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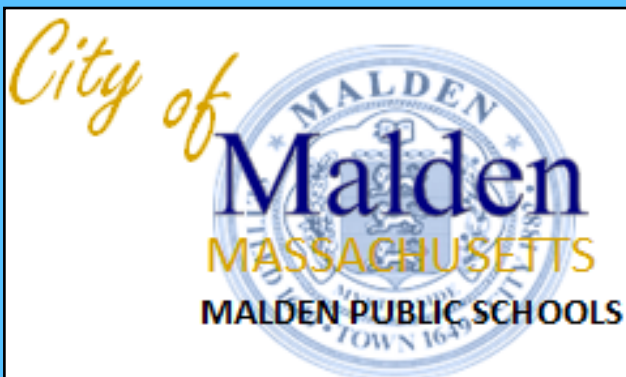
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SCHOOLS



ROCKS !

*Bringing the
GOOD NEWS
from our District to
the Families, Staff
& Students of
the Malden
Public Schools*



Fenway Magic: 135th Malden vs. Medford Thanksgiving Game

The traditional classic is now the longest continuous high school football rivalry in America; Tuesday Night, 7:30 p.m.



The entire Malden community is gearing up for the Once-in-a-Lifetime Malden vs. Medford Thanksgiving Football Game on Tuesday, November 22 @ 7:30 p.m. at Fenway Park in Boston!

Collaboration Works

Our students continually benefit from MPS collaboration with outside agencies



Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ligia Noriega-Murphy, at left and Malden Mayor and School Committee chairperson Gary Christenson, right, were on hand to help celebrate a collaborative effort between Malden Reads and the Massachusetts Center for Civic Education to provide some in-depth— and Fun!— civic lessons, in a Pilot Program for a fourth-grade English Learners class at the Salemwood School. *Courtesy Photo/ Malden Reads*

**Salemwood School ELL
4th Graders benefit from
in-depth civic lessons
through partnership
between MPS, Malden
Reads and Mass. Center
for Civic Education**

The Salemwood Elementary School 4th grade ELL English Learners class, which has 21 students from six different countries, learned about civic rules, laws and democracy with the assistance of Malden Reads and the Massachusetts Center for Civic Education (MACCE).

This civics-based pilot program was introduced by the Malden Public Schools as a model project for these Grade 4 students, based upon five lessons in the *We the People: The Citizen and Democracy* textbook. This was combined with the Malden Reads involvement with activities from community representatives, *See P8*

Superintendent's Message

Wishing that everyone has a wonderful and restful Thanksgiving Break

Dear Malden Public Schools Students, Families, Principals, Faculty, and Staff,

I hope you are doing well and are looking forward to a well-deserved Thanksgiving break. Please take some time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the holiday with family and friends. I wanted to commend and acknowledge everyone for the hard work and commitment you have made to ensuring a tremendous start to our school year. Because of your great work, we have had an excellent first few months in our schools. At times, it has not been easy, but your perseverance has been on full display.

Thank you to our staff and administration for all you do for our students, families, and community. To our students and families, keep up the great work! I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ligia Noriega-Murphy
Superintendent

Compete and Excel

Malden Public Schools students strive to excel through competition

Malden High School
Varsity Boys Soccer Seniors
battled hard all season in
the always competitive
Greater Boston League,
Shown above, from left:
Felipe Pereira Da Silva
Neves, Vinicius De
Oliveira, Christian Osorno
Vasquez, Kyle Lee, Bradley
Toussaint, Allen Xiao,
Angel Smilyanov, Jose
Mejia Guerrero, Eric
Rodrigues. Steve Freker
Photo/ Malden Public
Schools



At MPS Our Diversity is Our Strength

Malden Public Schools community embraces the diversity of our District



The AYO Step Team at Malden High School is one of the most popular student clubs in the District. The Step Team recreates step dancing from the historical African culture of the past and also African American history and culture. Additionally they are always working on adding new, creative routines which they perform regularly at such events as freshman orientation, the Annual Pep Rally/ Student Competition Day and Junior Varieties in March, Haitian Flag Day, Juneteenth celebrations and others. The Step Team's membership is open to all MHS students, who are invited to participate in year-round training. Above, the team recently held some successful, after-school bake sales where the raised funds to cover the cost of outfits and supplies for the team. *Steve Freker Photo/Malden Public Schools*

MPS = Eco-friendly

Another new partnership will allow Malden Public Schools to help environment

Malden Public Schools partners with local co. Boot Strap Compost to reduce food waste from local landfill stream

By Steve Freker
For the Malden Public Schools



Food waste and its disposal has long been a major problem in Massachusetts and probably every other East Coast state with larger populations and dwindling land space for any type of use. An estimated 30-40 percent of the overall waste stream both in this region and nationally is food waste. Food waste easily takes up the most space in landfills. With landfills in Massachusetts nearly all close to capacity, where to put any waste—including the food waste generated on a daily basis—has become a major dilemma for communities across the Commonwealth, both large and small.

Too that end, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has mandated that all entities that produce 1,000 lbs or more of organic waste to compost it, which affects most medium-sized restaurants and large schools. Green materials to compost include grass clippings, coffee grounds, fruit and vegetable scraps, and most kitchen waste are high in nitrogen. Remember this recipe and your pile will thrive. That's because achieving a good carbon to nitrogen ratio gives your pile what it needs to decompose quickly without odors.

