

From the Desk of the Superintendent

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Malden Public Schools welcomes new Resource Officer from Malden Police

Malden Police Patrolman Phil Halloran is shown above, at left, with Superintendent John Oteri, right and Malden High School Interim Principal Christopher Mastrangelo, center, on his first day on the job recently. Officer Halloran will be based at Malden High School. *See Full Story, P.5*



Superintendent John Oteri

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all,

It has not seemed like it very much this month, weather-wise, but spring has arrived and with it comes a sense of newness and vitality. We are certain this positivity will carry into our Malden Public Schools classrooms and the many extracurricular activities in which our students participate. With April Vacation break behind us, it is now full steam ahead into the final, seven-week stretch of our academic year. Be assured that our Malden Public Schools staff is fully committed to maximizing our students' opportunities for learning as our school year finishes strongly.



Linden S.T.E.A.M. Academy Science Fair a big success

Over 50 exhibits featuring the work of dozens of students were on display at the annual Science Fair recently. Many turned out to observe.

Malden Public Schools Mission Statement

Malden Public Schools is a place where students are encouraged to follow their dreams and become well rounded members of our community. The Malden Public Schools prepare students to be independent thinkers & enthusiastic learners who: Work hard; Respect others; Cherish our diversity; Seek challenges; Discover and Develop their individual talents; Strive for academic excellence; and look to Demonstrate personal and social responsibility. Malden Public Schools graduates are prepared to be active participants in our economy and democracy.



A group of Malden High School teachers and administrators, including MHS interim principal Mr. Mastrangelo, Malden Public Schools STEM Director Dr. Dias and Mr. Janowicz and Ms. Collomb from the Pathways Program were on hand at the State House in Boston when our school was honored with a national Green Difference Award in a ceremony held at the State House.

Malden Public Schools earns a place on an international stage!

Malden HS presented a Green Difference Award

BOSTON—Malden High School received an Outstanding Commitment to Greenovation [GREEN + STEM + Innovation] Award at the Annual Green Difference Awards Ceremony at the Massachusetts State House last Friday in recognition of their “Learn and Earn Program.” The Learn and Earn Program, sponsored by a grant from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, paid students for a portion of their time

to work and learn about clean energy skills and careers. The final project was construction of a ‘tiny house’ where they applied their knowledge in a physical demonstration of their learning. The Green Difference Awards honor and recognize Outstanding National Environmental Education & STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Education efforts led in Schools & Committees across

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Superintendent Oteri fields questions from the Generation Citizen class which is working on a citywide project to provide translation of municipal information in Malden residents' native languages.

Supt. Oteri joins Mayor Christenson and his staff members assisting with Generation Citizen project

Malden High School classmates working on project involving the translation of city information to residents' native languages

Superintendent of Schools John Oteri and Mayor Gary Christenson visited Rebecca Corcoran's class at Malden High School recently along with city of Malden Informational Technology (IT) Director Ron Corcoran and Human Services and Senior Center Director Karen Hayes. In conjunction with a Generation Citizen project undertaken by the class, the Mayor and his team members, along with Supt. Oteri, discussed and demonstrated the many ways in which the city and school system strive to make its services

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City of Malden Informational Technology Director Ron Cochrane

Malden Public Schools & City of Malden personnel strive to provide translation services for all of the city's citizens

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and programs accessible to members of Malden's diverse population in their native languages.

The Generation Citizen project involves exploring ways to help Malden citizens of various cultures to navigate their way to vital services and assistance despite potential language barriers. Malden is home to the most culturally diverse public high school in Massachusetts and in the top 10 nationally in that category, with an estimated 70 different native languages spoken. Ron Corcoran, who is webmaster for Malden's municipal website,

cityofmalden.org, explained how the entire website is accessible in a variety of languages other than the base English, including Arabic, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Portuguese and Spanish. The Mayor and Karen Hayes told the students in attendance that flyers and other materials that are distributed at the city level and at the Senior Center are also available in multiple languages. In addition, the Mayor told the students that translation services are available and accessible for all Malden residents if they are necessary when they seek municipal services or need assistance from a particular

city department. Supt. Oteri explained how the Malden Public School also follows an accessible path as most handouts and messages sent out district-wide to parents are also available in different languages. Also, the Superintendent said that the Malden Public Schools frequently uses a professional translation service to assist parents whenever needed. The Mayor and Superintendent took questions from the class. Most of the questions centered on how students' parents could improve their command of English through classes or other means. Supt. Oteri noted he and his staff has already initiated English classes for parents of Malden Public Schools students this year through the Title III program and that there has been a great response. Students also gave their opinions of some of the city's translation initiatives, including the website, and Ron Corcoran and the Mayor thanked them for the feedback and assured them a review and potential adjustments would follow. The students and Ms. Corcoran were praised for their work on the Generation Citizen project and encouraged to continue to use city and school officials as a resource in pursuing their project goals in the future.

Generation Citizen is a nationally-recognized organization whose goal is to empower young people through the education system. Their vision statement: Generation Citizen believes every student has the right to learn how to effectively participate as citizens. We inspire civic participation through a proven state standards-aligned action civics class that gives students the opportunity to experience real-world democracy.



Supt. Oteri fields students' questions as Mayor Christenson & Malden Human Services Director Karen Hayes look on.



Superintendent Oteri welcomes new Resource Officer Halloran from Malden PD to Malden High School

Malden Public Schools Supt. Oteri joined Malden High School interim principal Chris Mastrangelo last week to greet newly-appointed School Resource Officer Phil Halloran on his first day on the job at his new base of operations at

the high school on Salem Street. Halloran is a veteran Malden Police Department patrolman and a Malden High School graduate. He will be assigned four days a week to the high school on a full-time basis during school hours.

