



# NBPS Newsflash

## October 2022

Greetings Team NBPS,

I hope everyone is doing well and taking in the seasonal October foliage. This time of year is always exciting as we transition from the newness of school opening to already planning for the upcoming holidays including what costumes and candy to buy – Candy Corn 😊

Just think, we are already through 10% of the school year. The teaching and learning is time-sensitive and we have the honor, positioned with many teachable moments, to influence the lives of more than 13,000 children and their families. My visits to schools are the highlight of my days and weeks. I am proud of what I am seeing in our classrooms. The teaching and learning process is in full action with students learning to collaborate with one another, think critically and pose probing questions all under the guidance of our very talented educators. I thank you for your continued collaboration as we work to maintain high expectations in all that we do.

As you know, DESE recently released last year's MCAS scores and across the state scores showed many similarities. NBPS results confirm what we already knew about the impact of two years of disruptions to attendance and in-person learning and it verifies the strategic work we are doing to address it. Our continued implementation of effective systems and strategies to internally monitor our progress and provide supports for classrooms is making a difference.

On the English Language Arts (ELA) MCAS: our students in Grade 8: increased 4%.  
On the Math MCAS our students in grades 3 – 8 increased by 5% increase in students meeting/exceeding grade level expectations. Thanks to your collective effort students in grade:

- Grade 3 increased 12%
- Grade 6 increased 7%
- Grade 4 increased 6%
- Grade 7 increased 4%

There are many positive things happening within our schools thanks to all of you. I am excited about the upgraded lab spaces at NBHS for finance and robotics, the makerspace, renovated television studio and the planetarium. There are many after school opportunities coming up for our Middle School Students - STEM program (Naval Undersea Warfare Center), Mock Trial, and boat building. The expansion of our Early College, International Baccalaureate, and Dual Enrollment programs will provide students with more high level rigor to prepare them for post secondary programs. I am very excited about our new Magnet Academy coming to New Bedford High School fall 2023 – The Academy of Excellence for Leadership and Global Studies. Students will have the opportunity to engage in an array of high-level courses in addition to internships, service learning projects, and other leadership experiences.

Fall sports are underway – please find some time to see our student-athletes who are exhibiting outstanding sportsmanship and character. Let's please continue to take care of ourselves and one another. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Thomas Anderson  
Superintendent



**“Who we are  
is how we  
lead. – Be  
brave. Serve  
the work. Take  
good care.”**

– Brené Brown  
Dare to Lead , p.210

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# Employee Spotlight



## Alicia Sousa

Paraprofessional

James B. Congdon Elementary School



Ms. Sousa is going into her eighth year at Congdon this school year. She initially came into the Congdon family as a parent. The Congdon team quickly realized how talented Ms. Sousa is, and she joined the staff as the kindergarten paraprofessional.

Every day, Ms. Sousa goes above and beyond to support all Congdon students. She believes in every student and supports them to grow academically, socially and emotionally. Ms. Sousa holds the students to high expectations and pushes them to achieve their goals. Her growth mindset, positive attitude, and infectious smile makes kindergarten a great place to be at Congdon!

Thank you for all you do, Ms. Sousa! We love you and we are so lucky to have you!

— *Justine Santos, Principal*  
*James B. Congdon School*



## Jennifer Murphy

Teacher

William H. Taylor Elementary School



Ms. Murphy has been an elementary school music teacher in the district since 2010. And we at Taylor are lucky to have her! She is an amazing teacher, engages her students in her lessons and instills in them the love of music. Her concerts are always the highlight of our school year! In addition to teaching general music and band, Ms. Murphy helps facilitate the Show Choir After-school Club.

Her love of chorus is demonstrated and very evident – she sings or chants everything! That enthusiasm for music and her students make her a joy to be around.

Ms. Murphy also gives back to upcoming educators. She mentors other teachers and her classroom is an open door. Her students – past and present – love her and she is a joy to have here at Taylor!

– *Rafaela DeFigueiredo Spence, Principal*  
*William H. Taylor School*

# NEW BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## 2022-2023

# WELLNESS OFFERINGS

XtremeHipHop with  
Shocktroopfitness  
Tobacco Cessation  
Yoga with Cheryl Rocha  
Building Healthy Habits  
Behavior Change 101  
Ask a Registered Dietician  
Zumba Class with Cara Reis

**NOVEMBER**  
**17<sup>TH</sup>**

Keith Middle  
School  
Community Room  
3:00-6:00 PM

**DECEMBER**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**Virtual  
Wellness  
Fair**

Cooking Demo  
Holiday Dining Solutions  
Goal Setting & Reaching  
Shake It Up  
Mindfulness 101  
Supermarket Savvy  
BCBS Exhibit  
Stretch Your Pantry  
Guided Stretch  
Healthy Hydration  
Ditch the Diet  
Restorative Yoga



# Student Spotlight



## Tatum Reis

### Recipient of Citation for Environmental Stewardship



Tatum Reis received the “Citation for Environmental Stewardship from the Superintendent Thomas Anderson at the recent Sea Lab Graduation. She is the originator of the “Saving Planet Earth One Bottle at a Time” program addressing the reduction of plastics in the waste and recycle streams.

