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Superintendent John Oteri

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all,

Welcome back from what I hope was a restful and well-earned February school break! Just before the break, on February 15th, we enjoyed another fantastic, districtwide Professional Development Day, thanks to Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kelly Chase and Instructional Technology Director, Ms. Natalia Brennan, as well as everyone involved in planning and participating in the event. This is our second such districtwide event. *Cont. on P.3*

FREE BREAKFAST for ALL MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS in EVERY SCHOOL!

Students in kindergarten through 12th grade can now start their day with a healthy, free breakfast at all of the Malden Public Schools and the Early Learning Center. With support from Project Bread and the New England Dairy and Food Council, the Malden Food Service Department, managed by Whitsons School Nutrition, has launched new breakfast service models and introduced new menu items. *See P.3*



HISTORY MAKER! Malden HS sophomore is city's first ever State Champion in Girls Wrestling

Malden High's Yohanni Tostes Costa made school history on Feb. 23 when she pinned her third straight opponent and became the school's first-ever Girls State Champ in MIAA Wrestling at 145 lbs. *See P.4*



Yohanni Costa

Sharing the Love in Song

This Salemwood School quartet serenaded staff families and fellow students before school on February 14, Valentine's Day. *Courtesy Photo Malden Public Schools*





Malden High School senior Angela "Angie" Tejada-Soliz received a special citation from the Malden School Committee acknowledging the honor she brought to the city and Malden Public Schools by being selected to attend the Presidential State of the Union Address as the special guest of Congresswoman Katherine Clark. Above, Superintendent Oteri, at right, was on hand as School Committee Chairman and Mayor Gary Christenson presented her the citation. Shown, from left, MHS Principal Chris Mastrangelo, School Committee members Jennifer Spadafora, Tara Murphy Beardsley, Catherine Bordonaro, Leonard Iovino, Mayor Christenson, Angie Tejada-Soliz, Rob McCarthy, Michael Drummey, John Froio, MHS Student Rep Sydney Stumpf and Superintendent Oteri. *Courtesy/ City of Malden*

QUITE a 'Civics Lesson'! Malden HS senior attends 'State of the Union' Address

Malden High School senior and West Point nominee Angela "Angie" Tejada-Soliz, at right, got the chance of a lifetime when she recently attended the Presidential State of the Union Address in Washington, D.C. as the guest of Malden U.S. Rep. Katherine Clark, D-5th Middlesex, at left. Tejada-Soliz got another thrill when she was introduced to U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., center, who graciously posed for picture along with our local Congresswoman. It was the first time a Malden High School student had attended this event, a nice cap to a historic evening. *Courtesy Photo / Office of U.S. Rep. Katherine Clark*



Malden High School 10th grader is Girls State Wrestling Champ

Yohanni Cristini Tostes Costa wins division at first-ever MIAA Girls Tournament

By Steve Freker
For the Malden Public Schools

Yohanni Cristini Tostes Costa made school history Saturday when she became Malden High School's first-ever State Girls Wrestling Champion. Tostes Costa pinned Tayla Tildsley of Shawsheen Tech just before the end of the second period of the State Final in the 145-pound division in a match held at St. John's Prep in Danvers to claim the championship.

The Malden wrestler also was part of state history, as she was one of 65 female wrestlers competing the Inaugural MIAA Girls State Wrestling Championships in nine weight divisions overall. Tostes Costa, just a sophomore, became the Malden High's first Girls State Wrestling Champion and only the fourth Tornado State Wrestling Champ.



Yohanni Costa is shown above with her teammates and Malden High head coach Rin Van at the Girls State Wrestling Tournament at St. John's Prep in Danvers. *Steve Freker/Malden Public Schools*

The other three were male wrestlers. Toste Costa got to the final with two other pins, just 54 seconds into her first match over Madeline Ventura of Greater Lawrence Tech. In her State Semifinal match, the Tornado history-maker pinned *Cont.P.9*

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

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where all our educators from all of our schools participated at the Malden High School.

