

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

# BOE WEEKLY

BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



Field of Dreams Back to School Basketball Clinic



Superintendent attends to Healthy Kids Day



## SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDRESS

DR. CARMELA M. LEVY-DAVID  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dear Bridgeport Public School Community,

Our week began with the tragic loss of one of our own and the commemoration of 9/11. We must always take time to process our feelings and support one another knowing that we grow stronger with every lesson and experience. We will continue to keep each other close in our schools and in our city and render aid to all members of our learning community.

As we end this week, let's look for the smiles, the healing, and the joy that our students model for us each day. Let's continue to strive to be better than the day before, make eye contact with our neighbors, help someone because we can, and remain hopeful that our best intentions will always win the day!

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to Bridgeport schools. Together, we are stronger.

Warm regards,

Carmela M. Levy-David, Ed.D  
Superintendent of Schools



BRIDGEPORT  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# BRIDGEPORT'S 9/11 CEREMONY



## WE WILL NEVER FORGET

On Monday, The superintendent spoke at the 9/11 ceremony at the Bridgeport Fire Department alongside the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Mayor, and City Council members, which was a profound honor. It provided a poignant moment to remember the sacrifices made on September 11, 2001, and to celebrate the dedication of our first responders.

This event emphasized unity, resilience, and remembrance, underlining the importance of never forgetting the lives forever changed on that fateful day.

We also want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the servicemen and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve our way of life.

Your dedication is a testament to the strength and resilience of our community.

Thank you!



# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



**NATIONAL**  
**HISPANIC**  
**HERITAGE MONTH**



**SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15**

**TODAY SIGNIFIES THE COMMENCEMENT OF  
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH. THROUGHOUT THIS  
MONTH, WE WILL SHOWCASE FEATURES FROM  
OUR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY,  
SHINING A SPOTLIGHT ON, ACKNOWLEDGING,  
AND COMMEMORATING THE NUMEROUS  
CONTRIBUTIONS AND DIVERSE CULTURES OF  
LATIN COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS THEIR IMPACT ON  
OUR NATION AND CITY.**

# BRIDGEPORT HISPANIC HERITAGE COMMITTEE



Superintendent Dr. Levy-David recently participated in a dynamic and engaging Q&A meet-and-greet event, which was thoughtfully organized and hosted by the Bridgeport Hispanic Heritage Committee. During this gathering, Dr. Levy-David took the opportunity to connect with members of the community and provide valuable insights into her vision and plans for the district's future.

Throughout the event, community members were actively involved, asking questions that ranged from educational policies and curriculum enhancements to strategies for fostering inclusivity and diversity within the district. Dr. Levy-David demonstrated a genuine commitment to transparency and open communication, addressing these questions with clarity and enthusiasm.

The Q&A meet-and-greet served as a crucial platform for the superintendent to not only share her goals and initiatives but also to listen attentively to the concerns and aspirations of the community. It was a collaborative and informative exchange, highlighting the importance of community engagement and the superintendent's dedication to working together with the Bridgeport community to ensure a brighter future for the district.



# BASSICK HIGH SCHOOLS HOME OPENER



Superintendent Dr. Levy-David's enthusiastic attendance at Bassick High School's soccer home opener against the Immaculate Mustangs underscored her commitment to the school community and student engagement in extracurricular activities.

The significance of this event was magnified by the recent appointment of James Denton as the District's Athletic Director, a role that had been vacant for years. Mr. Denton's arrival has generated excitement across the district due to his extensive sports management experience and dedication to fostering sportsmanship and excellence. This marks a transformative moment for the district's athletic programs, promising increased support, better event coordination, and a unified athletic program benefiting all district schools.

Dr. Levy-David's presence at the soccer home opener alongside Mr. Denton emphasized their shared commitment to revitalizing athletics district-wide. With Mr. Denton as the District Athletic Director, a new era of sports is on the horizon, making the soccer home opener the symbolic start of an exciting chapter in district-wide athletics.



