



**Bridgeton Public Schools**

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## Superintendent's Spring Edition

# Bulldog Briefing

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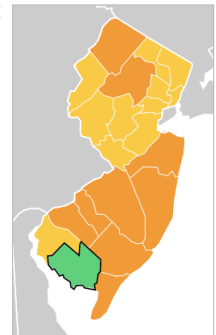
## Happy Monday Bulldog Team!



We are super excited to have 5 Bridgeton High School alumni recently return to BHS to serve as long-term substitutes to support us with critical teacher shortages. Current alumni subbing at BHS are featured on page 3. In future editions, we will feature other alumni serving across our PreK-8 schools. We are extremely grateful for these staff members' service and willingness to support their community! Mondays and Fridays remain our most challenging days as it relates to staff absences per the chart on page 2. Nonetheless, working together as a team, we are managing to provide supervision and continued learning for our over 6200 students across the district. At the height of the pandemic, we were averaging 8% of our teacher absences being filled by our substitute agency. For

the last 2 months, we are seeing between 30% and 40% of our teacher absences filled, which is encouraging.

On the COVID front, I am including two measures below for your review. Our [COVID Activity Level Index score](#) has Cumberland County at "moderate" and the rest of the state at "high." Our [COVID Act Now rating](#) has Cumberland County at "low risk" (green) and the rest of the state at "medium or high risk" (yellow or orange). Please continue to exercise caution. While masking is currently optional across our district, on my visits to schools last week, I saw the vast majority of students continuing to wear their masks and roughly 25% of staff wearing masks. For the time being, masking will remain optional and is still optional at 11/12 districts across Cumberland County. We will keep you posted if there is a need to return to universal masking.



