



NBPS Newsflash

March 2022

Greetings NBPS Team,

Spring is around the corner with brighter days, warmer temperatures and more sunshine coming. March marks a milestone worthy of reflection. It has been two years since we embarked on an odyssey of uncertainty the likes of which none of us could have predicted. Together, we have navigated this pandemic at all levels of our personal and professional lives. As we enter the spring months, there is much to look forward to: daylight saving time, outdoor sports and other activities.

I previously shared that our updated COVID-19 protocols include testing procedures aligned with the DESE and Department of Public Health. We will be participating in the at-home testing program. In-school symptomatic testing will only be conducted for students who become ill during the school day. The Test and Stay Program and contact tracing for in-school close contacts is being suspended. Remember, this new at-home testing opportunity is voluntary, and parents must sign-up to receive the tests.

March 7 marks our next phase of navigating the pandemic; it is the start of mask wearing being optional for all students and staff, except in the health rooms and when visiting the nurse. With the recent change to the Federal CDC guidelines, students will NOT be required to wear masks on buses as of the end of day, March 4.

I do highly encourage those unvaccinated individuals with compromised immune systems to continue wearing their masks.

Please know that some students and staff may choose to continue wearing a mask. I request that we support one another and understand that some individuals are working through personal situations where COVID has impacted their family members, friends or themselves. Now is a time to be supportive and understanding – let's please be respectful of those who choose to continue wearing a mask during the school day.

Also, remember that we must continue to take care of ourselves and practice good hygiene by covering our mouths and frequently cleaning our hands – let's continue to be smart as COVID is still around.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Remember we are all in this together.

Thank you,

Thomas Anderson
Superintendent



March is the month of expectation, the things we do not know.”

Emily Dickinson

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Employee Update

Teressa L'Heureux

*District Auditorium Event Coordinator
NBPS Fine Arts Department*



Teressa L'Heureux, Auditorium Event Coordinator for the district and Technical Director for the New Bedford High School Drama Club, has had such a positive impact on the Fine Arts Department and the school district. Ms. L'Heureux is a master of all things theatre, coming to us with a myriad of world theatre experiences. She is knowledgeable in lighting, sound and rigging, along with many other talents. Not only is she assisting with upgrades to performance and gathering spaces across the district, she is mentoring and teaching our students about theatre technology. With Ms. L'Heureux, students are gaining knowledge in an industry that is challenging to break into. She goes above and beyond by helping administrators and other staff including setting up a recording studio for Show Choir or creating a stage prop that looks like it's on fire. We are so glad Ms. L'Heureux joined our team and can't wait to see what theatre magic she creates next!

Lynn Souza, Director of Fine Arts, NBPS

Jessica Silva and Sue Gendreau

Nursing Team



With the transition of schools back to full in-person learning, Hayden-McFadden **Nursing Team** are the MVPs working behind the scenes keeping our students and staff safe and healthy. From COVID contact tracing to bandaging up scraped knees, Hayden-McFadden **School Nurse**, Sue Gendreau and **LPN** Jessica Silva, go above and beyond. Sue and Jessica work together to bring smiles to the faces of all students who visit the nurse's office. They provide students with love, kindness, and compassion when they are not feeling well. From taking temperatures to administering medicine, they do it all. In addition, our **nursing team** also work with our Hayden-McFadden families, answering questions about Covid, explaining different illness protocols, and clearing students to return to school after they are sick. Hayden-McFadden school and community are proud to have Sue and Jessica as part of the team. They are a driving force in keeping our students, staff, and community safe and healthy!

Tammy Morgan, Principal, Hayden-McFadden Elementary School

FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES UPDATE

Jacobs School Kitchen is an Extension of the Classroom

The Jacobs Elementary 21st Century After School Program teaches students important life skills. This educational enrichment program includes a rotation in the cafeteria and kitchen where the students in grades 3-5 work with Cathy Henriques, Food and Nutrition Services Admin Assistant, in the school kitchen.



