



**Bridgeton Public Schools**

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# **Bulldog Briefing**

**Dr. Keith Miles, Jr. • Superintendent of Schools**

## **Happy Monday Bulldog Team!**



It's a pleasure to serve alongside each of you, as we continue to work together across Bridgeton Public Schools to do our part in delivering on Dr. King's dream of a more equal and just world for the young people in our care. The character education lessons you all incorporate around tolerance, self-regulation, social awareness, and responsible decision-making get us closer to this end. Helping our students become productive members of a [global community](#) is something we work at each and every day. I hope your Martin Luther King holiday was enjoyable and reflective!

Kudos to West Avenue School for doing its part in preparing our students for a global future. Staff at West recently brought the curriculum alive by inviting Native American drummers (pictured

later in this briefing) from the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape tribe to perform for our students. Also, Bridgeton Public Schools was highlighted in a recent article for its [incorporation of Native American History in our 5th grade and high school Social Studies curriculum](#).

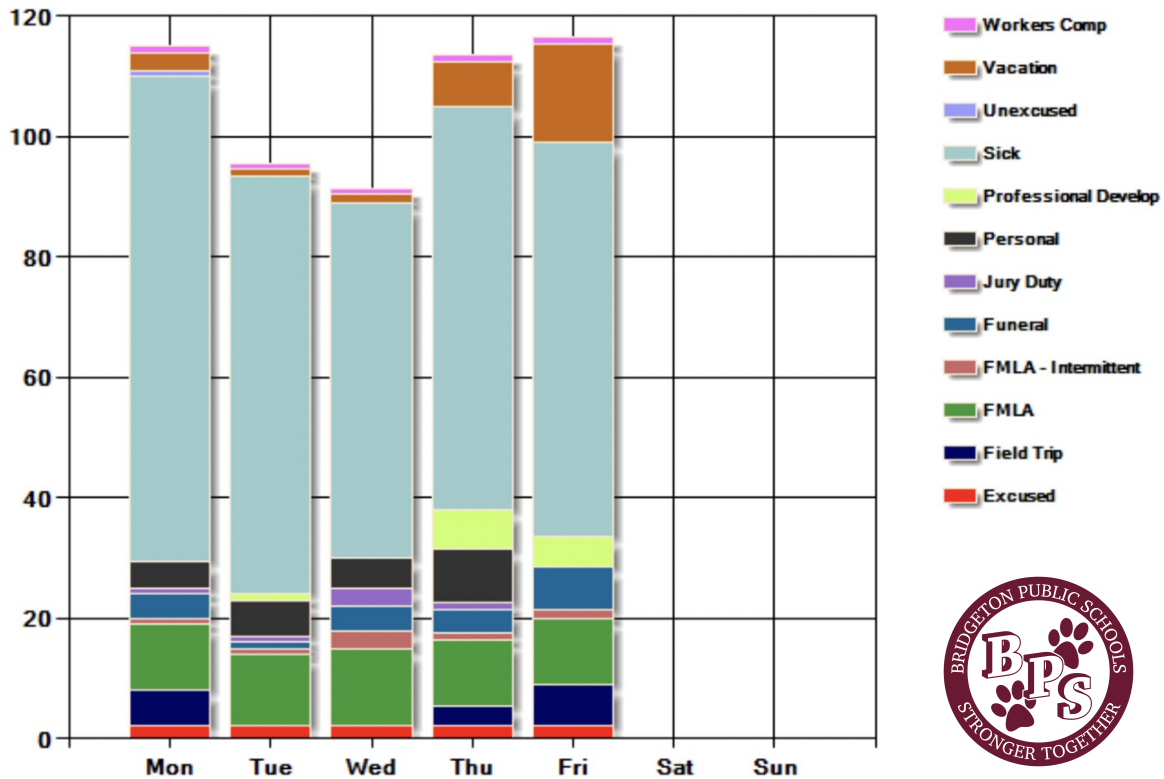
Giving our students access to rigorous high level instruction, despite competing factors such as interrupted instruction, language acquisition challenges, and socioeconomics is our duty as educators. So far, 36 students have logged on to received one-to-one tutoring to support students in accessing our curriculum.

