



April 6, 2022

Dear Students, Families and Staff,

April Showers are upon us... and hopefully they don't last too long. May spring flowers start to show up all around us!

Congratulations to the following students who have earned the John and Abigail Scholarship!

Eriqa Appiah-Danquah
Jolin Etpison
Talia Gardner
Camden Heenan
Colin Minarik
Sofia Napierata
Jessica Peets
Lilianna Sigalovsky
Artur Sochacki



Congratulations to the Superintendents Scholar – Josephine Corridori

Academic Achievements

- Class Rank (4th)
- GPA - Weighted 4.7/4.0 and Unweighted 3.9/4.0
- National Honor Society, NHS (11th & 12th)
- Nichols Leadership Academy (9th - 12th)
- Bartlett Honors Recognition (9th - 11th)
- Internship with Worcester County District Attorney's Office (Fall Semester 2020)
- Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership, HOBY Ambassador (10th: 2020), HOBY Alumni (10th - Present)
- Bartlett High School Super Team 2021 Recipient of the Health Department Award
- Bartlett High School Student of the Month, Student Exhibited Exemplary Behavior in PBIS Themes of Be Accountable, Have Respect & Strive for Personal Best!



Non-Academic Achievements

- Bartlett High School Student Council (9th - 12th)
- Bartlett High School Varsity Golf Team (7th - 12th)
- Bartlett High School DECA Club (11th & 12th)
- Bartlett High School Medical Careers Club (11th & 12th)
- Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Student Ambassador 2021 - 2022 (12th)
- Future Teachers of America, FTA, Internship with Webster Middle School's STEM Teacher (2021 - 2022 School Year, 12th)

Volunteerism / Community Service

- Danny Rossetti Junior Golf Camp, Green Hill Municipal Golf Course (2018 - Present, 8th - 12th)
- Town of Webster Volunteer
 - Park Ave Elementary School (9th - 12th)
 - 1st Annual Safety Fair (9th) - Volunteer, Event Staff, and Assisted Understaffed Booths
 - Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Grand Opening Event (9th) - Volunteer, Event Staff, and Tour Guide to Friends of Gladys E. Kelly Foundation
 - Reconciliation House 5k, Webster, MA: Opioid Task Force Event (2019, 9th)
- Special Olympics Massachusetts
- Community Cat Connection (2021-2022, 12th)
- Ruffed Grouse Society, Jr. Member (2018 - Present, 8th - 12th)
- Fenner Junior Golf Foundation (2018 - Present, 8th - 12th)

School Learning Environments Updates

We are seeing an increase in students' behaviors and mental health issues at our schools, and unfortunately these types of behaviors are on the rise across the nation. We continue to stress the importance of the **home-to-school communication**. We ask that parents/guardians to work with school counselors and administrators, and call when they know that something may be going on with their child. We aim to be supportive and proactive. Our school counselors are here to assist parents/guardians with resources and support.

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While we continue to promote safe learning environments in all our schools, and building administrators, teachers, and staff follow the discipline procedures outlined in their school handbooks, sometimes students do not follow all the school rules. Recently, we have had incidents at both Bartlett High School and the Webster Middle School have involved the Webster Police.

In situations that involve a hold-in place or lock down, building principals will send out information to parents/guardians via the One-Call and email to apprise them of the situation. Building principals also work with their school counselors to communicate with students who were impacted by a hold-in place or lockdown, that safety is resumed. I am pleased to share that many of our students take quick action when they have information about something that should not be going on and they *say something when they see something*, and this has assisted administrators with taking quick action.

Our goal remains to ensure safe learning environments at all our schools.

We have attached a quick survey for parents/guardians to fill out. This survey will be open for one week and will close on **April 13, 2022**. This information will help us as we are continually assessing ways to be proactive with safety measures.