# LIGHTHOUSE DEPARTMENT'S HEALTH KIDS DAY



The Superintendent's enthusiastic presence at Healthy Kids Day, thoughtfully organized by our dedicated partners at the Lighthouse Department, symbolizes a profound commitment to the overall welfare of the young minds in Bridgeport. This exceptional event unfolds as a dynamic tapestry, weaving together an extensive assortment of sports, fitness endeavors, and wellness pursuits. Within its vibrant mosaic, one can discover both the cherished traditions of sports and the exhilarating frontiers of non-traditional activities.

However, Healthy Kids Day transcends the notion of a mere physical fitness festivity. It takes on the role of a visionary platform, a gateway to a world of opportunities for our children. It endeavors to do more than just encourage physical well-being; it aspires to introduce, ignite curiosity, and expose our future leaders to a diverse panorama of sports and activities. This endeavor, collectively undertaken by the Superintendent and the Lighthouse Department, becomes a crucial stepping stone in nurturing the comprehensive growth of our young generation, equipping them with not just strength of body but also a rich tapestry of experiences that will shape their character and potential for years to come.



# ALAN WALLACK STEM CENTERS



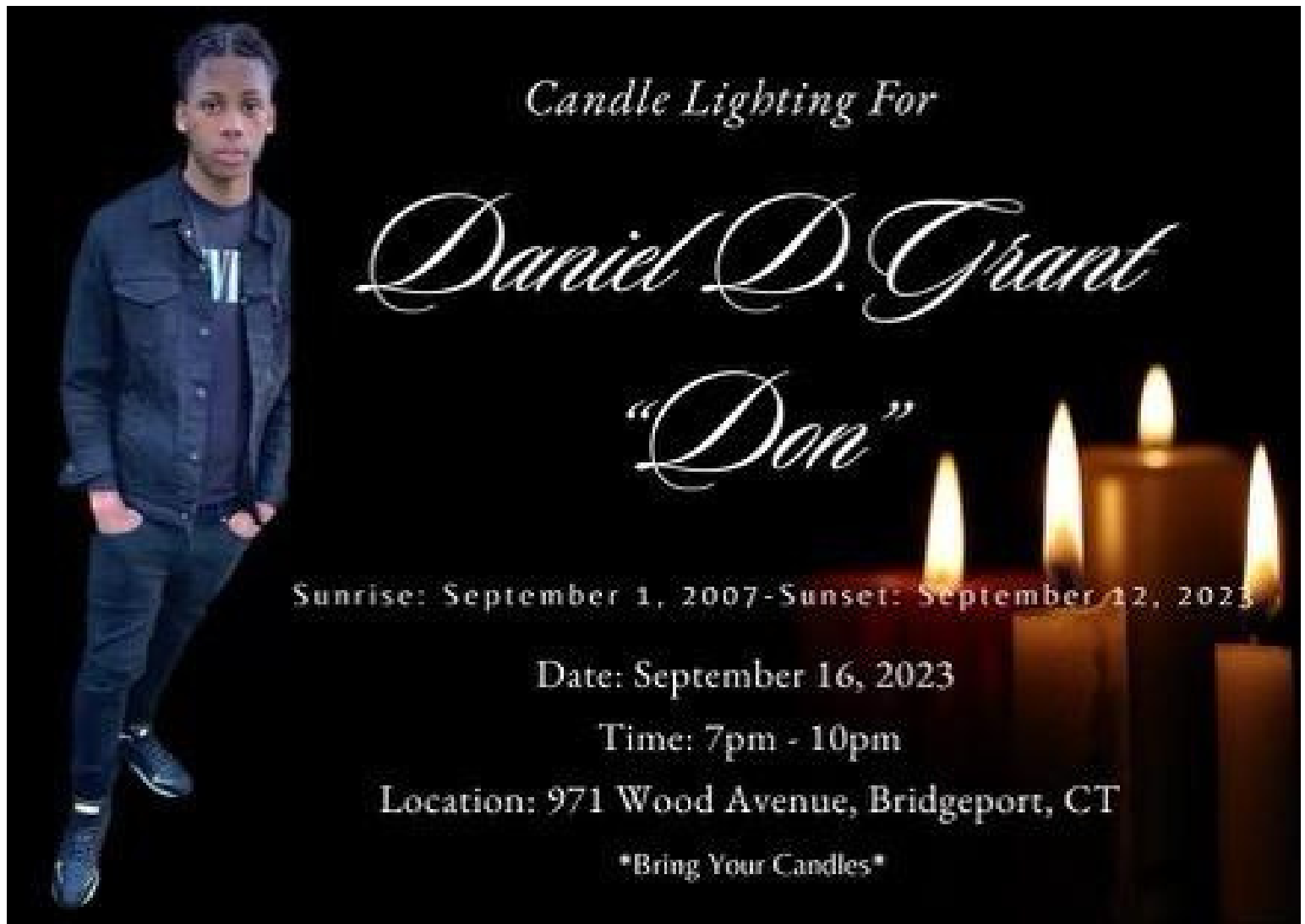
## ALAN WALLACK STEM CENTERS COMING TO BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLS

On Wednesday, the Superintendent met with representatives from Hall Neighborhood House to discuss an exciting partnership with the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation and dedicated donors. This initiative seeks to establish a lasting tribute to Alan Wallack, a former physical education teacher, Director of Athletics, and Facilities Department consultant.

Together, we're launching the Alan Wallack STEM Learning Centers, starting with Hallen and High Horizon School, with plans to expand to all elementary schools. Hall Neighborhood House invited our district to their ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 20th, marking this milestone. These advanced STEM labs, each valued at approximately \$450,000, will be introduced to five schools annually until they're in every elementary school. Comprehensive training and staff support ensure this initiative's long-term success. The Alan Wallack STEM Learning Centers will inspire generations to come.



# DANIEL D. GRANT



A candlelight ceremony will take place on Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 7 PM to 10 PM, at 971 Wood Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06605, to pay tribute to the beloved former Bassick student, Daniel "Don" Grant, who has passed away.

# COMMUNITY BOARD

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## An illustration depicting the stages of soil cultivation. On the left, a man in an orange shirt and brown pants is digging with a shovel. In the center, a pair of hands holds a small brown seedling. On the right, a woman in a green shirt and brown pants is kneeling and planting a seedling into the soil. The background is a solid green color.

Reserve your tree today, and pick it up  
on **September 17th, 10am - 1pm**

Made possible with funding from TD Bank and the Arbor Day Foundation.  
Groundwork Bridgeport is a proud partner of the Arbor Day Foundation.



**Program  
Begins  
October 2!**

**A typical day in ASP includes:**

- Homework Help
- STEM Activities
- Computer Lab
- Gymnasium
- Open Recreation
- Daily Snacks
- Special Events

**Plus, WBGC members have access to:**

- School's Out Program on Vacation Days following Bridgeport Public Schools Calendar
- Sports Teams & Leagues
- Summer Camps
- Enriching Programs at all WBGC Clubhouses

**Grades**  
K-8\*

**Hours**  
2:30pm - 6pm\*

\*Members in Grades 9-12 can use the clubhouse Monday-Friday, 2:30pm-8:00pm with access to the Teen Lounge and other program space as available.

**Learn More:**



**TUESDAYS:**  
**4:00-5:00 (AGES 6,7,8,9)**  
**5:15-6:15 (AGES 9,10,11)**

**THURSDAYS:**  
4:00-5:00 (AGES 4,5,6)  
5:15-6:15 (AGES 10+)

## CONFIDENCE COMMUNITY ARTISTRY

**CLASSES ARE FREE!**  
(REGISTRATION FEE)

**all  
levels**

**INSTAGRAM: @CCADANCEPROJECT**  
**WEBSITE: CCADANCEPROJECT.ORG**

**TO  
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**TEXT: 917 697 3946**

**LOCATION: SWAG STUDIOS 391 E WASHINGTON AVE, BRIDGEPORT**

# COMMUNITY BOARD

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!**



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 | 4:30PM TO 7:30PM**  
**LOCATION: HARTFORD HEALTHCARE AMPHITHEATER**  
**500 BROAD ST, BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604**



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# BOARD MEETINGS

9/12

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

WED, SEPT. 12, 2023 6:30 PM  
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

9/21

**PERSONNEL & CONTRACTS**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023  
6:30 PM  
HARDING HIGH SCHOOL

MEET AND GREET WITH  
INTERIM DEPUTY  
SUPERINTENDENT  
DR. ROYCE AVERY