



From the Desk of the Superintendent

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That Holiday Spirit!



HO-HO-HO! Santa himself was on hand at the Salemwood School's annual Winterfest celebration in December. *More Photos inside,*

FORESTDALE STUDENTS SPREAD CHEER

Students from the Forestdale School spread some holiday cheer with caroling at Atria Maplewood Place senior assisted living. The building once housed Browne Jr. High for many years. *Courtesy/Malden Public Schools*



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all,

Holiday season always seems to bring out the best in people and it is no different in the Malden Public Schools. It was both amazing and heartwarming to see acts of goodwill and giving all across our school district in the month of December. Add to this the seemingly endless abundance of creative, artistic musical performances both vocal and instrumental that emanated from our students. From the annual, epic display of talent put on by our high school Choral Arts students at the State House in Boston, to the sparkling, holiday-themed shows by our K-8 students in their own schools, it was a delight to take it all in this past month. Amidst all this holiday hoopla, our dedicated educators kept our over 6,500 Malden *See P.6*



Superintendent John Oteri



MALDEN HIGH SCHOOL WINTER BAND CONCERT

The creative talent in the Malden Public Schools is amazing as shown by these artistic musicians in a stellar recent performance.

Courtesy/Jim Valente Photos



Superintendent Oteri

Supt. Oteri makes presentation of 2018-19 MCAS results to Malden School Committee

Superintendent Oteri, shown at left, made his annual analysis of the Malden Public Schools 2018-2019 districtwide MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment Testing) results at the December Malden School Committee meeting. He detailed number results, trends, areas targeted for improvement and newly-calibrated goals for each school which tested in the district. A copy of the complete report and analysis, school-by-school, is available to review by going to website: <https://maldenps.org> and using the Administration tab.

THANK YOU & GOOD LUCK to ELC'S MARY SOLOSKY on RETIREMENT

The Malden Public Schools and the staff at the Early Learning Center (ELC) we would like to thank Mary Solosky for the many years of service and devotion to the students and staff of the ELC. Mary retired in December. Mary is an exceptional paraeducator and was amazing in ELC after school program as well. We wish Mary good health and know she will have a wonderful retirement with her expanding family. Thank you for everything and especially for touching all of our lives and making us better at what we do by setting an example as a gifted educator.



A HOLIDAY TRADITION at LINDEN S.T.E.A.M. ACADEMY

Spreading holiday cheer by performing on "the ivories" in the hallways is a tradition at the Linden S.T.E.A.M. Academy. Above right, an 8th grader plays some music on the last day before winter break. Above left, Malden Education Association (MEA) President Deb Gesualdo, who was a Linden educator before taking the MEA reins.

Courtesy/Linden S.T.E.A.M. Academy



BEEBE SCHOOL FIRST-GRADERS 'SIMPLY, HAVING, A WONDERFUL WINTER TIME!'

The Beebe School first-graders contributed to a tremendous Winter Concert performance this year!

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.



December & Holiday Season a Time for Generosity

Melrose Highlands Cong. Church donates gifts for over 50 Malden HS students

December was the season for kindness and generosity and it was displayed once again by the generosity of the folks at the Melrose Highlands Congregational Church, which donated gifts for over 50 Malden High School students. Above, representatives from the church were on hand at the Central Office to present the donations to Superintendent John Oteri, right, and Malden Public Schools counselor and homeless liaison Kristy Magras, second from left. *Courtesy Photo/Malden Public Schools*



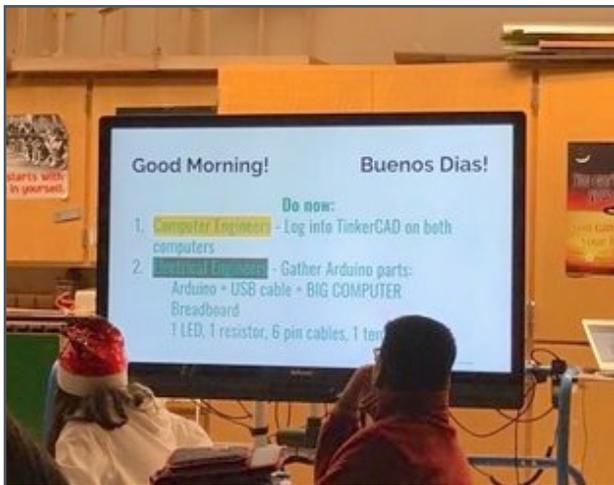
Beebe School Celebrates Diversity at the Annual Parade of Holiday Traditions