<https://forms.gle/AoxpyZ42iSeDcYWt5> - English

<https://forms.gle/me7c7RxNcBheL1GP8> - Portuguese

<https://forms.gle/gKSoLyNEV7BNrTfh9> - Spanish

Literacy Reset Update

As you know we are working on a district-wide Literacy Reset, which is focused on ensuring students have strong foundational reading skills and the literacy skills they need to be successful students. Through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Early Grades Literacy and GLEAM grants, and through ESSER funds, we have been able to provide extra support for our teachers in using the high-quality, research-based core literacy curriculum materials that the District has invested in. It is important to reiterate that our curriculum materials are highly rated on the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Center for Instructional Support's [CURATE website](#) and are not designed to be taught strictly online with students working on computers. Through the grants mentioned above, we have Literacy Consultants working directly with our teachers *weekly* to provide purposeful lesson planning and instructional strategies support to ensure that our curriculum-embedded lessons are engaging and on-grade level. Our Literacy Consultants have also been providing professional learning opportunities during our district PD days in the area of literacy to staff in all content areas. The District Literacy Team, in conjunction with the GLEAM Leadership Team, continues to work on putting together a Comprehensive Literacy Action Plan that will assist us with next steps for next year.

School Resource Officer Updates

As you know, Detective Tim Whiting is our School Resource Officer. At the end of this school year, he will be returning to the Webster Police Department full-time and Officer Daniel Mehlhouse will be taking on this role. Officer Mehlhouse has begun to transition into this role and will be working alongside Officer Whiting occasionally between now and the end of this school year.

I am pleased to share Officer Mehlhouse's introduction letter:

I'm Officer Daniel Mehlhouse (Dan) and I am going to be the new School Resource Officer for the Webster Police Department. Since I know we'll be working together on quite a few different levels, I wanted to reach out and introduce myself. I am very excited to work with you all and I am looking forward to meeting you personally.

I have been with the Webster Police Department for approximately 4 years where I have been assigned to patrol. Prior to coming to Webster, I worked with the Worcester County Sheriff's Department for approximately 15 years. During my time with the Sheriff's Department, I was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit as a Detective where I spent my last 5 years assigned to the Worcester Police Department's Gang Unit. With both the Webster and Worcester departments, I was involved with youth-oriented Community Policing events such as Hoops for Hope, the Boys and Girls Club Boxing Program, Gang Camp and Kick Ball.

On a personal level, I am married with 5 sons ranging in age from 11 to 25 years old. My two youngest are currently enrolled with the Webster School District. I believe my dynamic family and professional life will provide me the perfect background to work with everyone as a School Resource Officer.

I'm really looking forward to getting up to speed in my new position – I know I have some big shoes to fill!



Update on Bartlett High School Principal Search

New England School Development Council (NESDEC) has been hired to conduct a comprehensive search for the next Bartlett High School Principal. This process involved conducting a Needs Assessment and the results of this are attached for your review.

The Preliminary Screening Committee is meeting this month to review applications and interview candidates. The committee is comprised of Bartlett teachers, administrators, and parents. This committee will send finalists to the Superintendent and it is anticipated the selected candidate will be announced before the end of this school year.

COVID Dashboards are attached for your review.

Upcoming Events:

April 8th - 1/2 day of school for students - Professional Development day for staff

April 12th - School Committee Meeting and Public Hearing on FY23 Budget - 6:00 p.m.

April 12th - Grandparents Raising Grandchildren South Central MA Support Group - 10:00 a.m. Beach House at Carbuncle, 12 Carbuncle Drive, Oxford. [Flyer attached for more details.](#)

April 15th - No School/Good Friday

April 18th - 22nd- Spring Break/No School

April 26th - School Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

April 27th - Informational Presentation on the Proposed Bartlett Renovation Project at PAE - 6:00 p.m.

April 28th - Informational VIRTUAL Presentation on the Proposed Bartlett Renovation Project - 6:00 p.m. (ZOOM Link will be posted 24 hour before the meeting on the District website - www.webster-schools.org)

April 29th - Bartlett High Empty Bowls Event – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

May 2nd - Ballot Vote – Town Hall Elections

May 9th - Special Town Meeting Vote on the Proposed Bartlett Renovation Project – 6:30 p.m. Bartlett High Auditorium

Kindest Regards,

Dr. Ruthann Petrino-Goguen