Thank you for getting the word out about our new virtual tutoring resource. Please continue to help us spread the word!



**Ready, Set, Read!**

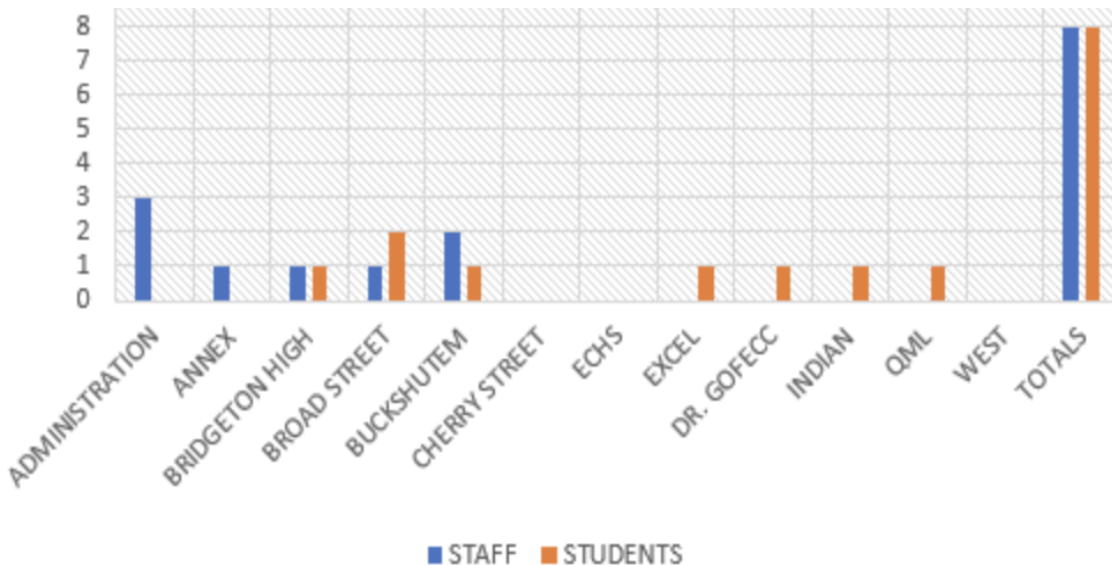
## Jan. 9 – Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> Staff Attendance



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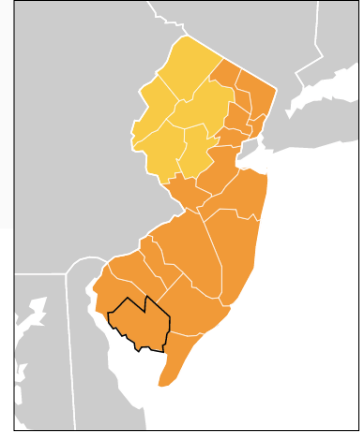
## District COVID-19 Weekly Positive Results

Week of January 9 - January 13, 2023



# Cumberland County, NJ

Updated on January 16



## Cases >



● **296.9**

Weekly new reported cases per 100k

## Admissions >



● **29.4**

Weekly COVID admissions per 100k

## Patients >



● **9.7%**

Patients with COVID of all beds

## Upcoming Dates/Events

- ♦ Jan. 16 - Closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- ♦ Jan. 18- Cabinet Meeting, 8:30 am
- ♦ Jan. 18 - NJ Alliance of Black Superintendents Meeting, 10:00 am
- ♦ Jan. 19 - Administrative Council Meeting, 8:30 am



## Meetings/Community Engagement January 9 - 13

- ♦ Meetings held with the Executive Director of Human Resources, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, School Business Administrator, and the Assistant Superintendent of Special Education & Student Services
- ♦ Great Schools of NJ Meeting
- ♦ Board Committee Agenda Review Meeting
- ♦ Board Finance Committee Meeting
- ♦ Board Facilities Committee Meeting
- ♦ Board Meeting
- ♦ Leadership Meeting
- ♦ 2022-2023 Principal Data Review Meeting
- ♦ All Principals Check-in Meeting
- ♦ Superintendent Leadership Network @ Rowan University
- ♦ Mid-Year Budget Review w/ County Office of Education



## Mary Garrison: Literacy Leader!



Mary Garrison has been a preschool teacher within the district for 15 years, and before that, she taught kindergarten. She says that her favorite part of teaching is building a foundation for her students that will allow them to grow and expand their abilities. Ms. Garrison loves to witness the wonder of learning every day and does this with engaging instruction.

