



Bridgeton Public Schools

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Bulldog Briefing

Dr. Keith Miles, Jr. • Superintendent of Schools

Happy Monday Bulldog Team!



It is with deep regret that I inform you that a [tragic shooting this week-end](#) left one of our students deceased and another injured. Crisis and counseling resources have been on standby all day for the Bridgeton High School community. We are reaching out to the families to see how the district can be of assistance.

A huge kudos to the members of our Curriculum department for leading a wonderful day of learning on Friday, January 27th. I was able to stop by at least 15 of the sessions, some led by staff, some led by curriculum leaders, and others led by consultants. There were also a few wellness sessions built in, hot chocolate, a chat and chew, and a districtwide lunch option. I was most impressed by the staff members who served as presenters, and shared their expertise with colleagues. These staff members make our organization better and exemplified our mantra that we

are stronger together. They also embody our organizational values of teamwork and continuous growth.

Retention and recruitment remains a strategic focus area for our district. Human Resources shared some information recently regarding Pillar College. This institution is willing to work with our district staff to offer bachelors degrees as well as a bilingual educator certification pathway. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in becoming a teacher, please pass along the information and flyer provided later in this briefing, inviting them to an upcoming information session.

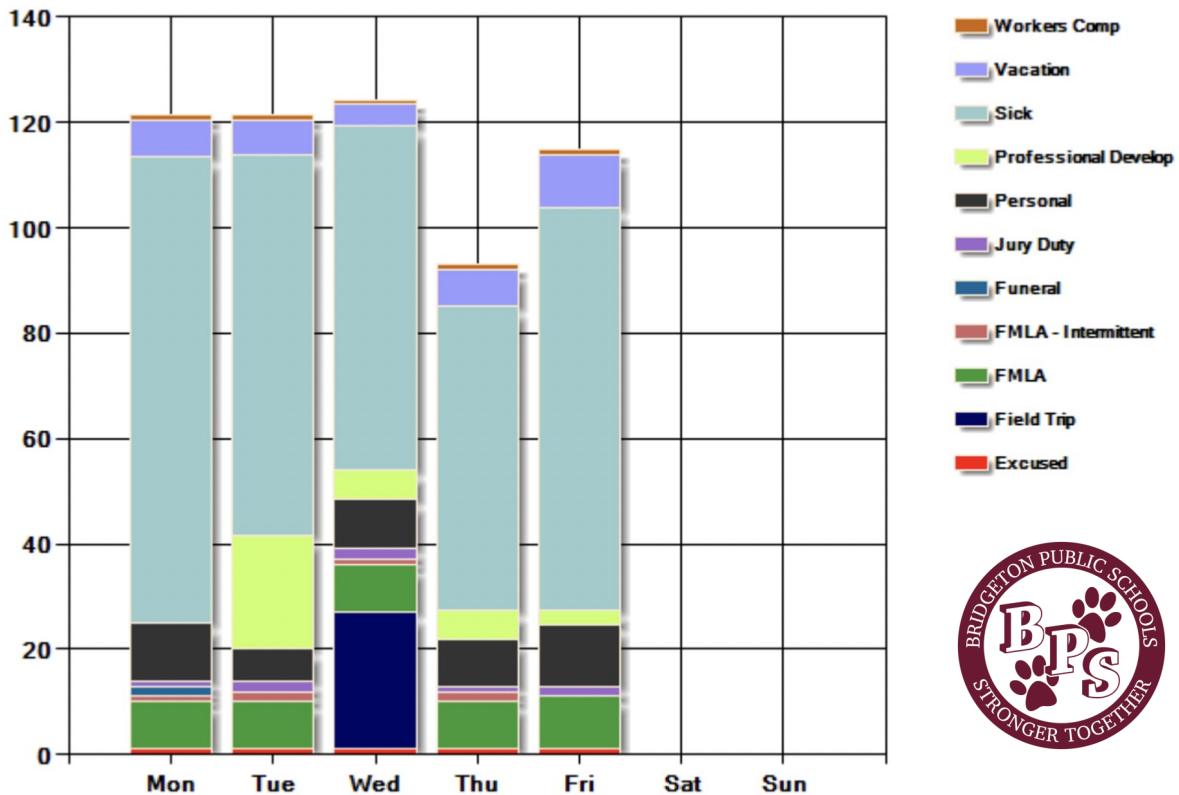
This week kicks off Black History Month! Please join us in celebrating the accomplished work of our Bridgeton Board of Education members. Our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Council will begin showcasing the biographies and accomplishments of African-American leaders in the Bridgeton community and will begin with our Bridgeton Board of Education members. Please look out for these e-mails starting Wednesday, February 1st, and they will continue throughout the month of February.

