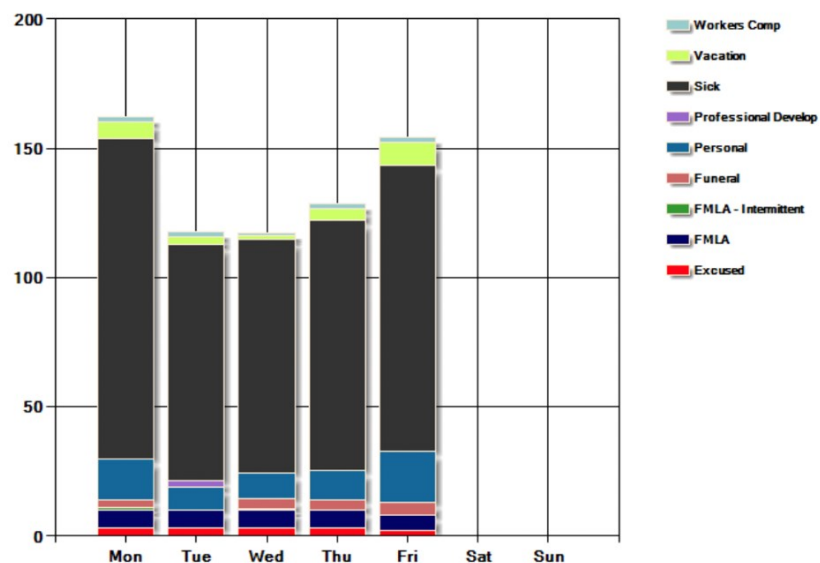
Dr. Keith Miles, Jr. • Superintendent of Schools

Happy Monday Bulldog Team!

With 8 more school days left before winter recess, I don't think I can say it enough, how grateful we are for our dedicated staff members who show up each and every day for our students! Without our staff, we cannot deliver on our district's promise of a quality education for all of our students. In the coming days, I will expand discussions with Association leadership to discuss a fair and appropriate way to capture and acknowledge the additional work and contributions staff members across all units have made to our district this year.

With winter approaching, we are unfortunately seeing what appears to be a third wave of COVID-19. I am hopeful like all of you that the worst is behind us. Recognizing that so many of us have been touched in some way by losses related to COVID-19, I encourage all of you to hold your loved ones a little tighter this holiday season. While caring for yourself and your families, please continue to seize every opportunity to spread joy and cheer to those young people who may be exhibiting unusual behaviors or having challenges. Many of our students come to school for safety, love, and support. As a result, preparing for the break may bring with it some anxiety. As I visit classrooms across the district and see the supportive environments our district staff create for students, it warms my heart. Thank you for being there for our students!

Dec. 6th - Dec. 10th Staff Attendance



Dec. 6th - Dec. 10th Fill Rate – 7%

Ready, Set, Read!

Cumberland County COVID-19 Cases Rising

Cases

DAILY NEW CASES

INFECTION RATE

POSITIVE TEST RATE

• **61.3** PER 100K

• **1.28**

• **4.8%**



Staff COVID Cases

TCL ADMINISTRATION	3
BANK ANNEX	6
BHS	15
BROAD	6
BUCKSHUTEM	5
CHERRY	1
EXCEL	2
GOFEC	3
INDIAN	1
QML	6
WEST AVE	4

Staff on full FMLA - 23

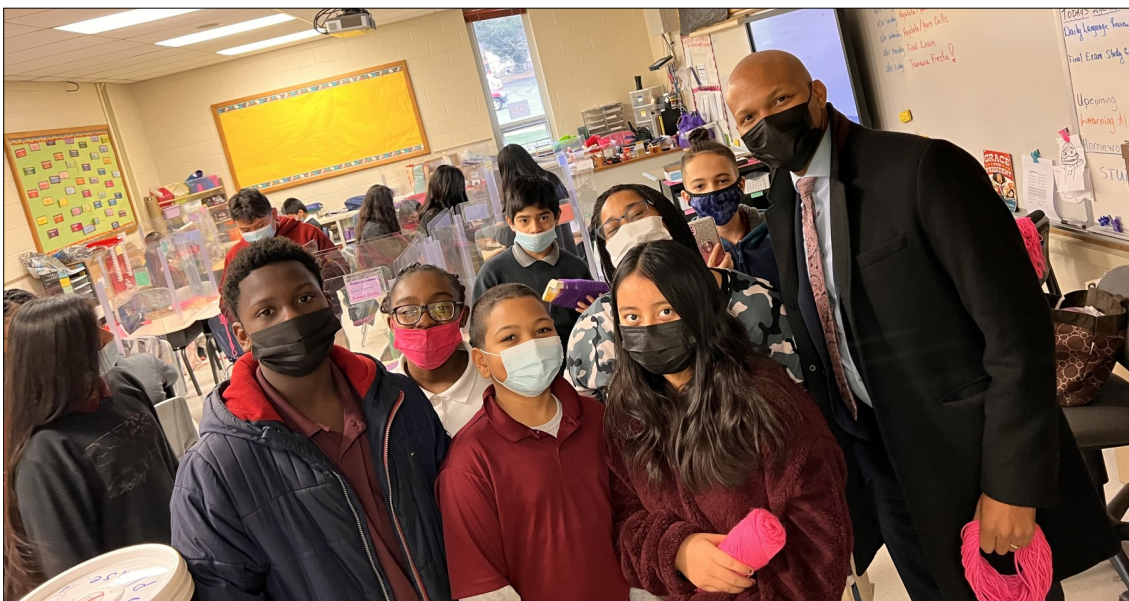
Staff out intermittent FMLA - 72

Student Exclusions

School	Exclusions	Positive Cases
BHS	41	32
BRS	38	4
BSS	261	5
CSS	75	22
ECHS	0	0
ExCEL	4	7
GOFEC	21	2
IAS	40	7
QML	42	6
WAS	90	15
Total	612	100

