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Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots defensive tackle Adam Butler has some fun with Ferryway kindergarten class. *Courtesy/MHS Athletics*



SEPAC Meeting Held at Malden HS

Recently appointed Assistant Supt./Student Services Mr. Michael Wood speaks at the Special Education Parent Advisory Council meeting in March.



Superintendent John Oteri

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all,

As we welcome Spring, we continue to serve our students as best as we can by constantly finding new ways to educate and engage. Toward this end, we focus on professional development as well as examining what can be done better or differently. Our students' success is our success. During the month of March we welcomed Ray Garcia

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READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK: Superintendent Oteri reads *Waking Up is Hard to Do* to Ms. Mercurio's kindergarten class at the Salemwood School. *Courtesy Photo/Malden Public Schools*



Take a Bow! **Common Space** performed @ MHS by high school Play Production class after State Regionals

The Malden High School Play Production Class put on a command performance of their original play, *Common Space*, which took them to the semifinal round of the Massachusetts Drama Festival. The production was mainly student-run with the help and supervision of the directors, MHS educators Jennifer Clapp and Sean Walsh. *Courtesy/ City of Malden*



Malden Public Schools take a strong stance on funding equity

Many members of the MPS administration, staff and School Committee were on hand for State House hearing on the PROMISE ACT legislation

**By Steve Freker
For the Malden Public Schools**

The PROMISE ACT, a part of the Fund our Future campaign, which seeks equity educational funding in Massachusetts public schools, is solidly supported by everyone in the Malden Public Schools. Superintendent Oteri, the Malden School Committee and its chairperson, Mayor Gary Christenson, administrators, educators and students have all been active and vocal in support of the PROMISE ACT, which is identified as the K-12 component of legislative Fund our Future. The highly ambitious legislation, filed jointly by state Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz, D-Boston and state Reps. Aaron Vega, D-Holyoke and Mary Keefe, D-Worcester, would, over time, implement recommendations including that the bulk of those funds would go to districts with the greatest need and fewest resources. The formula would be changed to: —Modernize the formula to provide adequate support for English learners and low income students.

Malden Teachers Association President Deb Gesualdo waited 10 hours to deliver testimony on Fund our Future proposed legislation for Education funding.
Courtesy/MTA



—Realistically account for districts' health care costs by using actual data to set insurance costs and inflation rates in the foundation budget. —More accurately account for special education costs to better reflect actual SPED enrollment and the total costs that districts bear for out-of-district students. —Increase state aid to certain districts to mitigate losses to charter schools. Many from Malden including Malden Teachers Association President Deb Gesualdo (above) were at the State House March 22 to support the PROMISE ACT.

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'S MESSAGE

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who started as the new Linden STEAM Academy Principal. Mr. Garcia, who is transitioning from the Brunelli House Principal position at Malden High School, has many years of experience in various capacities in the public schools and we look forward to working with him at Linden.

March was National Nutrition Month. We are very happy that all students at Malden Public Schools now receive free breakfast every morning. As we are in the midst of MCAS testing, we hope our students rest well, get to school early to enjoy the free breakfast and do their best on the tests.

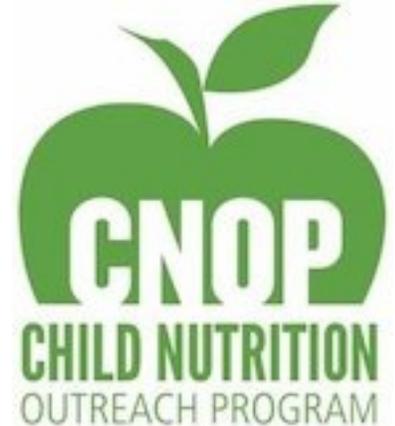
March is NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH!

Child Nutrition Outreach Program gives high marks to Salemwood K-8 Breakfast Program

Representatives of the Mass. DESE-funded Child Nutrition Outreach Program (CNOP) were on site at the Salemwood K-8 School and offered this Tweet on social media: 'Thank you so much to Salemwood School for letting us stop by this morning to observe the variety of #BreakfastAfterTheBell models you offer to your wonderful students'



Malden High School, the five K-8 schools and the Early Learning Center (ELC) –ALL students in the Malden Public Schools – may now start the day with a FREE, healthy breakfast!



The Child Nutrition Outreach Program (CNOP) works to increase participation in two underutilized federal child nutrition programs, the National School Breakfast Program and the Summer Food Service Program (known as Summer Eats in Massachusetts). CNOP is funded by the Mass. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and administered by Project Bread.



BUZZER BEATER! Students top Faculty / Staff in Annual Basketball Showdown @ Malden High School



Malden High senior Christian Monahan-Dasilva celebrates a good play during the annual MHS Student-Faculty/Staff Basketball Game at the Finn Gym.



