



# NBPS Newsflash

## March 2023

Greetings Team NBPS,

February is in the rearview mirror and spring arrives in a little more than two weeks. Longer, brighter, and sunnier days highlighted by outdoor activities are just ahead. This season of renewal and revitalization is always exciting. We have completed 60% of the school year and our remaining time is critical to the enhancement of our teaching and learning process. I appreciate that we remain committed to making the most of every engagement with our students and colleagues.

We have maintained a laser focus to support student learning through high quality instruction in all our classrooms. I have seen some examples on all levels from middle schoolers discussing cells and photosynthesis to high school students focusing on quantitative reasoning and thematic ideas. The tasks that students complete are what is most impactful as we continue to build our students' capacity to think critically and analytically.

Congratulations to all our winter sports teams and their seasons. Special recognition to NBHS Wrestler Jose Bonilla for winning the state championship. Also, to the NBHS Girls' Basketball Team and Coach Jordan Pina and staff for earning their first playoff win since 2011. We wish them and the boys' team much success in their next playoff games pm Friday.

March is Women's History Month and 'Read Across America' month. Throughout the district, reading events and activities are taking place and I look forward to seeing many of them. A final thought about the special role we have in our students lives comes from Theodor Seuss Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss: *Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.*

Remember that we must continue to take care of ourselves each other.

As always, thank you for your continued support,

Sincerely,

Thomas Anderson  
Superintendent



**Travelling  
through life  
with curiosity  
rather than  
judgement is  
how one finds  
the magic in  
each moment**

*Erin Chambers*

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# Employee Spotlight



**Matthew Carreiro**  
Art Teacher  
Roosevelt Middle School



“Mr. Carreiro has been an art teacher in the district since 2016. Initially, he taught elementary students at Gomes and has transitioned seamlessly into his role at Roosevelt Middle School. He believes in his students, their potential, and inspires them to create while developing a love for art. Along with teaching art classes, Mr. Carreiro also runs a club after school and just taught art during the ELA Acceleration Academy over February break. His mindset and positive energy encourage his students and colleagues. He is able to build relationships and helps lead the conversation for enhancing the arts for students in New Bedford. We are lucky to have Mr. Carreiro as part of the Fine Arts Department!”

*Lynn Souza, NBPS Fine Arts Director*



**James Gelowitz**  
Storekeeper  
Food Services Department



“I would like to spotlight James Gelowitz, Food Service Storekeeper. James joined the New Bedford Food Services Team in January of 2022. During that time James has been a key contributor in his role as Storekeeper. James has been instrumental in taking on the new packaging equipment located at the New Bedford High School cafeteria. He is very quick to learn and pick up new systems and has also worked hard to organize and keep track of all the deliveries that are received in the kitchen. James is an asset to have in the Food Services Department as he continues to build his knowledge of kitchen operations and procedures, helping anyone that needs assistance.”

*Robert Sheehan, Director, Food Service*

# Community Corner

*Volunteers are needed throughout our community\**



## Volunteer at the Buzzards Bay Swim 2023!

Not a swimmer but still want to get involved with the Buzzards Bay Swim? Volunteer your time at the Swim and help us run a safe, fun event for everybody! This year, approximately 80 volunteers assist with setup, check-ins, food service, safety squads, and more.

### Before the Swim

Volunteer tasks include:

- Distributing flyers, postcards, and other Swim publicity materials
- Setting up the finish line chute at Fort Phoenix
- Assembling swimmer packets

### The Day of the Swim - Start Line

Start line volunteer tasks include:

- Set up/break down
- Swimmer check-in
- Distribution of swim caps and timing chips
- Parking
- Kayak inspection
- People flow
- Photographers
- Kayakers for the Safety Squad
- Kayakers to escort swimmers
- Lifeguards, registered nurses, EMTs

### The Day of the Swim - Finish Line

Finish line volunteer tasks include:

- Set up/break down
- Staffing of hospitality tents
- Parking
- People flow
- Photographers
- Lifeguards, registered nurses, EMTs

To sign up to volunteer, [fill out an online volunteer application](#) and Buzzards Bay Coalition will get in touch with you.

If you have questions about volunteering, [contact us](#).



*\*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.”*



# YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR SPRING STEP CHALLENGE!

**Only employees who subscribe to our BCBS health insurance can participate.**

The enrollment period for the Spring Step Challenge is from  
April 3, 2023 – April 16, 2023

Challenge will begin April 10, 2023, and will end on May 22, 2023, at 11:59pm.