Beebe School students and staff, including "Bruce, the Beebe Bulldog," celebrated the diversity of their school and the entire Malden Public Schools district with a "Mobile Word Cloud" on the float they presented in the parade to kick off the holidays. *Courtesy/Beebe School*





Boston Celtics & General Electric sponsor STEM lab presentation for Eighth Grade students at Ferryway School



Ms. McDonough's Grade 8 students from the Ferryway School were recently working with General Electric STEM lab, during a visit to the school. They were exploring the creation of temperature sensors to enhance athletic performance. *Courtesy/Malden Public Schools*

The Boston Celtics-sponsored GE STEM Lab truck pulled up for a recent visit at the Ferryway School. *Courtesy/Malden Public Schools*

The Malden Public Schools have had a great working relationship with GE & their Boston Celtics-sponsored programs for several years



Salemwood School 'Winterfest'



Students at the Salemwood School had plenty of activities and creative ways to express themselves at the annual Winterfest held at the school. Whether it was artwork, in the two photos at left, or decorating cookies for the holidays, the kids all had a blast that day! *Courtesy Photo/Malden Public Schools*

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Cont. from Page One students on task and on point in academics, as we all trudged determinedly toward the official start of winter. December also marked the beginning of the winter sports season for our high school and middle school athletic teams. We wish all the players and coaches well whether they are in the gym, on the track or on ice this season as Golden Tornados. This past month included the final Malden School Committee of the year, where we delivered a comprehensive analysis of our district's performance in the 2019 Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment Testing (MCAS) exams. We also bid adieu to three departing School Committee members, Tara Beardsley, Kathleen Bordonaro and Colleen Leon, thanking them for their valued service and wishing them well in their future endeavors. We now look ahead to the start of a new year and also a new decade in January 2020. Let us all begin the year 2020 with a renewed sense of optimism, energy and goodwill as we strive toward continuing to maintain the Malden Public Schools as a place where our students will progress, achieve and succeed.

Superintendent John Oteri **@MaldenPublic**



The smiling faces say it all during a visit to Santa @ Salemwood Winterfest. *Courtesy Photo*

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

The Malden school district is ranked #1 as the most culturally diverse by *niche.com* in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with Malden High School rated the #1 most culturally diverse secondary education school overall. Throughout the district, all educators, administrators and students are unified in our stated mission to cherish and embrace our diversity, striving for excellence in the classroom and beyond.



Coach Holness and the Malden City Sixth Grade Travel Basketball Team celebrate a big win. *Steve Freker Photo/Malden Public Schools*

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.



Spirited Concert Fills Ferryway School with Glee

The annual Winter Concert by singers and musicians at the Ferryway School was a big success. Included among them was a show-stopping performance of one of the all-time favorites, *Feliz Navidad*.

HONORING ARTIST FRANK STELLA— On hand at a reception honoring Malden native and internationally-renowned artist Frank Stella, center, were Supt. Oteri, left, Mayor Christenson, right of Mr. Stella and some Malden Public Schools students and Fine Arts



LINDEN SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT PERFORMERS

The Linden School fifth graders perform at the Winter Concert.

*Courtesy Photo/
Malden Public Schools*



GENEROUS DONATIONS by LINDEN STAFF & STUDENTS

Here are just a few of the donations of food pantry donations by Linden S.T.E.A.M. Academy educators, administrators, staff and students for those in need around the holiday season. This time of year is a great opportunity to help others and the students and staff in our district are always stepping up.

Courtesy Photo/Ms. Scott/Linden S.T.E.A.M. Academy



*SUPT. OTERI ASKS SANTA for a SAFE, PRODUCTIVE 2020 for MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS! It's not easy to pass up a visit with Santa during holiday season and Superintendent Oteri stopped by to say "hello" to St. Nick himself during the Salemwood School Winterfest celebration. *Courtesy/Malden Public Schools**