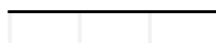
Cases >



• **193.3**

Weekly new reported cases per 100k

Admissions >



• **0.0**

Weekly COVID admissions per 100k

Patients >

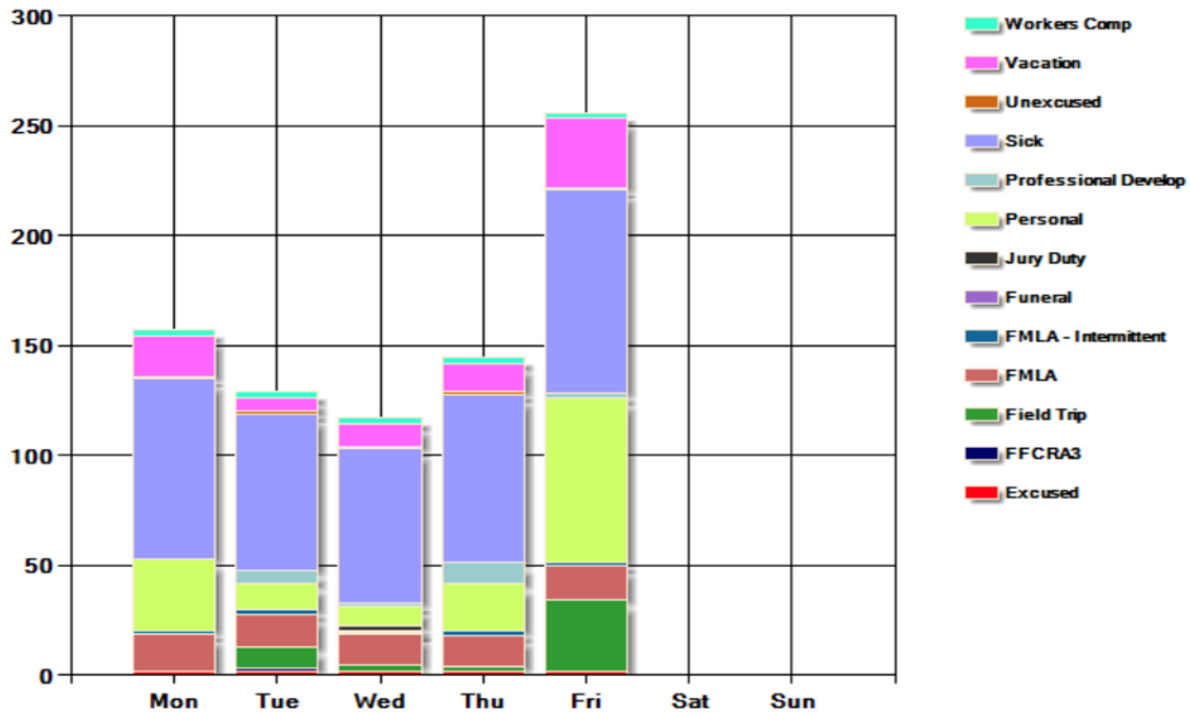


• **3.3%**

Patients with COVID of all beds

**Ready, Set, Read!**

## May 9<sup>th</sup> – May 13<sup>th</sup> Staff Attendance



May 9<sup>th</sup> – May 13<sup>th</sup> Fill Rate – 31%

## Meetings/Community Engagement May 9 - May 13

- ♦ Individual Check-ins with the School Business Administrator, the Executive Director of Human Resources, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and the Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Student Services.
- ♦ Rowan College of South Jersey Graduation
- ♦ Virtual Math Classrooms at BHS
- ♦ Visits to school sites: BHS, Dr. Geraldyn O. Foster, Broad Street, ExCEL, Creative Achievement, and Pineland Learning Center
- ♦ Meetings with staff to discuss personnel matters
- ♦ 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

- ♦ May 19 - Administrative Council
- ♦ May 26 - Senior Prom
- ♦ May 27-31 Memorial Day Holiday
- ♦ June 1 - Wellness Wednesday
- ♦ June 2 - Senior Breakfast



## Buckshutem's 8th Graders Tour Philadelphia



*Buckshutem Road School's 8th grade trip to Philadelphia last week was fantastic. Students took a trolley tour of the Mural Arts through Philly, followed by tours of The Liberty Bell and Independence Hall. The 8th graders also had lunch at Reading Market. A great day of history, culture and camaraderie! The students received several compliments from pedestrians and the tour guide for their exemplary behavior. They represented the district and school very well. Our 8th grade teachers, Ms. Trethan, Ms. Dixon & Ms. Harden, along with Mr. Zoyac, Ms. Rios and Principal Derek Macchia had a great time as well.*

## BHS Alumni Return to Help Reduce Sub Shortage



**Abie Diaz**  
BHS



**Zerdali Perez Garcia**  
BHS

**Nathaniel Perez Garcia**  
BHS



**Aniyah McGriff**  
BHS



**Savannah Simpkins**  
BHS



# Bridgeton's ECHS Graduates 39 Students





# ECHS Grads Have a Blast at Dorney Park





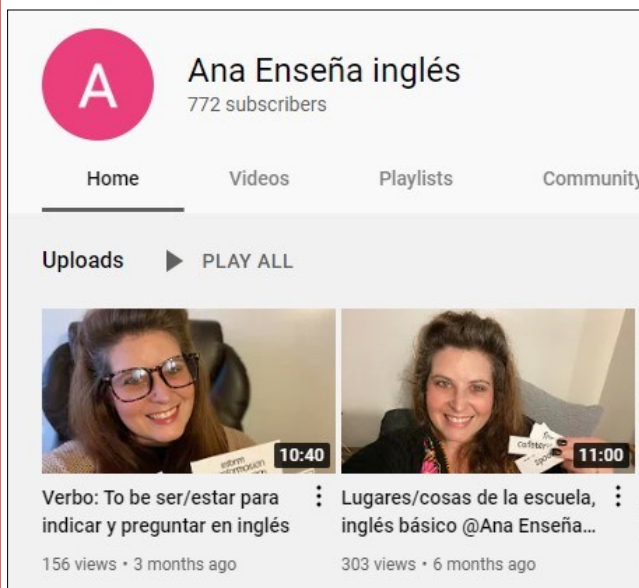


## Kelly Jargowsky is a Literacy Leader!

After student teaching at West Avenue School, Kelly Jargowsky is a literacy leader! Ms. Jargowsky has served as an ESL teacher for eight years at BHS. She teaches Language Enrichment ESL to help English Learners develop foundational reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Ms. Jargowsky has her own YouTube channel, [Ana Enseña inglés](#), which provides English instruction to non-native speakers.



Ms. Jargowsky says that the best part of her career is the students! She loves seeing them learn and work together. She says that her students enjoy using Quizlet because they are very competitive. Ms. Jargowsky likes teaching Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, and her favorite personal reading includes Angels and Demons by Dan Brown. Ms. Jargowsky loves working with her ESL colleagues at the high school, which she calls a stellar team, and gives them shout-outs for their hard work! She says that she knows teaching ESL changes the lives of her students and their families. She says it is this sense of purpose that carries into her personal life as she teaches English to local families and adults worldwide through her YouTube channel. One of her supervisors described Ms. Jargowsky as one of the biggest advocates at BHS for English Learners. Ms. Jargowsky's advice to new teachers... Don't trust the copy machine!!!



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# Teacher Appreciation Day at the Dr. GOF ECC





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