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## April Newsletter

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# The Beebe Bulletin

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## “Stop the Stigma”

By: Katherine Valley

What is stigma? A stigma is a mark of disgrace that sets a person or a group

apart. When people are labeled primarily because of their addiction, they are being negatively stereotyped. Biased, hurtful words, attitudes and behavior represent prejudices against people with substance use disorders, and often lead to their discrimination and social exclusion.

Stigmas can also create physical and mental barriers for people with addiction to seeking treatment. Malden Overcoming Addiction (MOA) and the City of Malden would like you to participate in our “Stop the Stigma” Day to raise awareness and to stop the stigma that surrounds addiction. Ways to access the profile picture: [www.maldenovercomingaddiction.com](http://www.maldenovercomingaddiction.com)

Twitter: @MaldenOvercomes-

Facebook: facebook.com/MaldenOvercomingAddiction

#MaldenOvercomingAddiction \*take a selfie wearing your ribbon and send it to MOA. A shout out to Andrea Pellegrino for creating our Stop the Stigma sign and everyone who assisted in helping out with this very important event.



## Student Aspiration Team

By: Paul Hindle

I'd like to give a shout out to The Student Aspiration members who rewarded Ms. Malo's and Ms. DiVenuti Kindergarten class a fun period out in the courtyard with some great games. Their class was the winner of the Terracycle competition...Congratulations! The Student Aspirations team had a great time with the kindergartners and did a wonderful job organizing and playing. Thank you also to Ms. Kotowski, whose help with the Student Aspiration team should be recognized.

## Earth Day Celebration

By: Michelle Corbett

On April 12, 2019, the Beebe School participated in our fifteenth annual Earth Day celebration. On that day, the DPW gave demonstrations about the recycling trucks to Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade. Mr. Dave Smith, an employee of JRM Recycling, did a wonderful job explaining what can and cannot be put into the bins, and also explained what happens to the recycling after it is picked up. Some examples of post recycling were shown including a pencil made from recycled denim jeans!

The 3rd and 6th Grade students were given a demonstration of the city's storm drain truck. Mr. John Desantis and his crew let the students take a look inside the catch basin on Elm St. He also explained the importance of properly disposing of trash so that Boston Harbor can continually improve its cleanliness. (The sewers around the school lead directly to Boston Harbor.)

In addition to the truck demonstrations, students cleaned up the area around the Beebe School, made bird feeders, and planted flowers. What a great way to celebrate the Earth!



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## Mayors Visit

By: Amy Blough

Malden's Mayor Gary Christenson came to discuss his role in local government and answer questions students had about his role. It was a great experience for everyone! Students asked questions like "what are your favorite and least favorite parts of your job?", "How many people work in your office?", "how do you work with city council and school committee members?", and "what are character traits you think a good mayor should have?"



## Astronaut Skype Session

By: Rebecca Playford

This week grades 5 and 6 participated in "Skype with Astronaut Dr. Jessica Meir". This was arranged through a proposal to NASA. Students were actively engaged in learning about Dr. Meir's endeavors in science along with her path to becoming an astronaut. Through models and examples, Dr. Meir taught students' facts about space & life on the International Space Station. She also revealed that she will be heading to the ISS this September! At the end of the session, many students were able to ask her their inquisitive questions! It sure was an out of this world experience!

