



NBPS Newsflash November 2020

Greetings Team,

We continue to celebrate the accomplishments of many students and staff, while we work to replicate successes across the district. We must simplify and clarify our work to not over complicate things — this is how we will strategically use our energy to influence change.

With the Learning Walks this past month we have seen more than 500 classes this year and I have seen some excellent examples of student engagement, analysis and inquiry. I can feel our welcoming climate and our culture is increasingly promoting educational excellence. The Learning Walks are designed to identify trends and patterns, and areas of practice identified by principals that are the focus at each school.

The actual tasks and specific engagement occurring daily in the classroom are the true ways to increase student learning. These walks allow us to see things through the lens of a visitor and we can view the school from the perspective of our parents and visitors. The aesthetics and the overall environment contribute to the educational process. We don't need to use trendy terms - our work boils down to seamlessly executing the following:

- Celebrate the accomplishments of students and staff
- Continue to revise, structure and simplify the strategies to replicate the success
- Simplifying and clarify our work
- High level tasks prompting critical and analytical thinking
- Standards for excellence and accountability (clear vision of what it looks like and how to make it happen)

Everything else is a tool that helps strengthen how we can create the best possible teaching and learning process.

All the best,

Thomas Anderson
Superintendent

*“Writing
is the
litmus paper
of thought...
the very
center of
schooling.”*

— Ted Sizer

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Employee Spotlight



Michael & Patrick Winsper
Crossing Guards
Abraham Lincoln Elementary School



Brothers Michael and Patrick Winsper arrive at Lincoln School each morning at 7:30 a.m. to safeguard the arrival of our “Lincoln Loves”! Both crossing guards ensure that students and families cross Ashley Boulevard safely and are greeted with a friendly good morning.

One word comes to mind when I think of the Winsper brothers. That word is heart, and these guys have a lot of it! The Winspers are now in their 2nd year at Lincoln. Michael Winsper says they began their roles as crossing guards when he saw the need first hand. His son attends Lincoln, and when he witnessed the distracted driving on Ashley Boulevard, he knew he had to do something.

Together with his brother Patrick, they took the necessary steps including interviews, fingerprinting, background checks, etc. and stepped up to the plate to fill the vacancy!

In briefly talking to the guys you can really sense the passion they have for the safety of these children. Patrick mentioned that there are still people who will drive by with no concern for school zone speed limits. Not only do these guys ensure the safety of the children & parents crossing, but they also brighten peoples days by being courteous, polite, good guys. Michael notes that there are a lot of good parents. He says the best part of the job is the parent appreciation, “when they say we appreciate you being here.”

As many of our Lincoln Families know, Ashley Blvd has been under construction this summer, and navigating the road has not always been pleasant. That is when both Michael and Patrick are a great help to our families. They keep the flow of traffic moving, while crossing students safely to Lincoln grounds.

At 2:15 you can see Michael and Patrick gearing up with their crossing guard vests and signs and heading back out to Ashley Blvd. This time they help students safely get home with a quick goodbye, a smile and wave.

Principal Lina DeJesus praises the brothers saying, “They are supportive of the school, staff, and students and have become part of our Lincoln family. They deserve a shout-out!”



AROUND OUR SCHOOLS



The New Bedford High School Whaler Marching received an 80.0 and 1st place overall in Division 3. They earned caption awards for Best Music, Best Percussion and Best Color Guard at their home band competition in October. Their score improved 10 points from their competition two weeks prior. Go Whalers!



Former Patriots star linebacker Andre Tippett visited New Bedford High School to recognize NBHS Coach Mark DeBrito as the New England Patriots Coach of the Week. Tippett, a Patriot for his entire pro career and All-Pro Football Hall of Famer, spoke to the Team. "I've been watching you from game 1. You've got the ability to do something special. Everything I am today is because of what I was able to do at the high school level." In addition to the special recognition, Tippett presented \$1000 on behalf of the Kraft Family toward the Whaler Football Program in Coach DeBrito's honor.

