



NBPS Newsflash

June 2020

Greetings Team,

We are living in a unique time which in some ways take us back more than 50 years. As a society, this historic pandemic has challenged us in unforeseen ways, but our existing racial inequity and human rights issues are once again in the forefront. We are seeing the expression of frustration and hurt in the protests occurring nationally, compounded by the unacceptable rioting in the wake of recent racial incidents. As a nation we are one community, and although we are miles away from the most recent tragedies, the impact of these situations is real and is felt in some way in every community in our America.

In President Barack Obama's 2009 Inaugural address, he shared a message of unity and hope.

For we know that our patchwork heritage is a strength, not a weakness. We are a nation of Christians and Muslims, Jews and Hindus, and non-believers. We are shaped by every language and culture, drawn from every end of this Earth; and because we have tasted the bitter swill of civil war and segregation, and emerged from that dark chapter stronger and more united, we cannot help but believe that the old hatreds shall someday pass; that the lines of tribe shall soon dissolve; that as the world grows smaller, our common humanity shall reveal itself; and that America must play its role in ushering in a new era of peace.

Then, I was excited and encouraged by his optimism. However, today as a human being – in my skin - I am deeply saddened, disappointed and angered that our current climate appears to have reverted to a time when many people who look like me or my twin sons, lived in fear. This is a human rights issue and my reality is that in 2020 - skin like mine – can still have a negative impact on how I am ultimately treated in our society.

I embrace and I am honored to have the opportunity and the responsibility to lead and assist in raising the level of consciousness to enhance the total educational condition for all children, so they can become compassionate, accepting, inquisitive, empathic, kind, openminded adults. We must equip our most vulnerable populations with the tools to recognize and to navigate these inequities while teaching them to develop and cultivate their skills to dismantle bias on all levels and be leaders for all people. These tragic situations, especially in this time of COVID-19 has created a sense of helplessness and despair for many in our community and beyond. In the end, we all can impact those within our individual sphere of influence to make the right decisions.

Stay safe and be kind to one another,

Thomas Anderson
Superintendent

**Success is
the sum of
small efforts,
repeated day
in and day
out.**

Robert Collier

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New Bedford High School

Virtual Graduation

Thursday, June 18, 7:00 p.m.

On [N.B. Cable Access Educational Access](#) and [NBPS Facebook](#) page

Reminder!

From Human Capital Services...

COVID-19 Precautions & Reporting Procedures

As a reminder... It is expected that all staff maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from others at work at all times. This includes break time. Staff should not have break time at the same time in the same space while social/physical distancing is being recommended by the CDC.

If you or someone in your home is sick with COVID-19 symptoms you are not permitted to report to work and must immediately contact:

Heather Emsley at hemsley@newbedfordschools.org

or call (508) 997-4511 ext. 14300.

We appreciate your cooperation in following all CDC guidelines to keep ourselves and each other safe.



JOYFUL JUNE (EVEN IN DIFFICULT TIMES) 2020



MONDAY

1 Decide to look for what's good, even on the difficult days

8 Write a letter to thank someone for what they did

15 Rediscover a fun childhood activity that you can enjoy today

22 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you

29 Take time to do something that makes you happy today

TUESDAY

2 Re-frame a worry and try to find a positive way to respond

9 Find the joy in music today: sing, play, dance or listen

16 Ask a loved one what they feel grateful for at the moment

23 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it

30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to them)

WEDNESDAY

3 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down

10 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it

17 Be kind to you. Treat yourself the way you would treat a friend

24 Thank a friend for the joy they bring into your life

THURSDAY

4 Show your appreciation to those who are helping others

11 Say positive things in your conversations with others today

18 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement

25 Eat food that makes you feel good and really savour it

FRIDAY

5 Smile and be friendly, even while you're social distancing

12 Make a plan with friends to do something fun together

19 Create a list of favourite memories you feel grateful for

26 See the upside in a difficult situation you learnt from

SATURDAY

6 Notice the upsides during the lockdown, however small

13 Appreciate the joy of nature and the beauty in the world around

20 Make time to do something playful today, just for the fun of it

27 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh

SUNDAY

7 Find a joyful way of being physically active (indoors or out)

14 Do three things to bring joy to other people today

21 Enjoy trying a new recipe or cooking your favourite food

28 Create a playlist of your favourite songs and enjoy them



"Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day" ~ Alice Morse Earle



Let's Celebrate English Learner Education Success!

As one part of its accountability system, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education oversees local compliance with education requirements through Tiered Focused Monitoring (TFM). In the Spring of 2019, DESE conducted an on-site visit to the NBPS school district to evaluate the effectiveness of programs serving English learners as required by G.L. c. 71A, § 7A.

DESE also reviewed extensive written documentation regarding the operation of the district's ELE programs (Sheltered English Immersion and Dual Language Education), along with information gathered by staff interviews, a review of documentation from student records and parent surveys.

After 6 years of collaborative team work, NBPS has demonstrated effective resolution of noncompliance identified by the DESE. Sonia Walmsley, the Executive Director of English Learner Education programs in NBPS, wants to celebrate this big success with our district & community members!

Special "THANKS" to all ESL teachers for their hard work on providing high-quality ESL instruction to promote and support the rapid acquisition of English language proficiency by ELs.



ESL Academies Cohort 7 – Every year, we have more than 20 participants successfully complete the NBPS program created in 2015. This school year we had about 40 applicants, and 25 were selected to start their first classes on Saturday, May 30.



NBHS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

10 WAYS TO SURVIVE LIFE IN A QUARANTINE

One Act, By Don Zolidis



ONE NIGHT ONLY FREE LIVESTREAM EVENT

JUNE 12, 2020 AT 6PM

email nbhsperformingarts@gmail.com for
the exclusive ZOOM link!

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with families



An important message from
New Bedford Public Schools

Family Welcome Center

Does your child turn 5 years of age on or before August 31st? If so, it is important that you call the **Family Support Line 508-997-4515** as soon as possible to begin the registration process. Registrations are ongoing, on-line or over the phone. Visit the [NBPS website](#) to locate the on-line enrollment forms available in four languages.

Easy on-line Registration

Step 1

Complete the Registration Form on the following link in the language of your choice:

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

[Portuguese](#)

[K'iche'](#)

Step 2

Text or email photos of your child's birth certificate, proof-of-address, parent I.D., medical records, etc. to:

FWC@newbedfordschools.org

A Parent Support Specialist will call you to complete the registration process with you.

For more info...



New Bedford Public Schools
Family Support Line
Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm
508-997-4515

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- 1 English
- 2 Spanish
- 3 Portuguese
- 4 Creole
- 5 K'iche'

You will be connected to a
Parent Support Specialist who speaks
the language you select.



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MASS SMART PLAN

Volatile markets can unnerve investors and shake the foundation of their long-term investment strategies. While volatility is an inevitable element of investing, the market has tended to reward those investors who don't get rattled during market declines and stick to a long-term investment strategy.

Your local Retirement Plan Advisor (RPA) Vito DeSimone is available to answer your questions and review your strategy to help you stay on track. Vito can also be reached at (401) 439-3715.

During the meeting with your dedicated RPA, he will:

- Answer your questions during these times of market volatility and see whether any changes in your strategy are appropriate to keep you on track for your future.
- Review your savings level and investments and determine whether it might be appropriate to make any changes.
- Help you determine a possible retirement age if you're considering retirement in the near future.
- Help you look at all of your income sources to give you a complete picture of your progress towards your future needs.

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