The Challenge instructions are available on the district website. [Click on](#)



**[Sign up here!](#)**

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!**

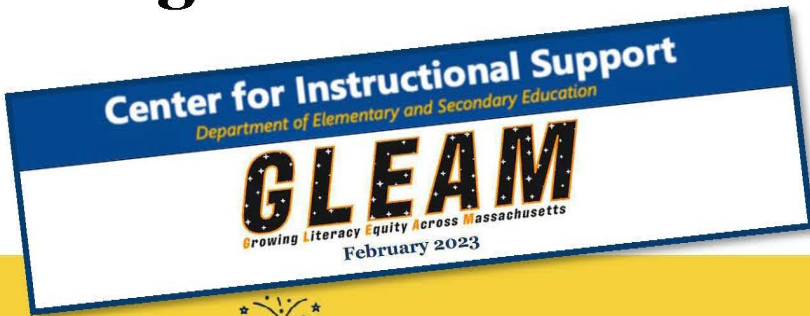
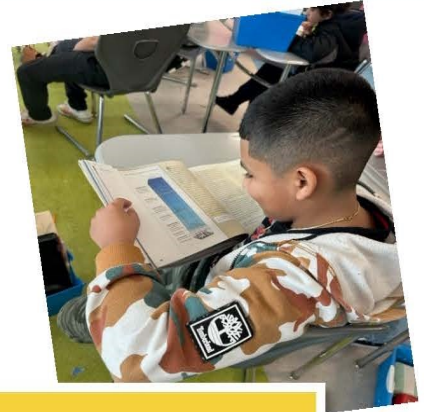
Please contact Maria Tome at Benefits Office at 508-997-4511, Ext. 14355 or  
[mtome@newbedfordschools.org](mailto:mtome@newbedfordschools.org)

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

**Gift certificates will be issued to employees only.**



# Gleaming best practices recognized a second time!



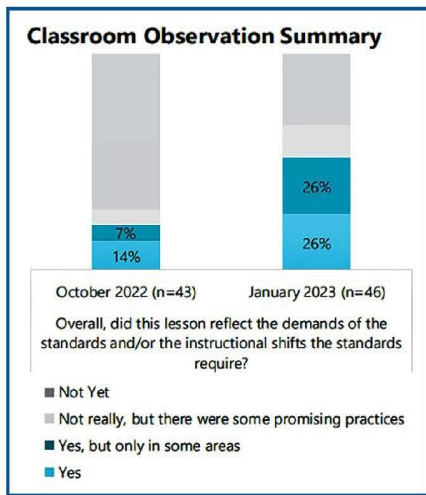
## Celebrations and Successes!



### Well Done, Brockton, Everett, and New Bedford!

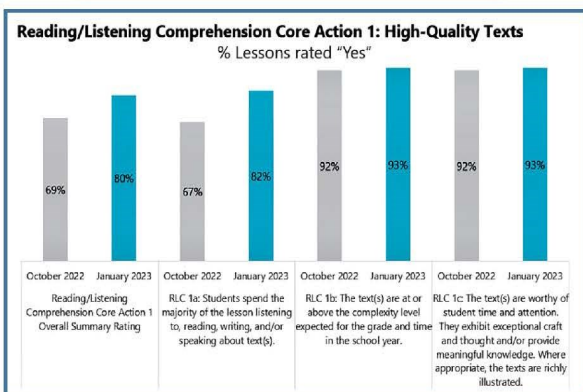
Though summer 2024 may seem a far way off, many districts have started thinking about the end of the GLEAM Cohort 1 program and how they will sustain and scale literacy improvements for years to come. Brockton, Everett, and New Bedford have been focusing on building the instructional leadership capacity of school leaders through guided professional learning, walkthroughs, job-embedded coaching, and distributive leadership. This focal area is an essential step in ensuring the GLEAM work continues well beyond the grant funding period and becomes truly embedded across the district. Great work, Brockton, Everett, and New Bedford!

Reach out! We will be featuring a district success story in every GLEAM newsletter. If you would like to be featured, please email Allison Pickens [allison.d.pickens@mass.gov].



The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Center for Instructional Support recognized NBPS for its innovative work supporting year two of the elementary literacy program implementation. This recognition comes after recent classroom observations by [TNTP](#), a reputable non-profit organization partnering with districts across the country to improve literacy outcomes.

The observations showed great improvement across all categories: a culture of learning, use of high-quality texts, strong questioning and student ownership. Overall, a 50% improvement was seen! Desired practices were observed twice as frequently in January 2023 than in October 2022.



In addition, improvements in the use of high-quality texts have increased to exceptional levels; all key actions in this area were observed at least 80% of the time, an increase from 67% in the fall. Teachers and leaders at the participating schools are credited with the hard work necessary for this improvement: Ashley, Campbell, Carney, Gomes, Hathaway, Jacobs, Lincoln and RCIS.