AROUND



OUR



SCHOOLS



Family Engagement Center

New Bedford Public Schools has opened seven new Family Engagement Centers, located throughout the City of New Bedford school district. A public opening ceremony and reception for the new network of centers was held at Hayden McFadden Elementary School last month. The event was attended by families, students, staff, community resource partners, school committee members, special guests and included a ribbon cutting with students.



The Family Engagement Center (FEC) program first began with pilot centers at Parker and Renaissance Schools. The October launch celebrated a total of seven Family Engagement Centers. The FECs will be located at

New Bedford High School, Normandin MS, Keith MS, Roosevelt MS, Gomes/Renaissance, Hayden-McFadden and Jacobs Elementary Schools. FECs will provide multilingual services to families, referrals, parent workshops, computer access, family resources and support, as well as special activities and events for families of New Bedford Public Schools.



About NBPS Family Engagement Centers

New Bedford Public Schools Family Engagement Centers' mission is to empower and strengthen authentic home, school and community relationship to ensure student success. School

staff will collaborate through our centers to work with families to try to meet their needs, in efforts to increase the student's academic achievements.

Family Engagement Center Core Beliefs

- ◆ All families have dreams for their children and want the best for them
- ◆ All families have the capacity to support their children's learning.
- ◆ Families and school staff are equal partners.
- ◆ The responsibility for cultivating and sustaining partnerships among school, home and community rest primarily with the educators





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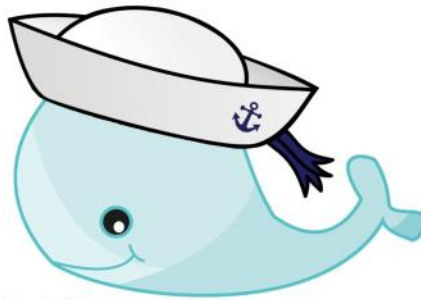
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New Bedford EATS – NBPS Food and Nutrition Services



Change is in motion for the NBPS breakfast and lunch programs. With a new director, Rob Shaheen, and two new assistant directors, Alice Johnson and registered dietitian, Samantha Therrien, the department is being revamped. With a new brand, “New Bedford EATS” (Encouraging Appetites Towards Success), the team has great plans to transform the district’s meal programs to be more nutritious, tasty, exciting, and sustainable!

Starting with the Breakfast in the Classroom program, they are rolling out reusable mesh breakfast bags to hold items that make up a reimbursable meal. This will eliminate 9,000+ plastic bags used daily and will increase MA Department of ESE program compliance.

View our menus and nutritional information on www.NBPSmeals.com or through the smartphone app, “Web Menus by ISite Software”. Stay tuned for more exciting changes!

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View your paystubs and available time off on Employee Self Service (ESS)



How to Log in... Login to the Employee Self Service portal from a link available under the Staff dropdown on our NBPS website at: www.newbedfordschools.org

It is listed as **Employee Self Service Portal**. Your username is your MUNIS employee number and your password is the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number. You will be prompted to change the password after this first login.



Fall Step Challenge Winners



New Bedford Public Schools would like to recognize and congratulate all employees that participated in the Fall Step Challenge. We would also like to take this time to announce top ranking teams for this year.



- 1st Place: **Therapists On The Move**
- 2nd Place: **Sole Mates**
- 3rd Place: **New Bedford High Staff**

Congratulations to Nancy Curry for being our top stepper for the fall challenge with **1,726,181** steps!

Gift Certificates and Prizes will be sent to all that completed the challenge at their respective schools.

We look forward to your participation on upcoming wellness events.

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- Explore alternative assessment tools
- Enhance instruction using innovative instructional strategies.
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- Be a part of a supportive cohort model in a convenient weekend format

INFORMATION MEETINGS: Thursday, November 14th

DeMello Center 4-6 pm
128 Union St, New Bedford
During AHA Night

Hayden McFadden School 3:45-4:30
361 Cedar Grove Street, New Bedford,
refreshments, information on programming, enrollment, and cost

New Groups Starting in March 2020

- Integrated Teaching through the Arts M.Ed- March 2020
- Moderate Disabilities M.Ed - March 2020
- Arts Integration Strategies Certificate- March 2020 Specialist
- Teacher of Reading M.Ed- TBD
- Adult Bac programs available



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NBPS 5th Annual Health Fair!