Superintendent Oteri sizes up a shot in the Student vs. Faculty/Staff game



Supt. Oteri, center, guards Selma Bazzat in the game

Many were in attendance to take on a fun & exciting game at the Annual Students v. Faculty/Staff Game!



Supt. Oteri shows some fancy footwork to avoid an errant ball while warming up between halves of the game.



The Students won on a buzzer beater layup by Robens Garcia with no time left, 75-73 in an exciting game... and dramatic finish.

SUPER BOWL CHAMPION Visits Ferryway

New England Patriots Defensive Tackle & Cheerleader read to Kindergarteners



Patriots tackle Adam Butler, at left and Cheerleader Andrea, above, read from "One" by Kathryn Otoshi to the kindergarten class at the Ferryway School last week. Ferryway Principal Abdel Sepelveda and Malden Public Schools Director of Athletics, Health and Physical Education Charlie Conefrey are also shown in the photo above. Supt. Oteri was on hand for the event to greet the Patriots visitors. *Courtesy/Malden Public Schools*

PLASTIC BAG BAN—Members of the Malden High School Civics Club recently made a presentation at a public meeting coordinated through the Malden City Council which examined the proposed restriction on the use of plastic shopping bags in the city of Malden. The MHS students made a compelling case for banning the use of the bags and the members of the City Council are taking the points and recommendations of the Malden High students and others under review and will further discuss the issue in committee meetings .

Courtesy Photo/City of Malden



MHS Student is 4th in the State!

Shataeya Smith had a fantastic indoor track season

SHOTPUT SENSATION

By Steve Freker

For the Malden Public Schools

Malden High School's Shataeya Smith has accomplished a great deal with the Golden Tornado track teams and it appears that her future is quite bright as well.

At the end of the recently concluded high school indoor track season, Smith qualified for the MIAA Division 1 State Indoor Track Championships and earned herself a fourth-place finish in the girls shotput competition with a

personal best throw of 34 feet, 2 inches. With her high finish in Division 1 States, she qualified for the All-State Meet.

At the All-State Meet, Smith continued to excel, finishing 12th overall with a toss of 34 feet.

Smith is also an accomplished student who has been receiving lot of attention from college recruiters including University of Tennessee, Belmont University, UMass-Lowell and Merrimack.

She will also be competing this spring in the outdoor track season. "Shateaya (Smith) has had a tremendous career so far at Malden High and we are looking forward to her performance this spring in the next track season," said Malden Public Schools Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health Charlie Conefrey. "She is headed to a Division 1 college with the benefit of a scholarship and we could not be prouder. "Shataeya (Smith) has been a great leader and contributor to our team and she represents us so well," MHS track Coach Londino said.



**SPRING SPORTS are
HERE in MALDEN
PUBLIC SCHOOLS...
PLEASE SUPPORT ALL
of OUR TEAMS!**

Cross-District
Leadership
Team

Cross-District
Steering
Committee

The
5^d DISTRICT
5^p PARTNERSHIP

Teacher
Advisory
Board

Principals and
Teachers from
all five districts



Christina Rosenthal and
Emily Ortiz

UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR
LEARNING
LINDEN STEAM ACADEMY

LINDEN S.T.E.A.M. ACADEMY EDUCATORS RECEIVE TLA (The Learning Accelerator) GRANT

Linden S.T.E.A.M. Academy educators Christina Rosenthal and Emily Ortiz were recognized at a recent Five District Partnership (5DP) event upon their receipt of a TLA (The Learning Accelerator) Grant for their Universal Design for Learning proposal. Afton Partners administers the TLA Grant Program which works toward implemented blended learning school models to strengthen individualized curriculum and improve outcomes for students with varying academic abilities. The Five District Partnership is a collaborative which includes the Malden, Everett, Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop school districts, which works together to achieve common educational goals.

Malden Public Schools seeking to attract diverse educational staff on several fronts

