



Bridgeton Public Schools

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Superintendent's Spring Edition Bulldog Briefing

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Happy Monday Bulldog Team!

As part of Women's History Month and our final briefing for the month of March, I would like to celebrate Cumberland County Prosecutor Jennifer Webb-McRae, who made history in 2010 as the first woman and the first African-American to serve in the role of Cumberland County Prosecutor. The daughter of a long time Bridgeton educator, Prosecutor McRae and her team launched an annual back to school initiative touching about 40 area schools, promoting programs to keep our schools and students safe. Prosecutor Webb-McRae is an inspiration and role model for students and other women who aspire to public service.



Last weekend, she blessed all those in attendance at Union Baptist Temple in Bridgeton with a powerful message around walking in favor with a C-R-O-W-N mentality. For her work and impact, Prosecutor Webb-McRae was recently named a "2021 South Jersey Woman of the Year," one of only 4 award recipients, and the only woman honored for 2021. Prosecutor Webb-McRae continues to break barriers and move our county forward. Bridgeton Public Schools salutes Jennifer Webb-McRae this month as a stand out leader and public servant in the Bridgeton community.



QML had an amazing turnout at its Family Information Night on Thursday, March 24th. "Our students and families left our school feeling empowered, equipped and loved." - Principal Reina Hernandez

Ready, Set, Read!

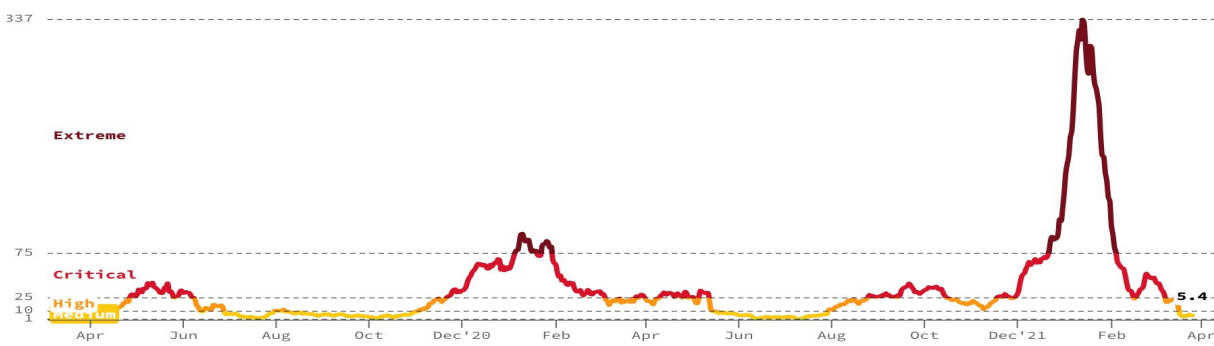
Cumberland County COVID-19 Cases Update

Cases

DAILY NEW CASES
● 5.4 PER 100K

INFECTION RATE
● 0.47

POSITIVE TEST RATE
● 0.8%



Meetings/Community Engagement March 21– 25

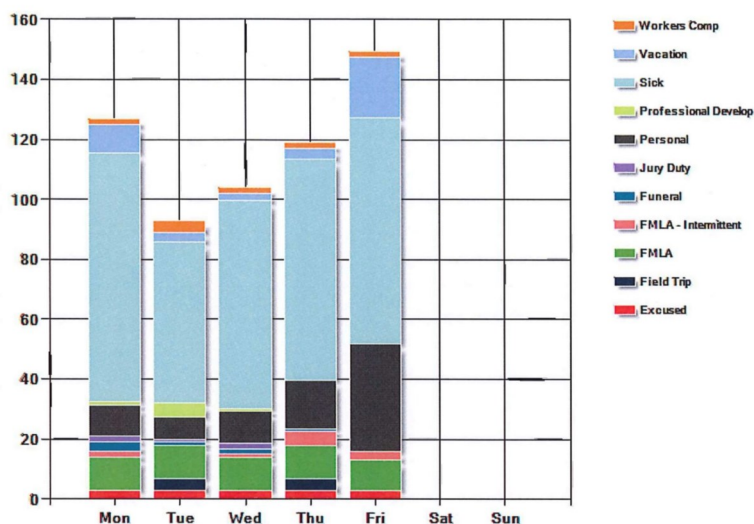
- ◆ Individual Check-ins with the School Business Administrator, the Executive Director of Human Resources, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, the Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Student Services, and the Director of Student Services.
- ◆ Special Action Board Meeting
- ◆ Cabinet Meeting
- ◆ Pandemic Response Team Meeting
- ◆ Multiple Meetings Regarding Personnel Matters
- ◆ Weekly Principals Check-in
- ◆ Meeting to Discuss Districtwide Attendance Reporting
- ◆ Bridgeton Citywide Cleanup Day
- ◆ 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.