While many of you are celebrating the Eagles' NFC win last night and advancement to the Super Bowl, please join me on Tuesday night at 5:30 to support our Lady Bulldogs! Their season record is 16-3. Per Sgt. Linen, these ladies have won 9 games in a row. By winning at least one of their next two games this week on Tuesday or Thursday night, they will secure a spot in the United Division Championship. Games will take place in the BHS gym on Tuesday, January 31 and Thursday, February 2nd beginning at 5:30 pm.



Ready, Set, Read!

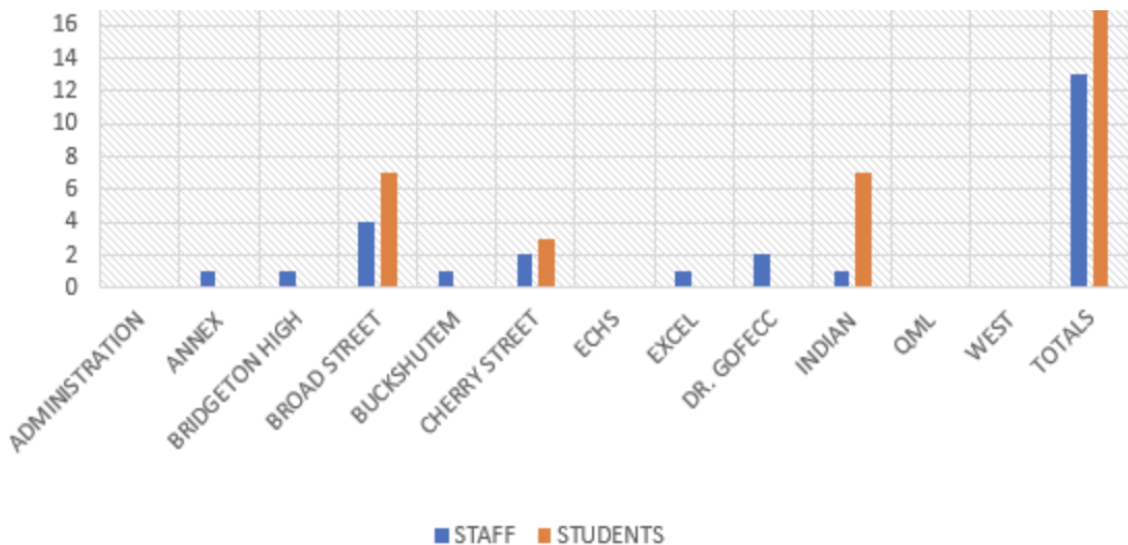
Jan. 23rd – Jan. 27th Staff Attendance



Jan. 23rd – Jan. 27th Fill Rate – 64%

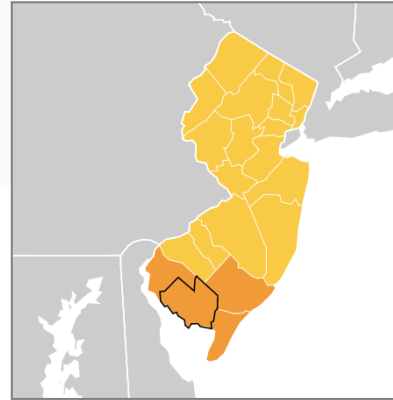
District COVID-19 Weekly Positive Results