A few months ago, Tatum went to Mrs. Simone Bourgeois, Facilitator/Teacher, at Sea Lab with a proposal. She felt that plastic throwaway water bottles were contradictory to promoting a healthy environment and were contradictory to everything she had learned while attending Sea Lab. Her proposal was to develop a reusable water campaign. Along with a program for Sea Lab to eliminate excess waste and mitigate the negative impacts of plastics on the environment. Tatum initiated the installation of water bottle filling stations and the purchase and use of reusable water bottles to Sea Lab students. The proposal was funded by Dr. Joe Costa, Executive Director of Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program

Tatum is also very active in a variety of other activities. She is a 3-sport athlete. Member of the Student Advisory Council, a Key Club member, a great

outdoors club member, Whaler Wave Club president and a Science Olympiad.

At New Bedford High School, she acted as tour guide for incoming middle school students had has been the social media manager for the Whaling Marina Aerobatics, an intern in Newport Naval Arcade, for the Utap Program, a member of City of New Bedford Youth Advisory Council and Mayor’s Youth Council liaison for the Youth Council Advisory. Most importantly, she is a Sea Lab graduate.

“Tatum is a change agent. A young woman who will change the world.” – *Lawrence W. Oliveira*



## Sea Lab plaque memorializes former Mayor Fred Kalisz

A bronze plaque honoring the late former Mayor Fred Kalisz (1957-2021) was installed recently at Sea Lab after a dedication ceremony formally designating the Dr. Frederick M. Kalisz, Jr. Sea Lab Marine Science Education Center, which took place in August. The Kalisz administration built the Sea Lab campus in 2005. Later expanded, Sea Lab now shares the enlarged building with William H. Taylor Elementary School.

*Left: Rick Kalisz III and Mrs. Patricia Kalisz with the Kalisz/Sea Lab plaque*





## Community Corner

Volunteers are needed throughout our community\*



Looking for a unique way to give back to the community?...

**BOO!**  
AT THE  
**ZOO**



**Weekends: October 15-16, 22-23, and 29-30**  
**10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Last admission 4:00 p.m.)**

**Boo at the Zoo** at Buttonwood Park Zoo is a fun way to **volunteer** while helping to create slightly spooky memories for thousands of families.

Great for families or school groups to volunteer together! Volunteers under the age of 13 are required to volunteer with an adult (18+).

Volunteers may be assigned to pass out candy to guests, run activity stations or help zoo staff with providing a spooky good time. You are encouraged to wear family friendly Halloween costumes to the volunteer event.



Would you like to **volunteer**?  
[Click here](#) for more information!



**BUTTONWOOD PARK ZOO**



**\*NBPS District Goal #4** – “Increase awareness of staff to the benefits, partnerships, and opportunities to become a bigger part of the greater New Bedford Community.”

# Congratulations!



Photo: Courtesy Peter Pereira  
Southcoasttoday.com

## Stagecraft Sages

Retired NBHS English Teachers and theatre directors, **George Charbonneau** (left) and **Armand Marchand**, returned to the NBHS Stage to meet with members of the current Drama Club. Students were able to hear about how George and Armand started

their work at NBHS and how that led to the founding of New Bedford Festival Theatre, their regional professional theatre company. A number of students shared that members of their families participated in the NBHS Drama Club under their direction, and several current students reflected on their participation in the NBFT Summer Academy – a summer apprenticeship program that provides NBHS students with experience working on a professional theatre production.

**You're Invited!** Celebrate George and Armand's legacy of enriching the lives of NBHS students and the greater New Bedford community.



New Bedford Festival Theatre

Presents



A Celebration of 50 years  
of the theatre of Marchand and Charbonneau in New Bedford!

**October 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM**

New Bedford High School's Philip Bronsiegel Auditorium

## 50 Years of Theatre at New Bedford High School!

**Welcome to the Theatre!** will be a full evening's entertainment including:

- The premier of *Legends Among Us*, a short documentary film about Armand Marchand and George Charbonneau shot in November 2019.
- Musical performances featuring current and former NBHS Drama Club members along side professionals.
- Historical footage from New Bedford High Drama Club, Zeiterion Musicals, and Festival Theatre shows.
- Special tributes from alumni and special guests.
- A preview of the exhibit *I Could Be Happy With You*: New Bedford and the Theatre of Marchand and Charbonneau.

