



NBPS Newsflash May 2023

Greetings Team NBPS,

YOU are appreciated! In May we take time for special recognitions as we highlight many staff. While we are happy to highlight and honor staff on these national days, the perfect time to say THANK YOU is every day. I am grateful and thankful for your hard work and dedication to our students and their families.

Although May has started off a little cooler than I'm sure we all would have liked, overall, we are off to a smooth start this month. Spring sports are fully underway and the annual art exhibitions are next week. We are looking forward to wrapping up MCAS and administering AP exams over the next few days.

Special thanks to all NBPS Art teachers for your support and guidance of our students in the outstanding exhibits that have been created. It never ceases to amaze me how talented our students are! The 2023 show is just the latest proof - remarkable! The Districtwide Art Show is Thursday, May 11, 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm at PRAB, 455 County Street. Please stop by to take in all their creative energy!

The HCS Educator Recruitment Fair is Saturday, May 6, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Keith MS Community Room (see page 4). Please spread the word.

The FY24 Budget Hearing is at the May School Committee Meeting. Student enrollment and academic programming, which includes opportunities to prepare students to compete at the highest levels after graduation, drives our budget process. Whether students seek employment, enroll in college/university, or enlist to serve our country, we continue to supply resources to strengthen their critical and analytical thinking skills while cultivating them to be compassionate individuals who care deeply about other people.

Each of you plays a critical role in the growth and development of our students. The time you take to support individual students' needs while collaborating with colleagues to enhance the teaching and learning process is appreciated and should make us all proud.

You are making a tremendous impact! Please continue taking care of yourselves and one another. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Thomas Anderson
Superintendent



Artwork by Jaydriel,
RCIS

Keep your
face always
toward the
sunshine and
shadows will
fall behind
you.

-Walt Whitman

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Employee Spotlight



Nichole Brody

Teacher

Elwyn G. Campbell Elementary School



“Nichole Brody is a veteran teacher at Campbell School. She is well prepared each day and creates a safe and supportive environment by teaching with care and compassion. Nikki takes into account the different learning styles within her class and ensures all students’ needs are being met. Nikki forms positive relationships with her students as well as others in the building. She often assists with students who are having behavioral difficulties. She has a knack of forming positive relationships between her 5th grade students and younger students within the building. This allows her students to be role models and lead the way for younger students. Nikki is a team player and makes decisions with her students in mind. We are lucky to have Nikki here at Campbell School!”

- Lisa Wheelden, M.Ed., Principal, Elwyn G. Campbell Elementary School



Steve Leonardo

Building Maintenance

NBPS Facilities Department



“Steve Leonardo started working for NBPS in January of 1999 at Facilities Operations and has consistently shown dedication and commitment to his work. As a Facilities/Maintenance Grounds employee, Steve’s positive attitude and willingness to go above and beyond his job responsibilities have made him an invaluable member of our Facilities Operations team. We are proud to have his dedication and hard work recognized in this way and look forward to his continued success with the Facilities Operations Dept. Congratulations, Steve!”

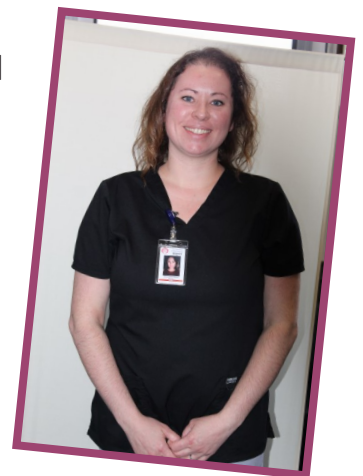
- Douglas Brites, Acting Director of Facilities, New Bedford Public Schools

May 10, 2023

NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY



NBPS Nurses are the leaders who bridge health care and education, provide care coordination, advocate for quality student-centered care, and collaborate to design systems that allow individuals and communities to develop to their full potential today and every day.



Saturday, May 6, Keith Middle School



NEW BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATOR RECRUITMENT FAIR



SATURDAY, MAY 6 TH
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
KEITH MIDDLE SCHOOL
225 HATHAWAY BLVD.
NEW BEDFORD
ON-SITE INTERVIEWS

- **Speak with principals** and other school leaders from our 25 schools.
- Find out **what principals are looking for** in teacher candidates.
- Arrange to **tour our schools** and our city.
- **Vacancies include** but are not limited to:
 - Elementary Education
 - Special Education
 - English as a Second Language
 - Middle and High School positions (Math, Science, Special Education)



For more information, contact
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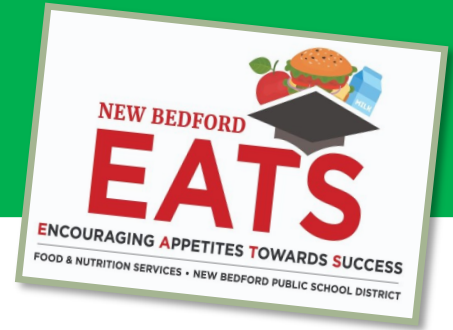
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Food & Nutrition Services **UPDATE!**



SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY

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Friday, May 5, 2023



Normandin Middle School Food Services Team

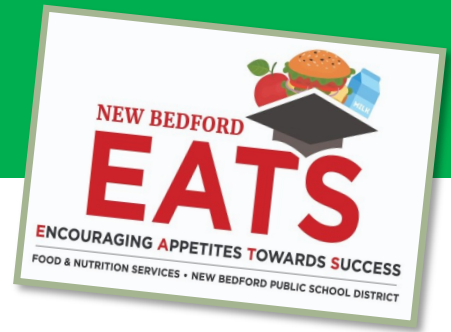
May 5th is School Lunch Hero Day! School Lunch Hero Day is in honor of each person responsible for providing lunches (and food) to millions of children across America. This year we would like to honor the Food Service team at Normandin Middle School.