Week of January 23- January 27, 2023



Cumberland County, NJ

Updated on January 29



Cases >



● **300.3**

Weekly new reported cases per 100k

Admissions >



● **26.1**

Weekly COVID admissions per 100k

Patients >



● **10.0%**

Patients with COVID of all beds

Upcoming Dates/Events

- ◆ CCASA Executive Committee Meeting – Jan. 30 at 9:00 am
- ◆ NJ Report Card Meeting – 1:00 pm
- ◆ Best Practices for English Learners Meeting – Jan. 30 at 2:00 pm
- ◆ Agenda Review Meeting – Jan. 31 at 9:00 am
- ◆ BHS Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Committee Meeting – Jan. 31 at 3:15 pm
- ◆ Board Finance Committee Meeting – Jan. 31 at 4:00 pm
- ◆ Board Facilities Committee Meeting – Jan. 31 at 4:30 pm
- ◆ Lady Bulldogs v. Oakcrest – Jan. 31, 5:30 pm at BHS
- ◆ BHS Student Government Meeting – Feb. 2 at 7:45 am
- ◆ Career Pathways Planning Meeting – Feb. 2 at 8:30 am
- ◆ All Principals Check-in Meeting – Feb. 2 at 2:30 pm
- ◆ Cumberland County Roundtable Meeting at the Dr. Geraldyn O. Foster Early Childhood Parent Center – Feb. 3 @ 8:30 AM
- ◆ Board Student Support Committee Meeting – Feb. 3 @ 1:00 PM

Meetings/Community Engagement January 20 - 27

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Leadership Meeting
- ◆ Administrative Council Feedback/Planning Meeting
- ◆ Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
- ◆ Board Policy Committee Meeting
- ◆ Board Personnel Committee Meeting
- ◆ All Principals Check-in Meeting
- ◆ Professional Development Day for Staff-Closed for Students
- ◆ Weekly Check-in w/ Board President
- ◆ Site Visits – Bridgeton High School, Buckshutem



Learning & Fun at First Educators' Conference



High school readiness Q&A PD

The Bridgeton Educators' Conference was a fun day of learning and collaboration. There were hundreds of educators in attendance, including our PREK3 Center teachers and long-term substitutes, and over 80 sessions presented!!!

A huge THANK YOU to all of our own staff that volunteered to be instructional leaders and demonstrated we are #StrongerTogether:

Charissa Turner, Gia Visconti, Tania Trethan, Ross Bear, Shinese Harvey, Teana Kelley, Barbara Berkley, Michelle Gallagher, Claudia Angle, Steve DiPatri, Michael Coppola, Mike Valella, Leigha Saulin, Michael Morton, Daniel Genzer, Yolanda Palmer-Day, Mary Anne Keyes, Liz O'Brien, Tara Sherman, Deidre Woodhouse, Kristi Lancaster, Jen Shaw, Maureen McCloud, Tara Pasquarello, Dawn LaMontagne, Jaclyn Hall, Joyce Mary Smith, Stephanie Brunarski, Maria Canino, Dr. Tiffany Thrbak, Matt Brenner,



EC story play collaboration

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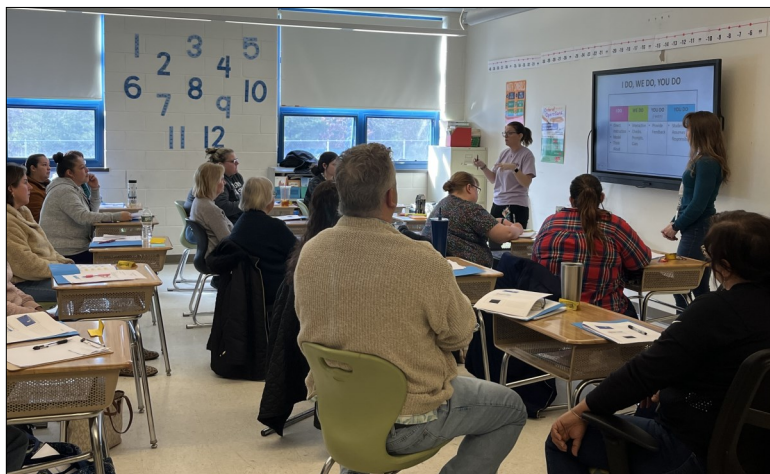
SEL paint

Learning & Fun at First Educators' Conference

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Samantha Terry, Maci Rios, Tiffany Jones, Jason James, Sarah Rainer, Christina Mendolera, Gabrielle Enders, Scott Beals, Megan Hoyt, Starr Mulford, Deena Osmer, Madison Accardi, Laura Pipitone, Erin Valella, Jeff Hyson, Nate Thomas, Danna Johnson, Tammy Whitby, Allison Gray, Enid Figueroa, Elmer Arreaga, Olga Carlson, Stephanie Saul, Sandra Conner, Chanel Wilson, Joel Howard, Pam Doughty, Ramon Gonzalez, Alexandra Table, Leah Taylor, Amy DeFeo, Gia Sparacio Scarani, Robert Fink, Lisa Murphy, Dr. Amanda Nnachetam, Tiffanie Miller, LaCoya Wallace, Jessica Vega, Cherie Douglas, Esther Carter, Kristi Schoppe, Nate Reed, Kelly Holst, GOFEC PIRT and Lennita Porter-Linen.

