

# Superintendent Goguen's

# Newsletter

September 21, 2022

Dear Students, Staff and Families,

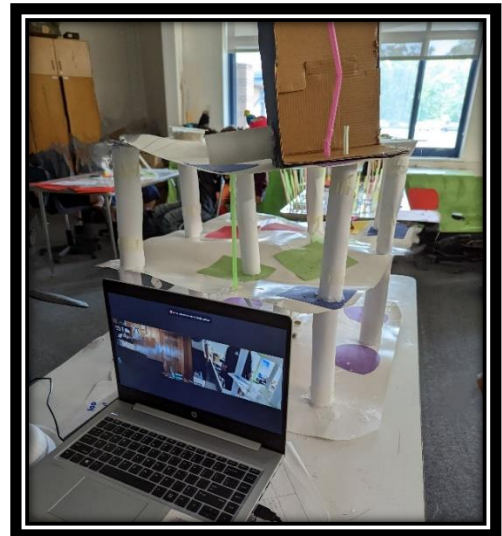
We are off to a fantastic start for the 2022-2023 school year! Thanks to all our students for making such a smooth transition to their next grade level and a special shout out to all our staff, parents and guardians for supporting each of our students on their academic journey!

## News and Updates:

1. **Congratulations to Nurses Sarah Phillips and Danielle Jalbert** who were recently awarded grants for three students who were in need of medical equipment. Our nurses have gone above and beyond to apply for grants. **Our sincere thanks to the Hubbard Health System Mary Bixby Legacy Grant for their generous support of our students and their needs!**



2. **A View from Ms. Berti's Grade 5 Stem Class:** *“As 5th graders attempt to write to Elon Musk and NASA to give advice on if they should spend billions of dollars on a mission to live on Mars, they first had to pass through their biggest challenge: design a Mars colony on a \$150 billion budget meeting all the needs of humans. Oh, and present their ideas to an engineer for feedback! On September 19, each 5th grade STEM2 group spent 5 minutes with local engineer William Staruk (a local engineer who worked on past Mars projects and is currently involved in designing an "Uber" type helicopter with a California-based company), sharing their favorite ideas and getting feedback for improvement. Answering such questions as, "What will you do living at the North Pole of Mars with seasonal darkness?" to "Can you use your dome space better?" and "How will you support the animals you are bringing?", students were engaged in authentic feedback in their 30-day engineering project titled, "Is Living on Mars Realistic?" Students move on to rocket design as they attempt to carry loads in the air and then filter Earth water to consider what might be in Mars water.”*



3. **Massachusetts Manufacturing Mash-Up Field Trip to Polar Park for the students in Ms. Bigelow's Advanced Manufacturing courses.** Students from Bartlett were able to visit with vendors from all kinds of manufacturing businesses and participate in the Airplane and Popcorn Challenges. Each group of students had to present and show their design work for these challenges. Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito spoke to the students and fun was had by all!



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4. **Webster Middle School students, families and staff participated in the Suicide Prevention Walk at Polar Park this past weekend.** A shout out to Counselor Porter for orchestrating this event. The Webster Middle School Team raised over \$1,000 to help support suicide prevention.



### **Bartlett Renovation Updates:**

1. We are busy meeting with our OPM, Designers, and Departments at the high school to collect feedback. We are also meeting with our Police, Fire, and EMS to discuss security and safety. Meetings will continue as we firm up the first phase of the design work which will be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in November.
2. The Webster School Committee is seeking candidates to fill two open vacancies on the Bartlett High School Building Committee. Volunteers should preferably have experience with project management, planning, design, construction or education facilities, or other relevant experience beneficial to this project. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the design and renovation construction of the high school. Construction is expected to be completed over three to four years, requiring a long term commitment from the members. The Committee will be active and will likely meet monthly during the construction phase.

**Residents willing to be considered should submit a note of interest by Wednesday, October 5th, 2022.** The letter should include a brief description of any relevant areas of expertise to Monique Pierangeli, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance at [mpierangeli@webster-schools.org](mailto:mpierangeli@webster-schools.org).

### **Upcoming Dates:**

September 22<sup>nd</sup> - Bartlett High School Open House 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
September 27<sup>th</sup> - School Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
September 29<sup>th</sup> - Park Avenue Open House 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
October 10<sup>th</sup> - No School - Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day  
October 11<sup>th</sup> - School Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
October 17<sup>th</sup> - Town Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Sports Events for Bartlett High School can be located at:** <https://www.webster-schools.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=268&ModuleInstanceID=959&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=7606&PageID=421>

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*In Webster... Kindness Matters!*

Kind Regards,

Dr. Goguen, Superintendent

Webster Public Schools