One of her favorite books she uses to spark the imagination is *Good Night Gorilla* by Peggy Rathman. She loves this book because it doesn't have many words, allowing the students to use their imagination and build on language. She says that the children love the story's humor and searching for clues in the pictures to help with the story. In her classroom, Ms. Garrison is most proud

of the stories her students write and illustrate.

Regarding advice for colleagues and new teachers, Ms. Garrison says that classroom culture is the key to promoting literacy. Having students talk about books, illustrate books, and write their own stories, they connect using their experiences and gain a love for literacy.

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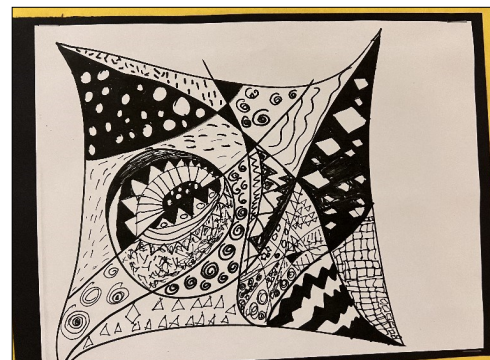
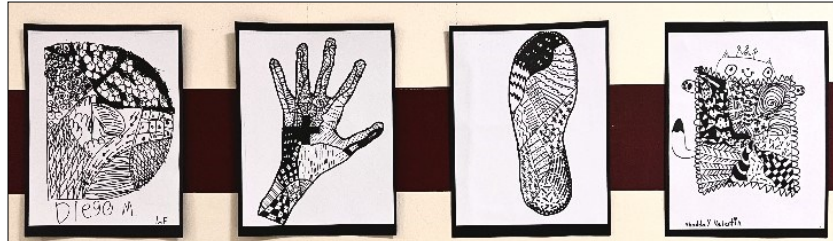




# BSS's Gallery Walk Features Student Art



Broad Street School students recently learned a new art technique from their teacher Ms. Larissa Silva. The students' Zentangle drawings demonstrate persistence through mark-making techniques within a defined perimeter. Each grade finished a different shape (8th- hand, 7th- the outline of their shoe, 6th- the first letter of their first name, 5th- square, and POE students- circle) which had at least 15 different sections showcasing a different Zentangle pattern in each space.





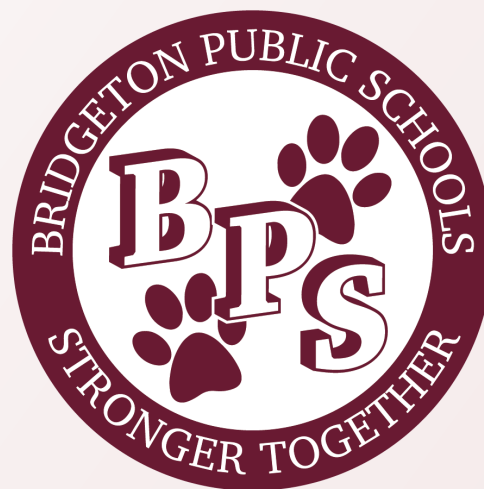
# Red Blanket Drummers at West Ave. School



*The Red Blanket Drummers, a group comprised of local members of the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribe, came to educate and entertain students at West Avenue School.*



Congratulations to Ms. Jennifer Shaw who was named Employee of the Month at Bridgeton High School.



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online tutoring

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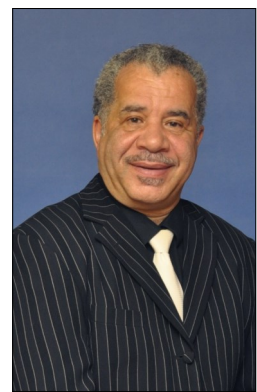
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