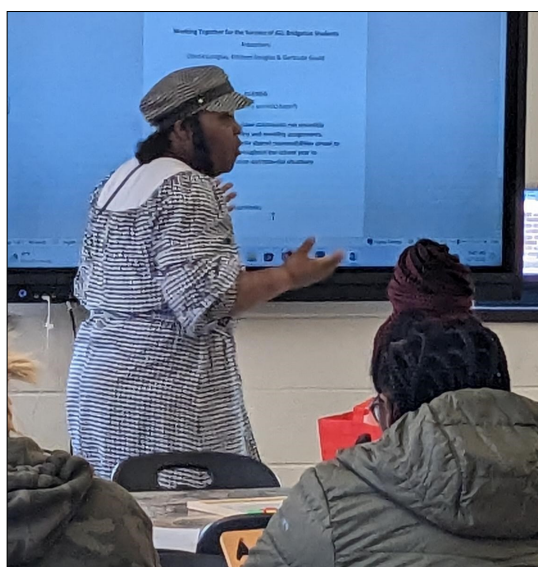
Thank you to the C&I team, technology, custodians, security, department leaders, food services and other behind-the-scenes team members who assisted to make this day a success. The countdown to the Bridgeton Educators' Conference 2024 has begun!



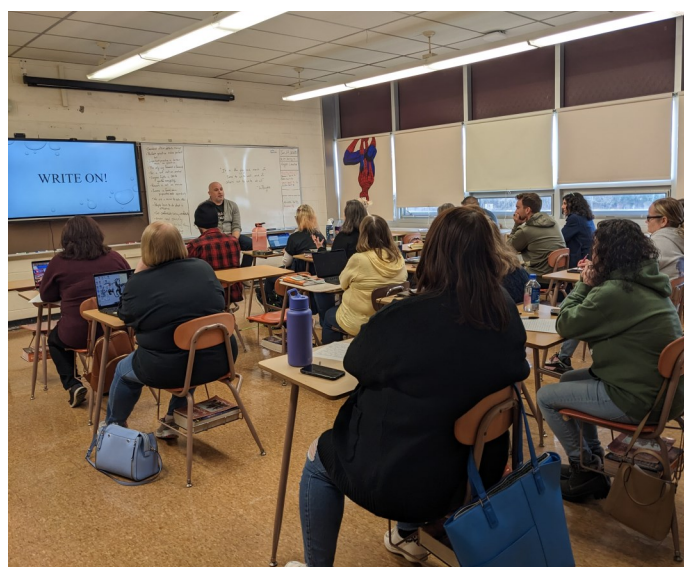
EC empowering student learning



Dance workshop



One of 80 sessions presented by staff



Staff-led educators' workshop

Introducing NJ's Limited CE and CEAS 5-Year Pilot Program

PILLAR COLLEGE

EARN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE
Alternate Route Ready in 3 Semesters

JOIN US FOR 2 ZOOM INFO SESSIONS

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81525064261?pwd=NG9mdnlldWdNd3NHR2E5dUZvQXR1UT09>

Wednesday, February 1st at 2:00 pm

Thursday, February 2nd at 4:00 pm

Benefits and Features for Bridgeton B.O.E. Employees

Paraprofessionals
Parents
Secretaries
Substitutes



A resource to help you
become a teacher by
2024.

- EARN COLLEGE CREDITS FOR PRIOR LIFE-LEARNING EXPERIENCES
- FINANCIAL AID AND GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE – For those who qualify
- ATTEND CLASS WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES – In Person or Online

For More Information and to RSVP – Contact Lennita Porter-Linen

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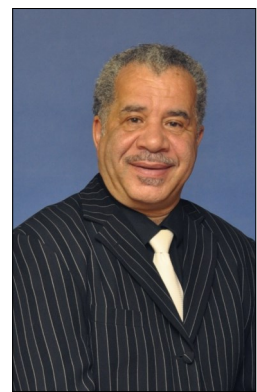
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