Cathy, the former Cafeteria Manager at Jacobs, teaches the group of about 50 students about the inner-workings of a commercial kitchen including the importance of hygiene when working with food, measuring ingredients and portion sizes, recycling, composting, reading



food labels, expiration dates, knife skills, organizing the stockroom, how to wash dishes, using kitchen scales for large quantity recipes, and how to use equipment safely. Additionally, the students work together to test recipes and products that could be used on future menus and do online research about foods from other cultures, food science, and where our food comes from. Recently, the group learned about using leftover items in new ways to minimize food waste. The group developed a new applesauce recipe and then tested it in the kitchen!

As part of an incentive program developed by Cathy and the Jacobs teachers, these students also have the opportunity to help serve lunch to their classmates during the regular school day if they maintain good attendance, meet behavioral expectations in school, and their class work is completed on time.

As stated by Cathy, “The program is so beneficial because the students are learning life skills that give them an opportunity to be more independent and safe in the kitchen.” She also reports that the students want to take the information home to share it with their families so the group is currently working on a cookbook with student-developed recipes!



Robert Shaheen, Director x14257
rshaheen@newbedfordschools.org

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EDUCATION

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EDUCATION

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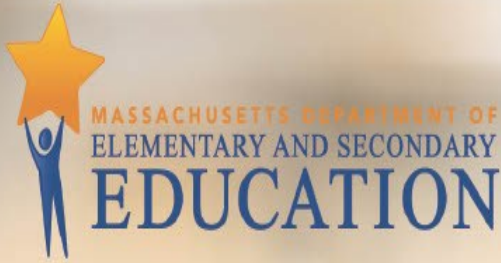
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MTEL-Flex

MTEL-Flex provides an assessment option for MTEL candidates whose score on select MTEL test fields is very close to the passing score (within one standard error of measurement of passing).

Candidates who meet the eligibility requirements have the opportunity to submit an MTEL-Flex assessment rather than retaking the full MTEL test. Candidates who pass MTEL-Flex will meet the subject matter test requirement for their license.

content areas

- English (61)
- English as a Second Language (54)
- Foundations of Reading (190)
- General Curriculum (003)
 - Multi-Subject
 - Mathematics
- History (06)
- Spanish (28)

fees

- \$49 for general curriculum subtests
- \$69 per submission for all other tests

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YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO JOIN OUR SPRING STEP CHALLENGE!



The enrollment period for the Spring Step Challenge is April 4, 2022 – April 17, 2022

Challenge will begin April 11, 2022 and will end on May 23, 2022 at 11:59pm.

Step challenge instructions are available on the district website click on this link [BENEFITS PAGE](#)

To successfully complete this challenge, you will need to log 294,000 steps within 6 weeks, an average of 7,000 steps a day, using a pedometer, Fitbit® or other device to keep track of steps. Steps must be entered into ahealthyme, either on the website, through the HealthyNow app, or through a connected Fitbit® device, to be counted toward the challenge goal.

All employees and dependents that join the challenge will be entitled to the Fitbit Inspire 2 if they did not receive one on the previous challenge while supplies last!

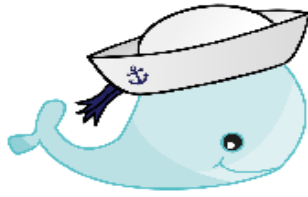
Please contact Marcia Tome in the Benefits Office at 508-997-4511 Ext. 14355 or email mtome@newbedfordschools.org to claim your Fitbit.

Employees who complete the challenge will be eligible to receive a \$25.00 gift certificate.

Gift certificates will be issued to employees only.

Only employees who subscribe to our BCBS health insurance are able to participate.

New Bedford Public Schools



Future Whalers



Kindergarten Registration for School Year 2022/23

Children born on or before August 31, 2017

By appointment only - from *January 24, 2022 to June 24, 2022*

Matrícula del Kínder para el año escolar 2022/23

Los niños que nacieron el 31 de Agosto de 2017 ó antes

Solamente por cita - desde *el 24 de enero 2022 hasta 24 de junio 2022*

Matrícula do Jardim-Escola para o ano escolar 2022/23

As crianças nascidas em 31 Agosto de 2017 ou antes

Somente com hora marcada - Desde *o dia 24 de Janeiro de 2022 até 24 de Junho de 2022*

Tz'ibaxik kech ak'lab 2022/23

Chuw ak' lab' ke xi alxik xuquje' ik o pa ri ik 31 rech Agosto 2017

Chuw ri ruk pixab'anel tack'il-Kmajtik ri 24 rech ri Na'be' ik' 2022

Kisik ri 24 rech ri Uwaq ik' 2022

Family Registration Center

455 County Street, Room 106

Call now! ;Llame ahora! Chame agora! Ch'abe'j chanem!

