



**Bridgeton Public Schools**

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# **Bulldog Briefing**

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## **Happy Monday Bulldog Team!**



I want to begin by thanking our Board members and all the staff and students who made last week's Multicultural Week a success! Dr. Ajayi and our District DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) team went above and beyond to make the week super special. I hope that you all will join me in celebrating our district's diversity each and every day. We truly have a wonderful, rich, and diverse school community, and we must continue to celebrate and appreciate our differences.

In diversity there is beauty, and there is strength.  
- Maya Angelou

Although my parents and grandparents hail from North Carolina and Washington DC, in receiving my ancestry report from 23 and Me, I learned I am 20% Nigerian. For multicultural week, I decided to get in touch with my African roots and dress in traditional Nigerian attire, and wear a traditional Nigerian men's necklace.

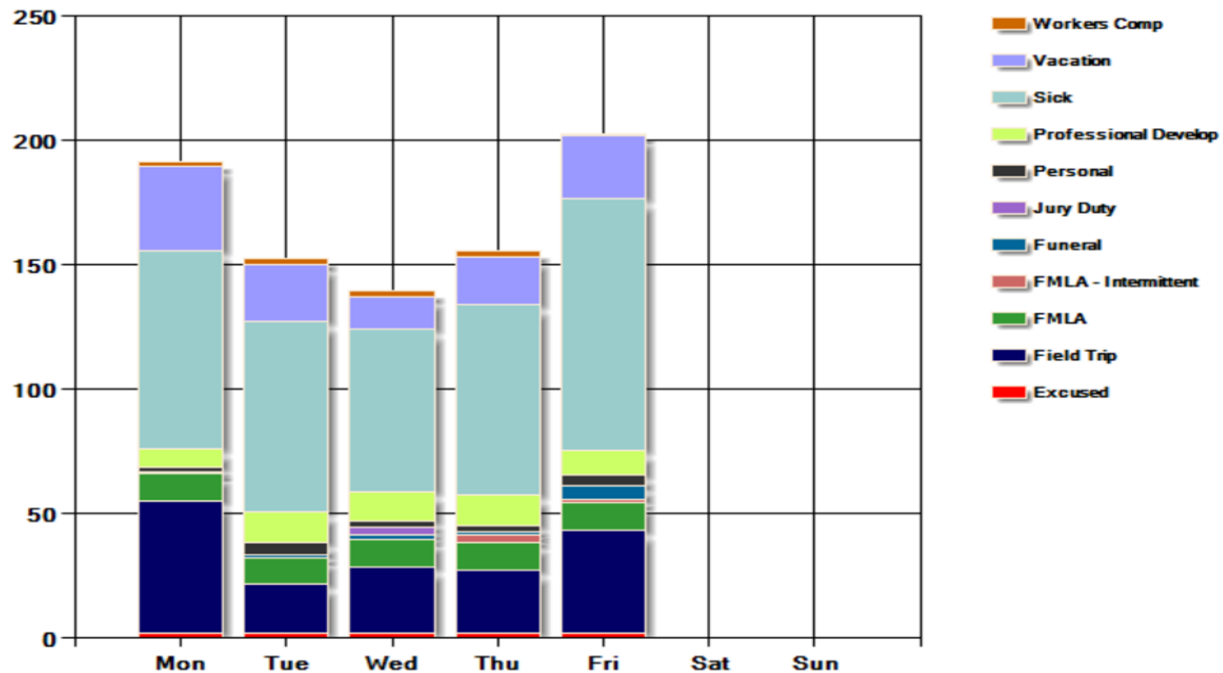
For the second year in row, we celebrated our academic excellence students and families block party style with a drive through at West Avenue School. To Principal Sam Hull and Mrs. Judith Watty-Jones (committee chairs) and all

those who were a part of the event and came out to cheer on our scholars, a big thank you! Based on community social media posts, our community appreciates and enjoys the event!!