We were honored to have keynote speaker, DESE Commissioner Jeff Riley, a lifelong educator and administrator at the local and state level who shared his insight and personal experiences in education with those in attendance. We also welcomed Dr. Darnisa Amante Ed.L.D. with whom we work through Harvard RIDES (Reimagining Integration - Diverse and Equitable Schools) and who is the founder/director of the Disruptive Equity Education Project (DEEP) which is focused on building collaborative teams to tackle the complexities of race, equity, and equality. Dr. Amante addressed the issues of racism and bias in her talk, as they are related to the educational forum. This sharing of information and expertise contributed to a valuable day of development, learning and the continued enhancement of everyone's professional craft to better serve the needs of our students. February 15th also marked the first day for Mr. Michael L. Wood, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services. We are very happy to have Mr. Wood join our team at Malden Public Schools. Mr. Wood's vast experience in special education and administration will be a great asset to the school district. As we await the arrival of spring, we eagerly immerse ourselves again in educating, supporting and nurturing our students.

—Superintendent John Oteri

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ALL Malden Public Schools students in Grades K-12 may now enjoy a FREE breakfast before school daily

Students in kindergarten through 12th grade can now start their day with a healthy, free breakfast at all of the Malden Public Schools and the Early Learning Center. With support from Project Bread and the New England Dairy and Food Council, the Malden Food Service Department, managed by Whitsons School Nutrition, has launched new breakfast service models and introduced new menu items.

With tasty and healthy choices ranging from hot sausage and egg breakfast sandwiches to tropical smoothies, every Malden Public School student can now start their day full and ready to learn. No application or registration is required for students to participate in the free breakfast program. Previously, school breakfast was served at free, reduced, or full-priced rates, dependent on family income. When students eat healthy, high-quality breakfasts each morning their academic performance increases and behavior improves, leading to better learning environments.

Offering free breakfast to everyone leads to higher-quality meals and more time for students to eat. A streamlined meal service means students can get their breakfasts faster and spend more time eating rather than waiting in cafeteria lines. There is also a decrease in administrative work, so employees can spend more time on meal preparation and service, resulting in healthier and tastier meals. Across Malden, a variety of breakfast models are being used: many students grab breakfast from a station on their way to class, some students take their food from a cart that is brought into their classroom, and other students eat in their cafeterias before school starts.



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Providing children with a healthy start to the day has benefits that extend far beyond the classroom. Children who eat school breakfast are more likely to arrive on time to school, retain what they learn, behave better, and experience better health outcomes. The National School Breakfast Program (NSBP) is a federally-funded nutrition program that provides nutritious breakfast to eligible students at low or no cost during the school year. In Massachusetts, the NSBP is administered by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Through a legislative appropriation, DESE funds Project Bread to administer the Child Nutrition Outreach Program (CNOP) through an annual grant. CNOP provides technical assistance and innovative solutions to support schools to implement and expand breakfast programs. For more information about school breakfast, visit www.meals4kids.org. *Courtesy/Office of Mayor Gary Christenson*

Italian Consulate will sponsor 'Italian Day' in the Malden Public Schools this spring

A day focused on Italian culture & language is planned

The following letter was recently received by Malden Superintendent of Schools Oteri from the Italian Consul General in Boston, Federica Sereni

Dear Superintendent Oteri,

As a token of appreciation for the consideration your institution has always demonstrated toward the promotion of foreign languages, it is with great pleasure that the Italian Consulate in Boston would like to offer the following initiatives, focused on Italian culture and language, to complement school activities and engage students on different levels of expertise.

The "Italian Day" will feature a combination of different moments in which your students will have the chance to experience Italy through opera, food, style and innovation. Here is how we would like to bring the best of Italy to your school.

1. The Oculus experience: a virtual reality headset which allows the students to take a virtual trip of Italy: from Rome to the Amalfi Coast and Tuscany! The students can enjoy this virtual ride and be mesmerized by the beauties of the Italian landscape from the comfort of their classroom. The virtual journey lasts only a few minutes and allows the students a 360 degrees vision giving the sensation to be literally in Italy.

2. A direct cultural experience introducing New England students to the Opera and the world of "Bel Canto". To this end we propose a concert by a renowned Italian opera singer who will perform a selection of "arias" adapted for English students. Alternatively, we could offer a concert of traditional Italian folk songs and dances or a performance of the "Commedia dell'Arte".

3. Experience and learn about the excellence in Italian food and the Mediterranean Diet. With the collaboration of "Eataly Boston," we would like to propose a demonstration by an Italian chef preparing typical Italian pasta, with explanations regarding the quality and properties of food and the benefits of the Mediterranean Diet. Day trips for students to Eataly Boston (Prudential Center) can also be arranged.

