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BOE WEEKLY

BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

October is

PRINCIPAL

APPRECIATION

MONTH

Thank you campus leaders!

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**SCHOOL CUSTODIAN
APPRECIATION WEEK**



OCTOBER
CELEBRATE
ITALIAN AMERICAN
HERITAGE & CULTURE
MONTH!



**NATIONAL BULLYING
PREVENTION MONTH**



MAKE THE ROAD COMMUNITY FORUM



Superintendent Levy-David was invited by Make the Road Connecticut to host a community forum for our Spanish-speaking parents and community members.

During the event, she answered questions directly from the audience, fostering a stronger connection between the school district and our diverse community.

BMA'S REFORM OF THE BATTALION

Bridgeport Military Academy Cadets participated in their annual Reform of the Battalion event which is designed to reinforce our First Responder/Military Academy nature and foster team work.

Special thanks to Captain Montique Moore from Bridgeport's Fire Department and Chief George Gomola of Fairfield's Fire Department

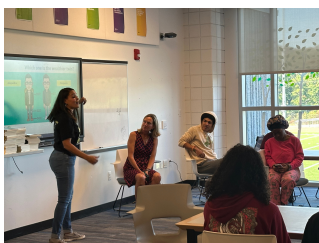


GOODWIN COLLEGE



Interim Deputy Superintendent Dr. Avery met with Goodwin College to discuss pathway development in our high schools, aiming to ensure equitable access and inclusive opportunities for all students and members of the learning community.

HARDING STUDENTS LEARN FINANCIAL LITERACY



Author Yanelly Espinal gave a presentation to Harding students about her book, *Mind Your Money*, and offered engaging lessons about earning, saving, spending, and investing money. She spoke to 50 of Harding business students. Yanelly gave a signed copy of her book and answered the students' questions after the presentation.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION



Harding High School partnered with the Caribe Youth Leaders to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the Caribe All Stars. Students from various schools engaged in a dance workshop and learned about Bomba music and Hispanic cultures. Thank you to Principal Thompson and John Torres for hosting this fantastic event.

BEARDSLEY'S BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

Beardsley School held their back-to-school picnic, which was a fun-filled day featuring face painting, photo booths, a bounce house, a DJ, books, and an abundance of delicious food.

Thank you, Principal Ladson-Lang, for hosting such a wonderful event! The students and their families truly enjoyed the festivities.



BACK TO SCHOOL CLERICAL GATHERING



Clerical staff members from various schools in Bridgeport came together for a delightful back-to-school gathering at Joey C's in Stratford, CT. This event marked a significant milestone as it was the first time that clerical staff from across the district assembled outside of their regular work hours. Notably, the Superintendent, along with their dedicated staff and the Interim Deputy Superintendent, enthusiastically joined in on the festivities, adding to the camaraderie and spirit of the occasion.



This gathering was not only a memorable first but also a promising tradition for the future. It was filled with laughter, engaging stories, and the unique opportunity for attendees to have direct conversations with district leadership. As colleagues shared their experiences and celebrated the upcoming school year, it strengthened the sense of community within the district and fostered connections that will undoubtedly enhance collaboration and support for the students and schools of Bridgeport.



SUPERINTENDENT MEETS WITH CONGRESS EDUCATION CHAIR

Superintendent Dr. Levy-David and Interim Deputy Superintendent Dr. Avery met with State Representative Jeff Currey, who chairs the Congress Education Committee, to discuss education-related matters that can greatly benefit education in Bridgeport.



SUPERINTENDENT MEETS WITH AN INFRAMARK REPRESENTATIVE

The Superintendent met with Tony Johnson, Vice President of Community Engagement at Inframark, to discuss scholarship opportunities aimed at enhancing educational access and supporting students in the community.



SUPERINTENDENT MEETS WITH EFFECTIVE SCHOOL SOLUTIONS

The Superintendent met with Effective School Solutions to comprehensively review data on attendance, academic performance, and the many educational programs that they offer.



SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNIZES CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION WEEK

For Custodian Appreciation Week, the superintendent spoke with the custodial staff to convey how important and valuable they are to our district's operation.

MIYAWAKI FOREST AT BLACKHAM



Connecticut's first Miyawaki Forest now thrives at Blackham School, thanks to a grant from the CT Department of Agriculture, benefiting Bridgeport Public Schools. This method rapidly transforms urban areas into lush woodlands, mimicking natural processes to create diverse ecosystems. Developed by plant ecologist Miyawaki Akira, it's vital for nurturing urban forests.

The project showcases an innovative approach, densely planting native tree species to promote rapid growth and biodiversity. Urban forests, like this one, contribute to improved air quality, urban biodiversity, and climate change mitigation.

Moreover, it demonstrates the power of public-private partnerships, with the collaboration between the CT Department of Agriculture and Bridgeport Public Schools showing the positive impact when government agencies and educational institutions join forces.

As the Miyawaki Forest at Blackham School flourishes, it symbolizes the students' dedication to a greener and more sustainable future, inspiring others to take similar steps in addressing urban environmental challenges.



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FAME Afterschool Arts Academy

20
23



Now Enrolling

Theatre - Acting

Stage Crew & Costume Design

Visual Arts

Modern Band

Drum Line

Sound and Light Tech.



***CLASSES START
9/18/2023!***



BOARD MEETING DATES



**OCT
10**

REGULAR BOE MEETING

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 [AT] 6:30 PM
AQUACULTURE SCHOOL**

**OCT
26**



SPECIAL BOE MEETING

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 [AT] 6:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING**

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