A big shout out to Mr. DeShields and our food services team for making all of our events extra special by serving meals that our families and staff love. Our amazing food services department was [in the news again this week](#), as the team continues to offer healthy and tasty meal options for our students and families.

**Ready, Set, Read!**

## June 6<sup>th</sup> – June 10<sup>th</sup> Staff Attendance



June 6<sup>th</sup> – June 10<sup>th</sup> Fill Rate – 32%

## Meetings/Community Engagement June 6 - June 10

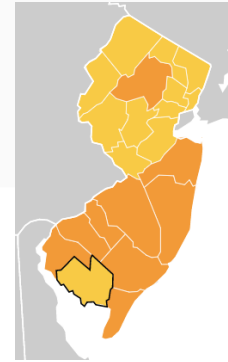
- ♦ Individual Check-ins with the School Business Administrator, the Executive Director of Human Resources, and the Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Student Services
- ♦ Led Agenda Review Meeting
- ♦ Led Principal and Supe Check-in Meeting
- ♦ Restorative Circle visit – Mrs. Reeves at Buckshutem Road
- ♦ 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Wax Museum Event at Indian Avenue
- ♦ All Sports Banquet
- ♦ Academic Excellence – Grades K-3
- ♦ Academic Excellence – Grades 4-12
- ♦ Executive County Superintendent Visit and Award Presentation for Junior Bautista at EXCEL
- ♦ Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
- ♦ Board Finance Committee Meeting
- ♦ Board Facilities 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.

### Upcoming Dates/Events

- ♦ June 14 - Board Meeting
- ♦ June 15 - Parent and Community Town Hall
- ♦ June 15 - Top Seniors Lunch with the Superintendent
- ♦ June 16 - BHS Merit Awards
- ♦ June 17 - Senior Picnic
- ♦ June 22 - BHS Graduation
- ♦ June 22 - Last Day of School for non-BHS students and staff
- ♦ June 23 - Last Day of School for BHS students and staff