– Trina J. Camarao, Chief Academic Officer

# MOUNT HOLYOKE

## Professional and Graduate Education



## THE EMERGING TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP

### Qualification Criteria

Applicants who recently earned an undergraduate degree who enroll in the Master of Arts in Teaching, initial license program are eligible to apply for this award.

### Scholarship Application

A quick and easy scholarship application is required.

### Amount Awarded

30% off tuition per semester based on registration.

**25+ licensure  
areas including  
SpEd and ELL!**

**Apply online now to begin your courses in 2023!**

**<https://gradadmission.mtholyoke.edu/apply/>**

[graduateadmissions@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:graduateadmissions@mtholyoke.edu) | 413-538-3478



Bridgewater State University

## **SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION INSTITUTE**

Professional Development Opportunities

### **CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (Virtual / Zoom)**

#### **Post-master's Certificate in Substance Use Disorders: Assessment and Treatment Approaches**

Explore assessment and treatment strategies with teens and adults

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and June 7, 2023

6-8:30 pm

\$575 – 18 CEUs

Instructors/Facilitators:

Taylor Hall, PhD

Leslie Green, LICSW

David Selden, LICSW



For more information, contact:

Carolyn Masshardt at [cmasshardt@bridgew.edu](mailto:cmasshardt@bridgew.edu)

**REGISTER TODAY!**

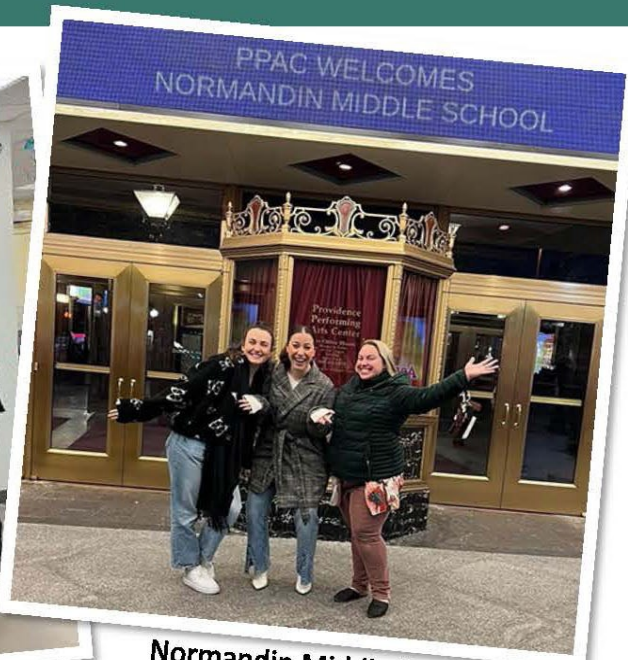
[bridgew.edu/profdev](http://bridgew.edu/profdev)

# Around Our Schools

Elizabeth Carter Brooks Career Day

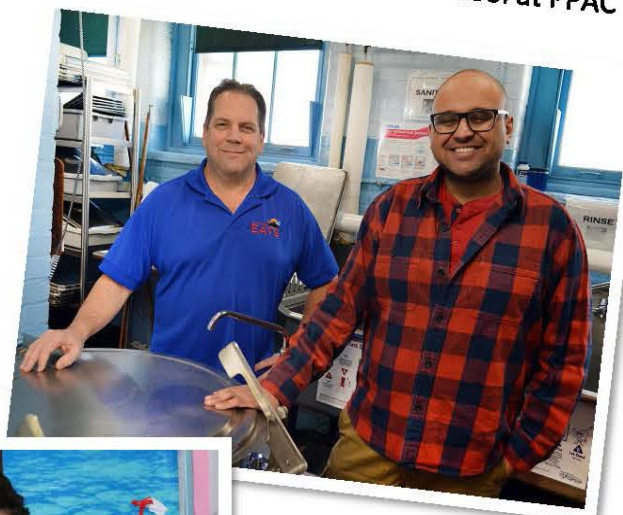


PPAC WELCOMES  
NORMANDIN MIDDLE SCHOOL



Normandin Middle School at PPAC

School  
Adjustment  
Counselors



Rob Shaheen,  
Jeff DeMelo,  
Food Services

"Welcome  
to NBPS!"