Normandin's Food Service staff continuously show their dedication to our students in ensuring that they are served healthy and appetizing nutritious meals. They have recently been involved in executing Latin American Cuisine in their cafeteria from a menu that had not been tested elsewhere. The team executed it phenomenally. The fluidity of the service and commitment to food presentation is something Normandin Food Service staff strive for and is evident in every smiling student that enters and exits the cafeteria.

Even more exciting is that two staff members, Rosa and Elvira, were recommended to attend a 5-day Culinary Boot-Camp at Framingham State University, presented by the chefs at the Culinary Institute of Child Nutrition. They were recommended by Jumana Whelan who is the Manager of Culinary Programs at The John C. Stalker Institute of Food and Nutrition. We are honored and excited for them both! We are more than happy to recognize Normandin for their dedication to our students and Food and Nutrition Services program.

Please THANK your School Lunch heroes today!!

Food & Nutrition Services UPDATE!



SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY™

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Latin American Cuisine

On March 29th the Food and Nutrition Services Department had the opportunity to work with the John Stalker Institute of Food and Nutrition's CRISP program to pilot a taste test at Normandin Middle School. The taste test featured samples of taco pulled chicken, peppery quinoa and fresh peach salsa. The feedback from the students were exceptional.

The Live Setting Launch happened on April 12th where the full meal consisted of:

- Taco Pulled Chicken
- Peppy Quinoa
- Peach Salsa
- Spanish Brown Rice
- Pinto Taco Beans
- Fresh Salsa
- Mexicali Corn
- Tropical Fruit Salad
- Refried Beans



Bringing in various types of culture and incorporating them into the cuisine has proven to not only broaden the students' palates but also resonating with them on a personal cultural level. Many of the students said the meal to be "fresh", "exciting" and "flavorful".

The Food Service team at Normandin led by Catherine Kingsbury did a great job executing the meal and presentation for all the student meals. It is with their level of commitment and dedication to the students that allows the Food and Nutrition Services Department to be so involved in these types of events.

Community Corner*



Community Boating Center

41° 36' 30.91" N, 70° 55' 56.20" W
NEW BEDFORD, MA

Summer Youth Sailing Program

Each time CBC students step into a boat, pull the tiller, or trim a sail, they are learning a meaningful lesson. Sailing encourages individuals to come together as a team and collectively

overcome challenges. CBC's flagship program, Summer Youth Sailing, is designed to instill positive life values, such as trust, integrity, sound judgement and teamwork.



Youth Adjustment Counselor Volunteers Needed:

The role of the Youth Adjustment Counselor is to help participants with a diverse array of abilities and social and emotional needs to positively engage in CBC's Summer Youth Sailing Program.

Since our program runs in one week increments, we are looking for volunteers who could commit to spending at least one full week with us in order to help build relationships with our participants.

The Youth Adjustment Counselor will serve as the point person for consultation needs regarding participants who may require additional support in regards to social/emotional and behavioral needs as well as provide support to program staff, particularly the Junior Instructors. They will communicate with and act as a resource for participants and staff. Work will take place primarily outside, in various weather conditions, both on and off the water.

For more information or to sign up, please visit:

[CBC Youth Adjustment Counselor Volunteer](#)

For more information on general volunteer opportunities with the organization, please visit:

[Community Boating Center Volunteering](#)

****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."***



**New Bedford
Public Schools**

District- Wide Art Show

**Thursday, May 11
4:30-7:30pm**

**Paul Rodrigues Administration Building
455 County Street**

**Featuring over 3000 pieces of
student art work from all New
Bedford Public Schools**

**For more information, contact:
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AND



PRESENT:

Concert in the Garden

396 COUNTY ST
NEW BEDFORD, MA

**TUESDAY, MAY 16TH
7PM**

A FREE EVENT FEATURING:

ALL-CITY STEEL BAND
NBHS ORCHESTRA
NBHS JAZZ COMBO
NBHS JAZZ BAND

FOR MORE INFO VISIT:
RJDMUSEUM.ORG

NBPS

MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATIONS



Join us as we celebrate diversity and heritage this Spring!

**JACOBS
ELEMENTARY &
ROOSEVELT
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**MAY 16TH
5PM-7PM**

**KEITH MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

**MAY 26TH
5PM-7PM**

**NEW
BEDFORD
HIGH SCHOOL**

**MAY 4TH
6PM-8PM**

**HAYDEN
MCFADDEN
ELEMENTARY**

**JUNE 2ND
4:30PM-6:30PM**

Check out our website to RSVP to all of our cultural night events!



Congratulations

Congratulations to NBPS WRAPAROUND SERVICES FAMILY INSTITUTE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS graduates! FISS graduates were honored at a recent ceremony at Keith Middle School!



Partners in Excellence Award



Congratulations! NBPS and NBHS have been recognized with Mass Insight's Partners in Excellence Award "honoring Advanced Placement (AP) STEM and English teachers who have made significant impact in increasing academic opportunities for

historically marginalized students." **Superintendent Thomas Anderson** accepted on behalf of the district and high school faculty, lauding their commitment. The ceremony took at Holy Cross College. Mass Insight Education & Research (Mi) partners with districts, schools, and communities to implement customized strategies and build capacity to advance equity and opportunity in K-12 education.



Superintendent Anderson Receives Leadership Award



Mass Insight Education & Research (Mi), a Boston-based nonprofit dedicated to improving public school performance and closing the achievement gap, has honored **Superintendent Thomas Anderson** with the Michael G. Contompasis Leadership Award at the 7th annual Partners in Excellence Awards Ceremony, held recently at Holy Cross College. The award is given to a Massachusetts educator who is dedicated to preparing students for college and career success.