# Cumberland County, NJ

Updated on June 13



Cases >



● **224.7**

Weekly new reported cases per 100k

Admissions >



● **0.0**

Weekly COVID admissions per 100k

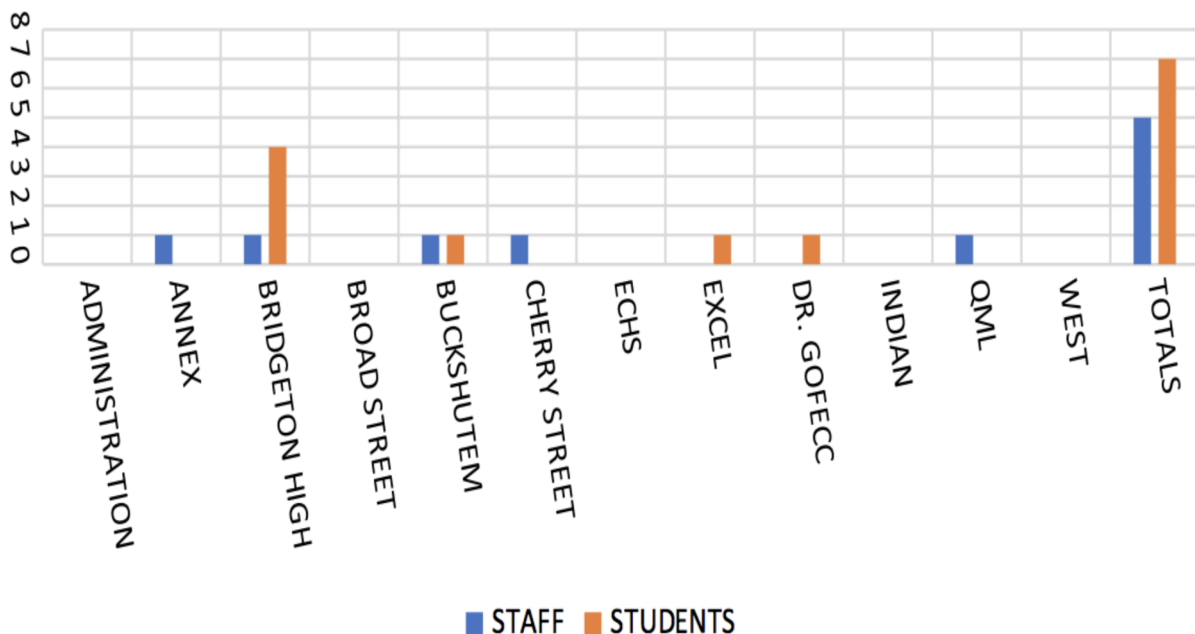
Patients >



● **5.6%**

Patients with COVID of all beds

## District COVID-19 Weekly Positive Results Week of June 6, 2022 - June 10, 2022





# Staff Salute Students' Academic Excellence



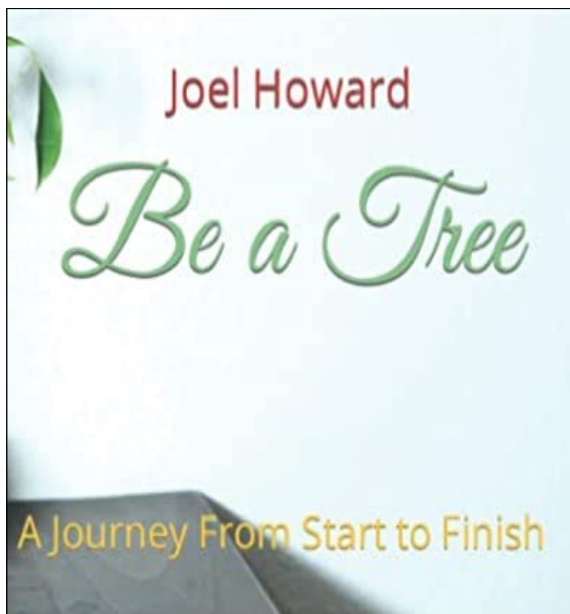


# Staff Salute Students' Academic Excellence





## QML Teacher Pens Children's Picture Book



Joel Howard, Grade 2 Bilingual Teacher at Quarter Mile Lane School recently released his fifth book and first picture book. "Be a Tree: A Journey From Start to Finish" was inspired by his 2019 poem by the same title.

The book's full color photography and rich poetic verse work together to bring out the message that life is a journey worth living, no matter your age. A great tabletop piece, children's book or inspirational gift, this short book will inspire people of all ages and from whatever background to continue on in their journey.

The book is available on Amazon.



## ExCEL Student Selected for State Recognition

Junior Cruz Bautista is an eighth-grade student attending the ExCEL Program. Junior has attended ExCEL for the past three years and has become a model student and is a member of the School Safety Patrol. Junior comes from a small but very close-knit family. He also has a brother who attends ExCEL.

During the past two school years of this pandemic, all drinking fountains in all Bridgeton Schools ceased operation. The district then provided each building with bottled water for all staff and students to enjoy. While in his Science class during a lesson on recycling, Junior suggested ExCEL should take part in a recycling project by recycling all our drinking bottles. With the help of his Science teacher, Junior started to do research on recycling programs. Contact was made with the Pepsi Company and he proposed what they wanted to do. Junior and his classmates put up a display board about recycling to encourage all to participate. The Pepsi Company then provided six large recycling bins for the school. Junior set a goal of collecting 500 pounds of bottles to recycle this school year. Junior and two other students faithfully empty the containers weekly and record the weight on a chart displayed in the cafeteria of the building, for all to see. They have collected about 300 pounds of bottles at ExCEL.





## BSS Celebrates Step-Up With Nautical Theme





# Multicultural Week Grand Finale





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## Signing Day!



*Congratulations to four BHS students who are officially NCAA Athletes!! Jabril Bowman, Angel Smith, and De'Shawn Mosley will all be attending Rowan College of South Jersey Cumberland to play Men's Basketball. Camaron Dunkle will be attending Rowan College of South Jersey Cumberland to play Baseball.*

# Our Board Members



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