Upcoming Dates/Events

**March is
Women's History Month**

- ◆ Apr. 5 - 3rd Marking Period Ends
- ◆ Apr. 6 - Wellness Wednesday One Session; Report Cards
- ◆ Apr. 6 - Job Fair, 1-4 pm, BHS
- ◆ Apr. 15 - Good Friday, Spring Break begins

Mar. 21st – Mar. 25th Staff Attendance



Mar. 21st – Mar. 25th Fill Rate – 31%

Staff, Students Pitch In for City's Cleanup Efforts



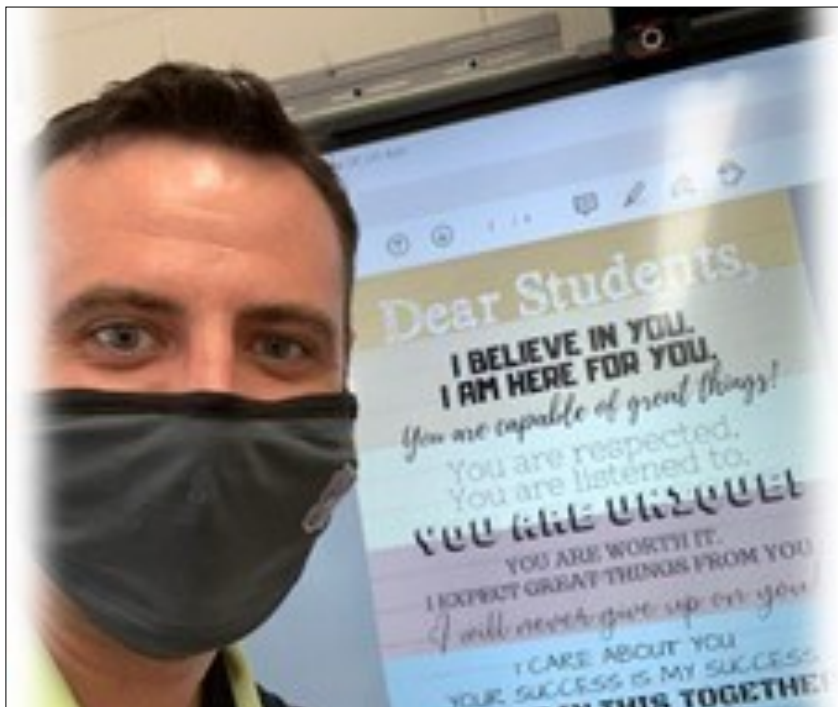
A little Saturday morning drizzle did not stop Bridgeton's semi-annual citywide cleanup! District staff joined city leaders and community members for a day of sprucing up streets and sidewalks. Winning student posters will be used to promote an anti-littering campaign throughout the city of Bridgeton.



Elliot Scates is a Literacy Leader!



"I have been blessed with incredible and inspiring students who motivate me each and every day to be the best version of myself because they deserve it."
- Elliot Scates



Mr. Elliot Scates is a literacy leader at Bridgeton High School. Over the last four years, his favorite part of teaching has been interacting with the students. He says, "It's a good feeling to see students engaged and excited about learning." On any given day, Mr. Scates utilizes Achieve 3000 and conferences with students on their improving Lexile Levels. He also implements a Tuesday Tunes for Notice and Note signposts where the students listen to a song and then pick out the signposts from the printed lyrics. Students become so involved that they often offer suggestions for the songs. Another fun activity in Mr. Scates' classroom is Textual Evidence Tic-Tac-Toe. Students are provided a tic-tac-toe board with different literary elements they have learned throughout the year. They must find the elements within the text. Mr. Scates finds that the activity provides opportunities for diverse learners to engage with the stories they read. Mr. Scates' favorite book to read with the students is Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief. Mr. Scates is an example of #strongertogether as he thanks everyone who

took the time to invest in him as a teacher and provide their advice. Mr. Scates says, "I have been blessed with incredible and inspiring students who motivate me each and every day to be the best version of myself because they deserve it. I have learned just as much from them as they have learned from me. Because of them, I am a better teacher and person."



Bridgeton Food Services
SUMMER FEEDING

Bridgeton Food Services Department is providing **FREE** summer meals!

you, or someone you know, are providing an organized activity to children under the age of 18, those children are eligible to receive free meals! Please use the QR Code to access our registration form or

Contact Jackie Mermer at 856-455-8030 ext. 2064
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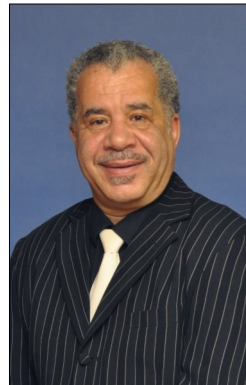
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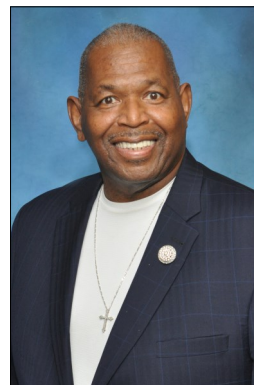
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