Upcoming Dates/Events

- ◆ December Board Meeting – Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at BHS @ 6pm
- ◆ Bridgeton High School Staff Meeting – Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at BHS at 2:30pm
- ◆ December Administrative Council – Thursday, December 16th at QML from 8:30-12:30
- ◆ Rotary/Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting – Thursday December 16th at the Alms Center
- ◆ One Session Day – Thursday, December 23, 2021
- ◆ Winter Recess – December 24th through December 31st



Mrs. Taja Board's 7th grade ELA students at Indian Avenue School were excited to share their literacy projects based on the novel, "Esperanza Rising", they are reading in class.

District Employee Is Recognized As 'ESP-At-Large' by National Education Assn.

Mrs. Tamika Langston-Myers, a long-time Instructional Aide at Cherry Street School, has been selected as "Educational Support Professional (ESP)-At-Large for the NEA (National Education Association). This national recognition makes Mrs. Langston-Myers one of few Cumberland County educational professionals to have a voice at the national level in the field of education. Mrs. Langston-Hughes recently was Cherry Street School's Educational Support Professional of the Year.



Meetings and Community Engagement Dec. 6 - 10

- ◆ 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 Student Services, and the Director of Bilingual, ESL and World Languages.
- ◆ Led Cabinet Meeting
- ◆ Principals and Superintendent Check-in
- ◆ Cumberland County Superintendents Roundtable
- ◆ District Long Range Facilities Plan Review Meeting
- ◆ Support for BHS Planning Meeting
- ◆ Board Agenda Review Meeting
- ◆ Board Facilities Committee Meeting
- ◆ Board Finance Committee Meeting
- ◆ Board Student Services 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.

GOFECC Salutes 28 Students With Perfect Attendance



Twenty-eight students at the Geraldyn O. Foster Early Childhood Center were honored for their perfect attendance from Sept. 8 through Dec. 8. Each student received a certificate and medal for their great accomplishment.

Nominations Now Accepted For BHS Alumni Hall of Fame

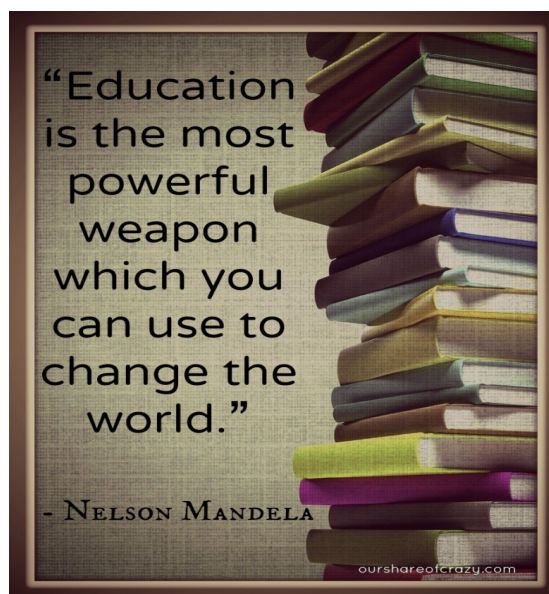
The Bridgeton High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame is an event held every year, at which time the district inducts graduates of BHS who have made outstanding contributions to the community through professional and/or community service. If you would like to nominate a BHS graduate, please complete a nomination form and return it to the Superintendent's office by January 7, 2022. Nomination forms were emailed to district staff today.

Criteria:

- The inductee must be a graduate of Bridgeton High School.
- The inductee is making, or has made, an outstanding contribution to the community through professional and/or community service. (The number of posthumous inductees shall be limited to one per year).
- Current members of the Selection Committee are ineligible.

If a person's name was submitted in previous years and was not selected but would like to be considered for the current school year, please re-submit the information for that individual.

Please submit completed forms to Robin Concoridia in the Superintendent's Office (ext. 2000).





This week's Bulldog Briefing features our Business Office and Purchasing Department.

Business Office/Purchasing



Nicole Albanese
Business Administrator
Board Secretary



Shelly Peterson
Administrative Assistant
Office Manager to the
Business Administrator



Lynne Buirch
Payroll Manager



Debra Clark
Payroll Manager

Business Office/Purchasing



Jerry Vargas
Assistant
Business Administrator



Tobi Olusa
District
Facilities Manager



Clayton Craft
Accountant



Theresa Thompson
Purchasing Agent

Business Office/Purchasing



**Vinchelle Joynes
Bookkeeper**



**Ruth Rosa
Bookkeeper**



**Michael Staffieri
Preschool
Fiscal Specialist**



**Terri May
Purchasing Secretary**



**Jamie Wheldon
Purchasing Secretary**

Our Board Members



Mary Peterson
President



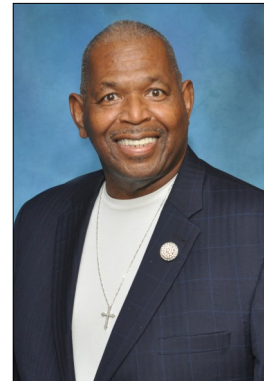
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Vice President



Angelia Edwards
Member



Dionne Edwards
Member



Albert Morgan
Member



Erica Mosley
Member



Ricardo Perez
Member



Kenny Smithbey Jr.
Member



Ashlee Todd
Member