Superintendent Oteri said he and the Malden Public Schools were grateful for the addition of Officer Halloran's services to the high school as part of an ongoing, intensive approach to school safety, the district's top priority.



MOVIE NIGHT at the FORESTDALE SCHOOL

Many students and their parents made sure they did not miss "Movie Night" recently at the Forestdale School.



'Stop the Stigma Day'

Superintendent Oteri joined hundreds of Malden Public Schools staff members and students across the district in taking a "selfie" as part of representing "Stop the Stigma Day," seeking to eliminate the stigma of addiction.

Some past and present Malden Public Schools students call for action on race & diversity issues

Group addresses School Committee members



One-by-one they stood at the podium at the April meeting of the Malden school board and related stories of what they described as some of their negative experiences in the school system connected to their race and diversity. One teacher joined the past and present students of the Malden Public Schools, who drew applause following their presentation. Supt, Oteri praised them on social media following their presentation and reaffirmed the district's commitment to racial sensitivity education and training pointing to a program already planned in conjunction with the Mass. Anti-Defamation League (ADL) set to being this summer for MPS staff.

A group of past and present Malden Public Schools students spoke at the April meeting of the Malden School Committee.



STOP THE STIGMA: Beebe student, left, & poster, top. Above, Ferryway students.

Salemwood School students show spirit

Pre-Apprentice Leadership Academy is now under way at Malden High School

Malden Superintendent of Schools John Oteri is pleased to report that Malden High School has signed an agreement with Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Merit Apprenticeship Program, to offer pre-apprentice and leadership training. Training for high school graduates will include 75 hours of general construction, OSHA 10, and hoisting training, followed by placement in a job. Classes will be held later this month in the Maker Space at Malden High School in the late afternoon and evening hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. An additional class will be held on Wednesday evenings for Malden High School seniors beginning in June where students will receive training in OSHA-10 and Construction Math, with the



Malden High School vocational arts instructor Chris Bazzinotti works with students in the wood shop as part of the Mass Careers Pre-Apprenticeship Leadership Academy program.

opportunity to move into the full pre-apprentice program. To apply for the full Tuesday and Thursday program, please immediately contact Morisset St. Preux of ABC, Inc. at 781-273-0123 or email mpreux@abcma.org. For

mpreux@abcma.org. For information in enrolling in the Wednesday Evening Program, please contact:

Kelli Collomb, Malden High School, at 781-397-6046 or kcollomb@maldenps.org.

TWITTER PHOTO CONTEST

1. Follow @MALDENPUBLIC
2. Tweet @MALDENPUBLIC your favorite MPS photo
3. Use the hashtag #SPRINGPHOTOCONTEST

Unity is strength.
.. when there
is teamwork
and collaboration,
wonderful
things can
be achieved.

The Malden Public Schools: 'Our Diversity is Our Strength'

The Malden district is near the top as one of the most diverse in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with Malden High School rated the #1 most diverse secondary education school overall. Throughout the district we embrace our diversity and strive to progress as one.



Meet the Thunder, a team that played the past few months for Al Locke Basketball League for 7th, 8th and 9th graders

A POSITIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMON LANGUAGE
USED, EXEMPLIFYING THE BELIEFS, VALUES,
STRENGTH IN RELATIONSHIPS AND RESPECT FOR
DIVERSITY IN THE COMMUNITY.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION for MALDEN HS with PROJECT GREEN SCHOOLS AWARD RECENTLY

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the nation. The Green Difference Awards honored principals, teachers, advisors, citizens, schools, students and school groups/clubs from twelve states and the District of Columbia, as well as honorees from India, Singapore, Nigeria and Morocco.

“We are thrilled to honor outstanding Environmental Leadership across the globe this week while shining a spotlight on our home state of Massachusetts,” said Robin Organ, Executive Director of Project Green Schools. “These leaders are helping to transform the way we think about and interact with our environment. Their extraordinary ideas and inspiring sustainability initiatives help make exactly the kind of impact needed to take on 21st Century challenges while creating a healthier future. Together, Project Green Schools and our sponsors, Current powered by GE, Planet Aid, National Grid and LaunchX, congratulate these green leaders for their achievements!”

School superintendent John Oteri, who supports the program, stated “The work by both the students and staff in creating and sustaining this Program is one of the things that makes Malden special.” Malden Schools STEM Director Dr. Douglas Dias echoed this sentiment, adding, “Projects such as the Learn and Earn Program demonstrate the commitment Malden has to student learning, both in a traditional and non-traditional manner. What is particularly impressive is the collaboration with other school community groups making this project a success, including Tufts University, the Mass. Clean Energy Council, Bunker Hill Community College, Solar City, and the Malden Mayor’s Office.” Dias attended the ceremony with Project leaders Ron Janowicz, Kelli Collomb, Chris Bazzinotti and interim principal Chris Mastrangelo.

Massachusetts State Representative Jay Barrows offered remarks to welcome attendees to the Green Difference Awards. WCVB Channel 5 Anchor and Reporter, Duke Castiglione helped recognize award winners as Emcee for the awards ceremony. Project Green Schools partners with over 6,300 schools and 500,000 students from over 43 U.S. states and 9 countries to facilitate the development of student leaders who have engaged in E-STEAM learning and projects and are pursuing higher education and jobs in the green workforce.



Award-winning “Tiny House” project



“Tiny House” student contributors