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STEM WEEK: Some instruction at the Ferryway School. [More Photos, P.6](#)

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 and 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.



Superintendent John Oteri

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all,

The fall season brings us cooler, crisp temperatures, spectacular foliage views and many activities in our schools and of course, citywide. The month of October is a particularly busy one around the Malden Public Schools with all of our educators and students immersed in the business of learning during school hours. Many of them continue after the final bell, leading or taking part in many extracurricular activities. Earlier this school year we hosted a very well-attended Family Resources Information Fair and introduced our families to the many offerings **See P.3**

New Little Free Library unveiled at the Linden S.T.E.A.M. Academy



Through the efforts of Ward 5 School Committee member Tara Beardsley and others, a Little Free Library was unveiled at the Linden S.T.E.A.M. Academy. [Courtesy/City of Malden Story, Photos, P.4](#)



Former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director Brennan makes visit to Ferryway School to talk with students



From left, Superintendent Oteri, Mayor Christenson, former CIA Director Brennan, Assistant Supt. Chase, Principal Abdel Sepulveda and Malden Police Chief Molis were at the Ferryway School recently when Mr. Brennan visited the Malden K-8 school and interacted with students there. *Courtesy/City of Malden Photo*

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A special visitor stopped by the Ferryway K-8 School in Malden recently, a man well-known on the national – and international – stage. Former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director John Brennan, who served under former President Barack Obama from 2013-2017, came to the Ferryway School last week and spoke for nearly two hours to the students and staff members on a variety of topics and issues.



From left, Mayor Christenson, Chief Molis and former CIA Director Brennan.

Ferryway History teacher, Tim Stratford, was instrumental in arranging the visit.

Brennan was a trusted advisor to President Obama, serving 25 years with the CIA.



Pastor Justin Gottlieb of Seven Mile Church speaks at the annual celebration of the Malden's Promise, a city-school coalition. The event was held at the Malden Senior Center.
Courtesy/City of Malden

Malden's Promise city-school coalition holds annual celebration

Event showcased achievements supporting Malden youth & families

A reception was recently held to celebrate the accomplishments of Malden's Promise, a city-school-community coalition. This annual celebration included a "year in review" presentation that showcased the coalition's achievements in its work to support Malden's youth and their families. Led by Karen Colon Hayes, Director of Human Services and Community Outreach for the City of Malden; Marie Motley, Malden Public Schools, Pathways Program; and Renee Cammarata Hamilton of Cambridge Health Alliance, Malden's Promise fosters partnerships among school, community and other stakeholders to

to create a support network focused on improving the lives of our young people. The coalition meets on a regular basis to collaborate, share and maximize resources. The event was emceed by Justin Gottlieb, a Malden Promise member and Pastor of 7 Mile Road Church and was kicked off with remarks by Mayor Gary Christenson and Superintendent of Schools John Oteri who both acknowledged and thanked Malden's Promise for its continued work in the community. The presentation highlighted several successful activities held throughout the year including panels, informational sessions, trainings and workshops on various issues.

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during school and in other other non-school time hours. The Malden Public Schools also collaborates closely with the Malden Recreation Department in creating and coordinating a variety of sports-related and other recreational activities. Add in a number of special "crossover" events that were held this month and it shows there are many opportunities in Malden to be active, stay active and have great experiences in our schools and our city.

—Superintendent John Oteri

NEW ADDITION: Grant enables unveiling at Linden S.T.E.A.M. Academy of a new Little Free Library

The following was provided courtesy of the City of Malden

Ward 5 School Committee Member Tara Murphy Beardsley welcomed Mayor Gary Christenson, Superintendent of Schools John Oteri, students, families, and members of the public at a recent ribbon cutting for the brand new Little Free Library at Malden's Linden STEAM Academy. The endeavor is part of the movement to bring people together, encourage the sharing of books, and create communities of readers. Small book exchanges number 36,000 around the world in 70 countries.

The city-wide effort began when the Linden STEAM Academy received an Impact Grant from the Little Free Library foundation. Elementary Teacher, Ms. Israelson held a contest to design the outside of the library which was won by former 8th grade student, Juliana Davidson. Her design utilized Linden themes and the Dr. Seuss quote, "You can find magic wherever you look, sit back and relax, all you need is a book." K-8 Art Teacher, Ms. Lalumiere and her students added finishing touches by painting the insides of the library and the pole. The City



Linden S.T,E,A,M, Academy students participate in the ribbon cutting along with (l-r, holding scissors) Ward 5 School Committee Member Tara Murphy Beardsley, Mayor Gary Christenson and Linda Zalk of Malden Reads. *Courtesy/City of Malden*



From left, Mayor Christenson, Ward 5 School Committee member Beardsley and Superintendent Oteri at

installed brackets on the building that hold the library in place. New and used books were generously donated by the

Library, Malden Reads and Little Free Library. More than 100 new and used books were donated to children and families at the ribbon cutting. The Little Free Library is located at the Linden entrance closest to the park and will be open seven days a week. The expectation is that the library will serve to encourage students to read. School Committee Member Tara Beardsley is working to get Little Free Libraries built and installed at every school with a goal of them being fully operational by the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Dr. Seuss

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 statewide. Throughout the district, we embrace our diversity and strive to progress as one!