4. An experience of Italian Style, Modernity and Innovation. Based on the availability of a suitable space, we would like to offer a small exhibition of design Italian cars such as Ferrari, Lamborghini or



Shown above during a visit to the Malden Public Schools earlier this school year, from left, CASIT Director Motta, Supt. Oteri, Italian Consul General Federica Sereni and MPS Business Manager Toni Mertz. Courtesy/Malden Public Schools

Ducati motorcycles, along with a presentation about what characterizes the style of these brands, famous all over the world.

This year the Italian Days will be held in several American High Schools from March 1st to June 15th. I hope you will consider this project at no cost for the school being fully subsidized by the "Patrons of the Italian Language C.A.S.I.T." - as it could benefit your students on many different levels of knowledge. Should this project spark your interest, we can arrange a meeting together with the Educational Director Adamo Castelnuovo and the President of the non-profit organization C.A.S.I.T., Anna Maria Cugno and explain in more details.

I send you my best regards.

Federica Sereni

Consul General of Italy

Black History Month marked in February

Schools in the Malden district recognized the powerful impact of Black History



In February, during Black History Month, the Malden High Black Culture Club screened a showing of *The Hate You Give*, a powerful and moving film about the themes of race, culture, power and justice, in the Jenkins Auditorium. A student-led discussion followed. *Courtesy Photos/ 20th Century Fox*

Ferryway Celebrated Great Scientists & MLK Jr.



Students at Ferryway K-8 School celebrated Great Scientists and also the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Steve Freker Photos/MPS

Celebrating Great Scientists & Black History Month
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Intro
I'm researching these two amazing men. I am researching George Washington Carver and Max Planck. George was a successful scientist. Max was a German physicist.

Max Planck
Max Planck

George Washington Carver

Important facts about George Washington Carver

- Received a Ph.D. from the Iowa Agricultural College in 1894 and a M.S. in 1896.
- He became a member of the faculty of Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in charge of the schools technical laboratory work in the Systematic Botany department.
- work with agricultural products developed industrial applications from farm products, called in Technical literature in the early 1900s.
- Research developed 328 products from peanuts, 188 applications for sweet potatoes, and 75 products derived from pecans.
- He moved to Tuskegee, Alabama in 1908 to accept a position as an instructor at the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute and remained on the faculty until his death in 1943.
- His work in developing industrial applications from agricultural products-derived 118 products, including a rubber substitute and over 200 dyes and pigments, from 26 different plants.
- He was responsible for the invention in 1897 of a process for producing paints and stains from soybeans, for which three separate patents were issued.

2019 STATE SWIM CHAMPION!

MHS Senior Kevin Ochoa is tops in 100 butterfly

By Steve Freker For the Malden Public Schools

Over 300 teams and thousands of swimmers jump into the pool to compete on the high school circuit each year, but only 25 student-athletes can call themselves State Champions in each division when the last lap is completed.

Count Malden High senior Kevin Ochoa in that number as he became just the third Golden Tornado swimmer in school history to be crowned a swimming State Champ. Ochoa is the MIAA Division 1 Boys State Champion in the 100 yard butterfly event with a winning time of 51.87 seconds, just outdistancing sophomore *Cont. P.10*



PHOTOS: Tornado senior Kevin Ochoa swims the last leg of his State Title win in the 100 butterfly (Above, right). At right, MHS swim Coach Paul DeVincenzo has the honor of placing the Gold Medal around Ochoa's neck.

Courtesy/Jim Valente Photos/The Maldonian

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.

'VAPING' & Schools: A District-Wide issue addressed at informational forum held at MHS

State Sen. Lewis leads session; Supt. Oteri, Mayor, PD Chief on hand



The Malden Public Schools and state Sen. Jason Lewis, D-5th Middlesex hosted an informational session on the dangers and effects of "vaping". Steve Freker Photos/

An informational forum on "vaping" and its effects and dangers was held in The Gallery at Malden High School, hosted by the Malden Public Schools and state Sen. Jason Lewis, D-5th Middlesex. Guest speaker was Maureen Buzby, of the Middlesex Health Coalition, an expert on tobacco control and other related topics. Many MPS administrators were on hand, including Supt. Oteri and several from Malden High School and the K-8 schools.