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- **March 13**
- **Sunday**
- **1pm**
- **NBHS Gymnasium**



Adults \$10.00
Students & Senior Citizens \$8.00
Children 5 and under are free.





JET 2022-2023 Recruitment

www.jetintoteaching.org

Are you a Massachusetts public school paraprofessional without a Bachelor's degree who wants to become a licensed teacher?

If so, the JET Program is for you!

"Without the JET Program this would have remained a secret dream in my heart. The grant made it possible to pay for school, but the Jet Program helped me finish the path." JET Participant

JET provides a pathway to help you complete your Bachelor's degree, at little cost, and your Massachusetts teacher licensure.

JET supports the goals of building local teacher pipelines and developing an educator workforce that reflects the racial, cultural and linguistic diversity of students.

What JET can do for you

- Mentor and support you through your bachelor's degree completion and teacher licensure
- Advise you on teacher pathway programs in Massachusetts colleges/universities
- Help you access financial aid available to Massachusetts paraprofessionals
- Connect you with a cohort of paraprofessionals on this journey to become a teacher
- Provide professional and career development learning opportunities

How JET works

1. Apply online to the JET Program now through March 15, 2022 - two step process
 - a. Fill out the [Interest Form](#) or visit www.jetintoteaching.org.
 - b. **If eligible**, You will be sent a JET application form.
2. Advisement April - June 2022
 3. College Admissions
 4. Financial Aid
 - a. **FAFSA** <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa> - Must be completed prior to applying for the state grant application below
 - b. **MA Paraprofessional Teacher Preparation Grant**
<http://www.mass.edu/osfa/programs/teacherprep.asp>
5. Once admitted to college and approved for financial aid, enroll in classes for 2022 Fall Semester
6. Attend **JET** Orientations in June and August 2022
7. Participate in **JET** Mentoring and Support Program from September 2022 - June 2023

Eligibility for JET

- Career goal of becoming a Massachusetts licensed teacher
- Seeking a Bachelor's degree
- Permanent resident of Massachusetts for at least 1 year prior to upcoming academic year
- Employed for 2+ years as a paraprofessional in a Massachusetts public school by June 30, 2022
- Have at least a 2.0 GPA in prior college coursework
- U.S. Citizen or non-citizen eligible under Title IV regulations
- Not in default of federal or state student education loans

QUESTIONS - Please email jetintoteaching@gmail.com

The NBHS Performing Arts
Department Presents

*A Night at
the Pops*

CONCERT

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Beardsworth / Gonsalves

Gymnasium @ NBHS

Friday, March 11th 7PM

General Admission - \$10

All proceeds benefit Performing Arts Scholarships

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National Sleep Awareness Week — March 13—19

on social media with

Dr. Kathleen Mackenzie

NBPS Clinical & Behavioral Supervisor



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CROSSING GUARD APPRECIATION DAY 2022



March 23, 2022

Thank You!

New Bedford Public Schools Division of Adult & Continuing Education HiSET Testing Center

Day Test Site Location:

Adult Learning Center
181 Hillman Street, Building 2, Room 218
New Bedford, MA 02740

Day Test Sessions: 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m

2022 Test Dates**

- January 20
- February 3, 17
- March 3, 31
- April 7, 28
- May 12
- June 9, 16, 23

Testing offered days and evenings!!

Two test locations!!!!

Evening Test Site Location:

New Bedford High School
230 Hathaway Boulevard,
Green House, Room 115
New Bedford, MA 02740

Evening Test Sessions: 6:30 p.m.

2022 Test Dates**

- January 12, 26
- February 9
- March 2, 9
- April 13
- May 4, 18, 25
- June 1

**Dates subject to change!!

Please Note:

You must report 15 minutes before the scheduled test time!!!

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Ven a ver a la Sra. Miller en la familia Engagement Center o envíe un mensaje de texto al 860-602-8611

Venha ver a Sra. Miller na Família Engagement Center ou envie uma mensagem para ela no 860-602-8611