The Malden High School girls soccer team, shown above, led by Coach Caceda, has had a historic season, fashioning the best record in school history at 15-2-1
Courtesy/Malden HS Athletics

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.

STEM WEEK in Malden Public Schools was held as part of a statewide initiative

The Malden Public Schools, all across the district, participated in STEM Week, with activities and projects under way in all of our schools. In an effort to boost students' interest and raise awareness of STEM education, the Baker-Polito Administration declared a statewide "STEM Week" from October 22-26, 2018.

"While we know that STEM education happens all year long at schools across the Commonwealth, we look forward to the hands-on projects and lessons that will be on display during STEM week," said Governor Baker. "Creating opportunities for more students to pursue STEM fields after high school will continue to improve our education system, workforce and economy." Strengthening STEM education in all of the Commonwealth's K-12 schools is a priority of the Baker-Polito Administration.

As Superintendent Oteri pointed out in his remarks at STEM Fest at the Ferryway School, during the next 10 years, U.S. industries will demand one million more graduates with STEM backgrounds than the nation's educational system will generate, according to the 2012 report from the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. This need for STEM graduates particularly impacts Massachusetts because more than 40 percent of all employment in the Commonwealth revolves around innovation industries such as clean energy, information technology and defense.



Digital illustration was the topic of one session during STEM Fest.



Supt. Oteri speaks at STEM Fest as part of STEM Week across the state.
Steve Freker/MPS



Malden Police were on hand to show how STEM themes were used on the job for officers. Above, Ferryway students are shown how to operate a radar gun to gauge a vehicle's speed.

Forestdale 'Fall Fest' 2018

Celebrating the autumn season in style



At left, l-r, Forestdale Principal Don Concannon, the “Forestdale Falcon,” Mayor/School Committee chairman Gary Christenson, Supt. John Oteri
Above. kettle corn being made.

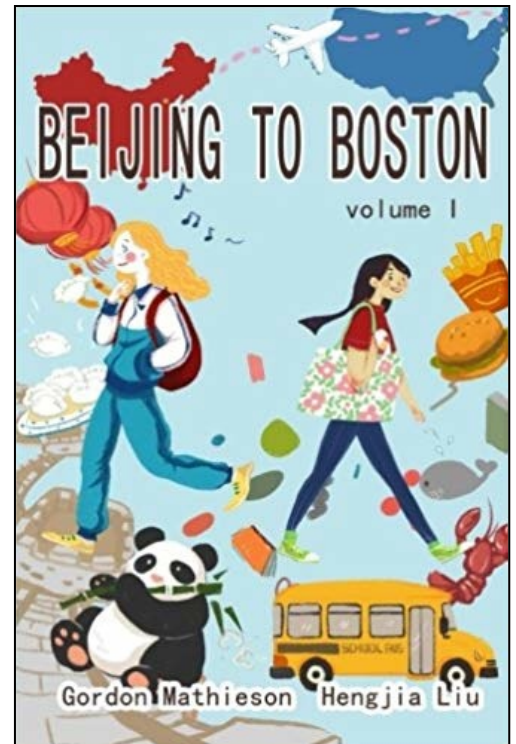
Noted Author and Poet Donna Marie Merritt, right, who is the mother of Forestdale School teacher Christine Pitino, left, was on hand at the Forestdale Fall Fest. Donna Marie Merritt spent 14 years as an elementary and middle school teacher before devoting her time to writing. Her first children’s book, *Let’s Eat!*, was published by Abrams Learning Trends in 2004. Her contributions to the Big Book Math™ and Big Book Science™ series won the Teachers’ Choice Award from Learning Magazine.



Salemwood School Fourth Grade Class salutes Malden Public Schools on 'Kindness Day'

On 'Kindness Day' at the Salemwood School, Ms. Berg's Fourth Grade class made "thank you" cards for the Malden Public Schools for all that MPS provides.

Attending that day was Malden Public Schools Superintendent Oteri. At right, Ms. Berg is shown with two of her students, center, and Supt. Oteri, right. *Courtesy Photo/ Malden Public Schools*



'BEIJING to BOSTON': Malden READS and the Chinese Culture Connection hosted authors Gordon Mathieson and Hengjia L'u of "Beijing to Boston" at the Gallery @ Malden High School.

Beijing to Boston is a new first for novels... it is written in both English and Chinese, about a student exchange program.