In our efforts to inform parents and guardians about the dangers of vaping and e-cigarettes, please find information at the following link:
<http://ow.ly/S1VH30nMJzN>

LINDEN S.T.E.A.M. EDUCATORS HELP BRING NEW STEM CENTER to the SCHOOL THROUGH \$60,000 GRANT from LOWE'S INC. PROGRAM

Linden S.T.E.A.M. Academy educators Laura Degelman and Chris Mooney, seated, center, shown with Supt. Oteri, right, were honored in a ceremony at the school in February. Their efforts in applying for and being awarded a \$60,000 grant from Lowe's will result in the installation of a new STEM Center at the Linden.

Courtesy Photo/Malden Public Schools



New African-Arabic Culture Club started at Malden High School

Over two dozen Malden High School students have joined under the leadership of first-year teacher Amine Yakine to form the African-Arabic Culture Club where they will learn about the culture and languages spoken in African and Arabic regions.



Malden HS sophomore 1st-ever Girls State Wrestling Champ here

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Natale Keppler of Canton just 23 seconds into the match.

None of the three opponents in the state tournament registered a single point against Tostes Costa. "She (Tostes Costa) just dominated on her way to the title," said Malden High head wrestling coach Rin Van. "To get three pins in a state tournament is very impressive." Coach Van said that Tostes Costa, the only female on the Tornado wrestling roster this year, was one of the most dedicated student-athletes on the Malden team this year. "She (Tostes Costa) was very committed to learning and making herself a better wrestler."

Coach Van said the Malden sophomore had just a handful of matches this year against female wrestlers and competed against boys in some team matches this year.

"She held her own and did a very good job of preparation for all of this," Coach Van said, "and the good thing is, she's only a sophomore. She has two more seasons to wrestle."



Malden's Yohanni Costa, right, pre-match shakes hands with Shawsheen's Tayla Tildswell before the State Final match at 145 lbs. Steve Freker Photo/Malden Public Schools

Beebe School Winter Band Concert

Group of 5-8 graders put on a memorable show



The Beebe School's 5-8 grade musical band performed their Winter Concert recently, under the direction of Mr. Weithman and put on an entertaining show! *Courtesy Photo*



FORESTDALE SCHOOL STUDENTS INTERACT with GENERAL ELECTRIC-CELTICS STEM LAB

The mobile STEM LAB came to the Forestdale and students were able to explore and navigate through various STEM fields that are offered by the project. *Courtesy/Malden Public Schools*

MALDEN STATE CHAMP/ Continued from

Page 7 Scott Spear of Reading, who placed second at 51.93. In winning the event Ochoa also broke his own school record for the third time in the past three weeks. Ochoa joins Golden Tornado Hall of Famers Ilya Fishman and Julie Dempster as Malden High's only other State Swim Champions. Fishman won the State Championship in the 50 freestyle in 1994 and 1995 and Dempster was a state titlist in the

100 freestyle in 1992. As a team, Malden finished a solid 12th out of 45 teams competing in the MIAA Division 1 Boys State Championship with 74 team points. St. John's Prep (240 points) was the runaway team State Champion in Division 1, followed by Natick and Needham. Malden and Revere were the only two Northeastern Conference (NEC) teams who sent swimmers to the Division 1 State Finals Meet.

Five District Partnership ‘Ed Camp’ was hosted by Malden Public Schools at MHS



The Five District Partnership held its 2019 Education Camp at Malden High School and featured a strong turnout as teachers shared best practices on a variety of topics and curriculums. The goal was to share information on how to best impact our classrooms and students. *Courtesy/Malden Public Schools*

Officer Headley is new MPS School Resource Officer

The Malden Public Schools and the city of Malden have announced that Officer Trent Headley, a longtime veteran of the Malden Police Department, has been appointed as the new MPS School Resource Officer. Officer Headley, who has served MPD for over 20 years in several capacities as a patrolman and detective, began his new duties recently. He is based at the Salemwood K-8 School and is available for support at all of the Malden school community. We welcome Officer Headley to the Malden Public Schools!



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. We continue to dedicate ourselves to becoming more culturally proficient and understanding of our students background. Throughout the district, we embrace our diversity and strive to progress as one!



The Malden High School Mock Trial Team and their advisor, Mr. Tivnan, ready for Regionals

A POSITIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

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