**Welcome to the Theatre! One Night Only! October 22, 2022 7:00 PM**  
at New Bedford High School's Phillip Bronsiegel Auditorium.

General Admission Seats are \$35

Tickets can be purchased online at [nbfestivaltheatre.com](http://nbfestivaltheatre.com), by phone (508) 994-2900, or in person at the Zeiterion Box Office 68+ Purchase Street New Bedford, MA 02740.





Prepare for the *Communications and Literacy Skills, ESL and Foundations of Reading MTEls* with UMassD

# MTEL PREP COURSES

Contact  
Traci Almeida  
[talmeida@umassd.edu](mailto:talmeida@umassd.edu)  
508-999-8098



SCAN ME

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**PRD 571 Communications and Literacy Skills  
MTEL Preparation (test 01)**

October 22 and 29 9:00am-1:00pm  
Register for section 7201 (class number 14055)

**PRD 572 Foundations of Reading  
MTEL Preparation (test 190)**

October 22 and 29 9:00am-1:00pm  
Register for section 7201 (class number 14056)

**PRD 575 English as a Second Language (ESL)  
MTEL Preparation (test 54)**

October 22 and 29 9:00am-1:00pm  
Register for section 7201 (class number 14058)

**Open to public**  
**Synchronous Online via Zoom**  
**\$200 per course**



# NEW BEDFORD COHORT BSU SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

*Fall 2022 Information Session*

Thursday, October 27th

5:00pm-6:00pm

100% Online

[https://bridgew.zoom.us/j/93071634967?](https://bridgew.zoom.us/j/93071634967?pwd=NWhrM1FxS09wQnkrRHN4cmZzSU9jUT09)

[pwd=NWhrM1FxS09wQnkrRHN4cmZzSU9jUT09](https://bridgew.zoom.us/j/93071634967?pwd=NWhrM1FxS09wQnkrRHN4cmZzSU9jUT09)



**Classes begin January 2023**

**Reduced Costs for to New Bedford Public School Personnel**

*Administrator Programs/Licenses:*

- Principal/Assistant Principal
- Supervisor/Director of Programs
- Special Education Administrator
- School Business Administrator
  - Supt./Asst. Superintendent
- MEd - Masters of Education
- EdS - Education Specialist

*First course meets ONLINE on the  
following Thursdays (1/19, 2/16, 3/3)*

**RSVP:** Dr. Agbarha | [bagbarha@bridgew.edu](mailto:bagbarha@bridgew.edu)  
Dr. Carol Young | [cyoung@bridgew.edu](mailto:cyoung@bridgew.edu)

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[www.bridgew.edu/EDLE](http://www.bridgew.edu/EDLE)



***Bridgewater State University is excited to announce help for DESE Emergency License holders earn their initial or preliminary license in Moderate Disabilities (PreK-8 or 5-12)***



- ***Features of this incredible opportunity include:***
- **Free MTEL preparation courses** for each participant
- **Free advising from faculty** in the Special Education department from Bridgewater State University
- **\$100 for each 3-credit graduate course** in the Special Education Initial Licensure program (**a combined savings of almost \$12,000**)
- **Details for how this grant-funded coursework transfers directly to the M.Ed. in Special Education at BSU**

**click here** to watch the informational Zoom session.  
For additional information, you may also contact:

Darren Macdonald [D3MACDONALD@bridgew.edu](mailto:D3MACDONALD@bridgew.edu)  
or

Patricia Emmons [PEmmons@bridgew.edu](mailto:PEmmons@bridgew.edu)





**MERRIMACK  
COLLEGE**



## **EMERGENCY LICENSE TEACHERS: SPECIAL OFFER**

# **\$1,000 Scholarship for Students Starting in October 2022!**

Plus an additional \$1,000 stipend to be used for books, transportation or childcare.

## **Earn your M.Ed. Plus a FREE add on credential\***

Increase your earning potential and advance within your role. Merrimack College's licensure and credential programs for teaching and leadership provide valuable skill sets to help you specialize in the field.

- Online and On-Campus Options
- Fully DESE Approved
- Competency Based Educational Model
- Dedicated Success Coach
- Flexible 8-Week, 4-Credit Courses
- 6 Start Dates per Year

Teachers in partner districts of Merrimack College will also receive a **10% tuition benefit** on the full M.Ed. Program.