Keith Middle School

November 14th
2:30 to 6:30



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Employee Assistance Program
CPA Flexible Spending
Boston Mutual
Trustmark Benefits Solution
City Retirement
NBEA
AFSCME
SouthCoast Physicians Group
Coastline Elderly Services
Boutique Fitness
Round the Bend Farm
YMCA

Activities Include:

Healthy Wraps & Smoothies
Seated Massages
Flu Clinic
Yoga & Mindfulness class
Calming Tea Station
Senior Care Seminar



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- ★ Calming Tea Station
- ★ Fun Fitness Activities
- ★ Massages
- ★ Flu Clinic





Retirement seminars starting soon—Two western MA locations just added

For MTRS Tier 1 members (established membership BEFORE April 2, 2012)

As we recently announced, we will be presenting our popular "Ready for Retirement" seminar at 9 locations across the Commonwealth. Please remind your soon-to-be-retiring employees that we're offering this program—and that this is a prime opportunity for them to get answers to their questions about the retirement process. If at all possible, please forward this message to your MTRS members who are retiring within the next year.

This is a free, optional, two-hour program. (4-6 p.m.) designed for MTRS members in Tier 1 (established membership before April 2, 2012) who are retiring in 2020.

Topics include:

- § *the retirement application process and the benefit calculation formula,*
- § *timelines and service expectations,*
- § *first payment information,*
- § *health insurance, tax and working after retirement issues, and*
- § *cost-of-living adjustments after you retire.*

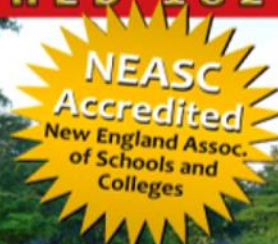
Personalized account information and pension estimates are not offered during these sessions.

The program will be offered at 9 locations and online registration is required.

- **NORTON**, Tuesday, November 5; Norton Middle School auditorium
- **SOUTH YARMOUTH**, Thursday, November 7; Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School auditorium
- **WOBURN**, Tuesday, November 12; Woburn Memorial High School auditorium
- **PEABODY**, Wednesday, November 13; Peabody Veterans Memorial High School auditorium
- **AUBURN**, Thursday, November 14; Auburn High School auditorium
- **CHARLESTOWN**, Wednesday, November 20; MTRS Main Office, Presentation Room, 2nd Floor
- **NORTHAMPTON—JUST ADDED**, Thursday, November 21; Northampton High School auditorium
- **HANOVER**, Tuesday, December 3; Hanover High School auditorium
- **WILBRAHAM—JUST ADDED**, Tuesday, December 3; Minnechaug Regional High School auditorium

[Register Now!](#)

★ Hey, all 7th and 8th Grade Students! We want you! ★
New Bedford High School
 invites you to join
 the **Whalers!**



7th and 8th Grade **OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, Nov. 14 - 5:30-7:30 pm

Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Program • 20 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses • AP Calculus 100% Pass Rate
 Faculty Excellence - 2020 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year • Career Academies • Industry-Standard Certifications
 Biotech Lab Program • Community Service Opportunities • Crimson Courier School Newspaper • Division 1 Athletic Scholarships
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 Academy of Engineering • Academy of Finance Academy of Health Sciences • Academy of Information Technology
 NBHS Academy of Honors • 1:1 Student Laptops • Whaler Marching Band • Show Choir • All-City Ensembles • JROTC
 45 Athletic & Sports Teams • 16 Performing Arts Groups • 22 Extracurricular Clubs • Upward Bound

★★★ Come & learn about all NBHS has to offer you! ★★★