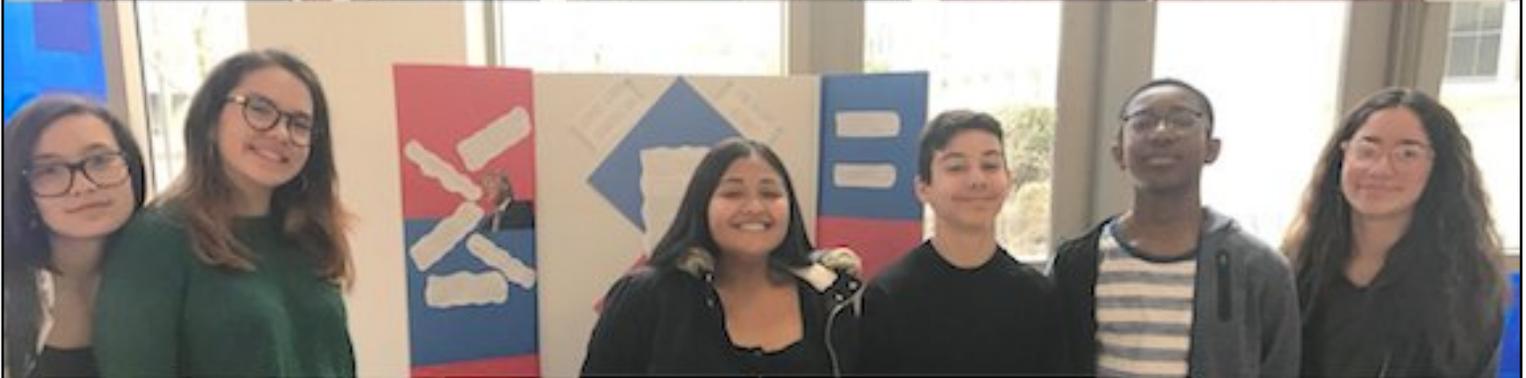
Superintendent Oteri attending regional fairs & forums; Malden Open House eyed

Superintendent Oteri is leading a concerted campaign to attract candidates that would help increase diversity in the Malden Public Schools staff of educators and administrators. He has been attending regional forums and job fairs, including one with Mass. Dept. of Education chairman Jeffrey Riley, at UMass-Boston. On Thursday, April 25, the Superintendent will be hosting the first Malden Public Schools Open House Job Fair. The event will be held at The Gallery in Malden High School.



Courtesy Photo/Malden Public Schools

Generation Citizen Project @ MHS promoted civic advocacy, engagement



The Malden High School Generation Citizen project, led by Ms. Filer and assisted by the entire MHS History Department, including Team Leader Ms. Veritas, hosted a number of city, state and school officials in the Gallery at Malden High to display examples of civic advocacy and engagement.

‘Character Building’ talk @ Linden

Mayor visits to deliver message to S.T.E.A.M. Academy students



Malden Mayor Gary Christenson recently visited students at the Linden S.T.E.A.M. Academy to discuss their project on “Character Building” and present them with an official city commendation. *Courtesy Photo/City of Malden*



‘READ ACROSS AMERICA’ @ Beebe and Forestdale Schools in March

Many of our students had “guest readers” at their school during “Read Across America” in March. Above, Malden School Committee Ward Three member Jennifer Spadafora read at the Beebe School to kindergarteners. At left Mayor Gary Christenson read to students at the Forestdale K-8 School as part of the program. *Courtesy Photos*

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!



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

Malden state Sen. Lewis appointed Senate Chair of Joint Committee on Education

Local Senator also appointed to Senate Ways & Means

By Steve Freker

For the Malden Public Schools

One of the leading proponents of increasing state education funding to public schools in Massachusetts, Malden state Senator Jason Lewis, D-Fifth Middlesex, has been appointed as the Mass. state Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Education, according to Mass.

state Senate President Karen Spilka. A formal announcement was made earlier this month. Senator Lewis, who also represents Melrose, Stoneham, Reading Wakefield and part of Winchester, has been a strong supporter of the Malden Public Schools ever since first being elected to represent Malden and other communities in 2014. Malden is the largest population city in the Fifth Middlesex. Sen. Lewis was re-elected in 2016 and in this past 2018 election to another two-year term. According to the biography on his website, "He has been a leader in shaping public policy on a range of issues important to his district, region and the state, including education, healthcare, and economic opportunity for all." In addition to being named Joint Committee on Education chair, Sen. Lewis the Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development, and the Assistant Vice Chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. He is a member of the Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, the Joint Committee on Marijuana Policy and Senate Committee on Redistricting. He also co-founded and co-Chairs the legislature's Prevention for Health Caucus. Sen. Lewis is a frequent visitor to the Malden Public Schools, as both an observer of the many interesting daily achievements and presentations in our K-12 schools, and also as a topical speaker to our students. As former Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Health, Sen. Lewis spoke to Malden High



Sen. Jason Lewis



State Senator Jason Lewis, D-Malden. 5th Middlesex, a frequent visitor to the Malden Public Schools, is shown above addressing the audience at a forum held to discuss the vaping epidemic in schools. The informational forum was held in The Gallery at Malden High School. In attendance were city and state officials; school officials, including Supt. Oteri; parents; and students. *Steve Freker/Malden Public Schools*

most recently as a panelist on a forum addressing the vaping epidemic. Glad to have you supporting us, Senator Lewis!