### **Accelerated Pathway:**

Combine your M.Ed. + one of the bolded certificates and receive your choice in add on credential, **FREE**

## **Get Started TODAY to Enjoy the Benefits†**

\* Must complete M.Ed. to be eligible for Add-On credential

† Promotional benefits offered to Emergency License Teachers for October start dates only.

## **Programs**

### **Master's In Education**

- Curriculum & Instruction
- Early Childhood Education\*
- Elementary Education
- English as a Second Language
- Middle & High School Education
- Moderate Disabilities\*

### **Add on Licensures**

- Early Childhood Education
- English as a Second Language
- Moderate Disabilities

### **Certificates**

- CAGS in Educational Leadership
- **Teacher Leadership Certificate**
- Education Technology Certificate
- **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) for Educators**
- **Social Emotional Learning**

\*Includes Sheltered English Instruction



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[www.merrimack.online/ELT](http://www.merrimack.online/ELT)



# NBPS Wraparound Services Event Calendar

## October 2022

### READING CLUBS

Gomes School- Monday,

Oct 31st 1pm-2pm

Jacobs- Tuesday, Oct 4th

4pm-6pm (English)

Tuesday, Oct 11th

4pm-6pm (Spanish)

### SNAP & HOUSING

Keith Middle School & NBHS-

Tuesdays 1:30pm-4pm

Normandin Middle School-

Tuesdays 8am-10am

Roosevelt Middle School-

Thursdays 1:30pm-4pm

Hayden McFadden -Tuesdays

10:30am-12:30pm

Gomes School- Thursdays 8am-10am

Jacobs- Thursdays 10:30am-12:30pm

### ATTENDANCE WORKSHOPS

Roosevelt Middle School-

Oct 12th 1pm-2:30pm

Hayden McFadden -Oct 5th 12pm-1pm

Keith Middle School- Oct 11th 9am-10am

Normandin Middle School- Oct 13th

10:30am-12:30pm

Zoom Webinar- Oct 24th 2pm-3pm

### COMPUTER CLASSES

NBHS- October 6th & October 20th

10am-12pm

Normandin Middle-Every Tuesday 12-1pm

Roosevelt Middle- Every Tuesday

10am-12pm

Hayden McFadden -Oct 10th &

Oct 24th 2pm-3pm

Gomes School- Oct 19th \*8am-9am/

\*12pm-1:pm/2pm-3pm

Jacobs- Fridays 8:30am-9:30am

### WOMEN'S CENTER OPEN HOURS

Hayden McFadden - OCT 6th & 20th

9am-10am

Gomes School- OCT 11th & 25th

1pm-2pm ON CALL

Jacobs- Oct 4th & 18th 2:30pm-

3:30pm

NBHS- OCT 13th & 27th 10:30am-

11:30am

Keith Middle School- OCT 13th & 27th

9am-10am

Normandin Middle School- OCT 6th &

20th 10:30am-11:30am

Roosevelt Middle School- OCT 4th & 18th

1pm-2pm



Wraparound Department- 455 County Street, New Bedford, MA  
(508) 997-4511 ext. 14154



Normandin Middle School

# Trunk or Treat

Friday,  
October 21st

Music - Treats - Games  
5:30PM-7:00PM

Parking Lot Outside Field

Hosted by Wraparound Coordinator,  
Nasha Encarnacao

Contact on how to get involved  
508.997.4511 ext. 31518

[NEncarnacao@newbedfordschools.org](mailto:NEncarnacao@newbedfordschools.org)

Keith Middle School  
Family Engagement Center Invites You!

# TRUNK & TREAT



Keith Middle School  
Parking Lot

For more info reach out to our Family  
Engagement Center! Ext 30529

WRAPAROUND  
SERVICES  
Family Engagement - Student Success

The  
WOMEN'S  
CENTER  
The door to a future free from violence.



Action +  
Awareness  
= Social  
Change

NBPS in partnership with  
The Women's Center New Bedford

## #1thing ART CONTEST

WIN AN AMAZON GIFTCARD & HELP SPREAD  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS THIS OCTOBER

## ART CONTEST RULES

### Your Art Piece

Your art can be in any medium - digital, paint, drawing, sculpture, anything goes! It MUST contain the color purple for domestic violence awareness, and contain all or some of the following phrases: #1thing, action, awareness, or social change

### Submitting Your Piece

All art pieces will be submitted by October 20th, 2022 in your school's Family Engagement Center. All of the pieces will be showcased at the Keith Middle School Community Room on October 27th, 2022 from 5pm-6pm. Awards will be presented at this time.

### Questions

Any questions regarding the contest can be directed to [eduarte@newbedfordschools.org](mailto:eduarte@newbedfordschools.org)