ELA Acceleration Teachers Academy



Hayden McFadden teachers Valentines







NEW  
BEDFORD  
HIGH  
SCHOOL

A POPS  
CONCERT

10 MARCH  
2023  
7PM

GENERAL ADMISSION \$10  
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT NBHS  
PERFORMING ARTS  
SCHOLARSHIPS

BEARDSWORTH/GONCALVES  
GYMNASIUM @NBHS

## FEATURING

COLORGUARD

CHORUS

ORCHESTRA

JAZZ BAND

BAND

DRAMA

**The New Bedford High School Drama Club  
presents**

nickelodeon.  
THE  
**SPONGEBOB  
MUSICAL™**

**March 31 & April 1 at 7pm  
April 2 at 2pm**

**Based on the series  
by Stephen Hillenburg**

**Book by Kyle Jarrow**

**Original songs by Yolanda Adams, Steven Tyler and Joe Perry of Aerosmith, Sara Barielles, Jonathan Coulton, Alex Ebert of Edward Sharpe & The Magnetic Zeros, The Flaming Lips, Lady A, Cyndi Lauper, John Legend, Panic! At the Disco, Plain White Ts, They Might Be Giants, And songs by David Bowie, Tom Kenny & Andy Paley**

**Additional Lyrics by Jonathan Coulton Additional Music by Tom Kitt Production Conceived by Tina Landau**

**Tickets & Info: [our.show/nbhsbobtix](http://our.show/nbhsbobtix)**

**THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals.  
[www.concordtheatricals.com](http://www.concordtheatricals.com)**



**This program is supported in part by a grant from the New Bedford Cultural Council a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.**

# NBPS Wraparound Services Event Calendar

## March 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
27 EQUALITY FOR WOMEN	28	1	2 HAYMAC PACE CAFE 9AM-10AM *REGISTRATION REQUIRED*	3 JACOBS FAMILIES- CHECK BLOOMS TO LEARN ABOUT OUR MARCH MADNESS ATTENDANCE COMPETITION!
6 GOMES SCHOOL CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY 1PM-2PM	7	8 GOMES SCHOOL BULLYING WORKSHOP 10AM-12PM	9 ROOSEVELT- EMPOWER YOU EVENT 4PM-6PM	10
13	14 KEITH- EMPOWER YOU NIGHT 4:30PM 6:30PM	15	16 HAYMAC 6TH GRADE TRANSITION WORKSHOP 4PM-6PM NBHS AT CDC- GRADUATION RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRANTS! 5PM-6PM	17
20	21	22	23 MIND YOUR MIND A FAMILY FOCUS GROUP- JACOBS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 5PM-7PM	24 CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE FUN OPPORTUNITIES THIS SPRING!
27 NBPS	28 HAYMAC- THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION 4PM-6PM	29 NORMANDIN- EMPOWER YOU NIGHT 4PM-6PM	30 RENAISSANCE SCHOOL "BRINNER" BREAKFAST FOR DINNER! 4PM-6PM	31



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

# NBPS Wraparound Services Event Calendar

## March 2023

**READING CLUBS**  
**Gomes School- Monday, March 20th**  
 3:30pm-4:30pm  
**Jacobs- Tuesday, March 7th**  
 4pm-6pm (English)  
 Tuesday, March 14th  
 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**

### "MIND YOUR MIND" WORKSHOPS FOR FAMILIES!

March 23rd 5pm-7pm  
 Jacobs Elementary School

Scan to register!  
 Learn tools to help your child cope with anxiety!



LETS TALK ABOUT THE "A" WORD (ANXIETY)

### COMPUTER CLASSES

**NBHS- March 9th & 23rd 10am-12pm**  
**Roosevelt Middle- March 14th & 28th**  
 10am-12pm  
**Hayden McFadden -March 13th & 27th**  
 2pm-3pm  
**Gomes School- March 27th**  
 \*8:00am-9:00am/\*12:00pm 1:00pm/  
 2:00pm-3:00pm  
**Jacobs- Fridays 8:30am-9:30am**

### WOMEN'S CENTER OPEN HOURS

**Hayden McFadden - March 9th & 23rd**  
 9am-10am  
**Gomes School- March 14th & 28th**  
 1pm-2pm ON CALL  
**Jacobs- March 7th & 21st**  
 2:30pm-3:30pm

**NBHS- March 16th & 30th**  
 10:30am-11:30am  
**Keith Middle School- March 16th & 30th**  
 9am-10am  
**Normandin Middle School-**  
 March 9th & 23rd 10:30am-11:30am  
**Roosevelt Middle School- March 7th & 21st**  
 1pm-2pm



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## Winter Weather Notifications

Cancellations & Early Dismissals will be Posted on [www.newbedfordschools.org](http://www.newbedfordschools.org) and sent to the following media:

- NBPS Facebook/ Twitter
- NB Cable Ed Channel 9
- New Bedford Guide
- NB Standard-Times
- TV4 WBZ Boston
- TV5 WCVB-TV Boston
- TV6 WLNE Providence
- TV7 WHDH-TV Boston
- TV10 WJAR Providence
- TV12 WPRI Providence
- TV25 WFXT Boston
- WBZ 1030AM Boston
- WRKO-680AM Boston
- WSAR-1480AM Fall River
- WBSM-1420AM
- WFHN FUN107-FM Fairhaven