Malden Mayor Gary Christenson recently announced a new composting pilot program for Malden Public Schools. The pilot program began in all Malden Public School kitchens on November 1, 2022. This initiative seeks to reduce food waste from local landfills. The finished compost will be put to use on farms and backyard gardens to grow more food and replenish soil health.

"I'm grateful to Malden resident and Ferryway School Food Service Worker Christopher Dreher for taking the initiative with this program," said Mayor Christenson. "Chris took the lead and through a series of meetings with our office and the School Department we are on our way to more recycling and diverting waste from landfills."

Composting can help alleviate four major environmental crises we are currently facing. Massachusetts landfills are closing by 2030. The cost of waste disposal is increasing. The depletion of topsoil continues. Increasing CO2 emissions contribute to climate change. Malden Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ligia Noriega-Murphy said Malden Public Schools is excited to be supporting this new initiative, in collaboration with the city of Malden and Black Earth Compost of Malden as a way of helping the environment.

About Black Earth Compost: Black Earth Compost collects organic waste from over 100 cities and towns in Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island and turns it into nutrient rich compost for use on local farms and backyard gardens. The compost can be purchased at over 100 local garden centers or delivered in bulk from their Manchester, Groton, or Framingham compost sites. They also offer raised bed kits, soil blends, and mulch. Black Earth Compost is the leading organics recycler in Massachusetts with over 10 years of experience. Their motto is "Compost. Grow. Eat. Repeat..."





MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (Preschool/Grades 1-12): August 31

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for K: September 9

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL W/O SNOW DAYS: June 14

Structured Academic Time on Learning: MHS: Minimum of 990 Hours (Seniors 912 Hours) K-8: Minimum of 900 Hours PK: Minimum of 425 Hours

AUGUST 2022 (1 day)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	29	30	31*			

8/29: First Day for All Staff - No School for Students
 8/30: Prof Dev Day-All Grds - No School for Students
 8/31* First Day of School for Grades Preschool, Grades 1-12

SEPTEMBER 2022 (19 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

9/1, 9/7, 9/8: Kindergarten Orientation/Screening
 9/2: No School
 9/5: No School - Labor Day
 9/6: Prof Dev Day-All Grds - No School for Students
 9/7: Classes Restart
 9/9: First Day of School for Kindergarten

OCTOBER 2022 (20 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

10/7: 11:00am PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
 10/10: No School - Indigenous Peoples' Day

NOVEMBER 2022 (18 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

11/8: Prof Dev Day-All Grds - No School for Students
 11/11: No School - Veterans Day
 11/23: 11:00am Dismissal
 11/24-25: No School - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER 2022 (17 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

12/23: 11:00am Dismissal
 12/26-1/2: No School - Winter Break

JANUARY 2023 (20 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

1/2: No School - Winter Break
 1/3: Classes Restart
 1/16: No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 1/20: 11:00am PD Early Dismissal PreK-12

FEBRUARY 2023 (15 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

2/10: 11:00am PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
 2/20-24: No School - February Break

MARCH 2023 (23 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

3/10: 11:00am PD Early Dismissal PreK-12

APRIL 2023 (15 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

4/7: 11:00am Dismissal
 4/17-21: No School - Spring Break

MAY 2023 (22 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

5/5: 11:00 am PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
 5/25: MHS Seniors Last Day of School
 5/29: No School - Memorial Day

Last revised on April 2, 2022

JUNE 2023 (10 days)

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	

6/4: Malden High School Graduation
 6/14: Last day w/o snow days (180 Days)
 11:00am Dismissal
 6/19: No School - Juneteenth
 6/22: Tentative last day of school w/ 5 snow days (185 Days)

Extenuating circumstances and/or inclement weather may necessitate changes to the calendar during the year. Visit Maldenps.org calendar for current information.

Malden Public Schools proudly serves a multi-cultural and religiously diverse community. Although the schools are open, excused absence is available in observance of religious holidays. Students who miss school work because of an excused absence will be given time to complete assignments/tests by the educator.

Laws & Democracy

Salemwood ELL 4th graders learn valuable civics lessons through Pilot Program

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who shared their experiences of coming to the U.S. and their adjustments to life in America.

Students learned about important issues relevant to their own community. This allowed the students to learn important issues about government and included activities relevant to their school and community of Malden.

This project used the expertise of two Malden teachers, Alan Rodriguez and Violet Walsh, who worked with these ELL students. Students from Afghanistan, Brazil, China, Haiti, Venezuela, and Vietnam learned about each other, their similarities and differences.

Through various instructional approaches, the students learned the values of rules at home, school and the community and then, about the need for laws through their city, state and nation. They then learned about different types of governments — rule by one, rule by the few and rule by all, distinguishing between good and bad types of governments. They learned about democracy and its benefits as well as its costs. Finally, they studied the importance of balancing rights with responsibilities. Community representative visits coordinated by Malden Reads. For each of these important lessons, there were visits by community representatives who supported the importance of why rules, laws, democratic values and principles are important to them through a myriad of activities to which the students were introduced.

The students met people who lived in Malden whose native countries were China, Vietnam, Syria, Venezuela. Each told their story or shared their work or allowed the students to see their art through yoga, paintings or other means. The students were provided age-appropriate books such as *She Persisted: Claudette Colvin*, written by Malden-born author Lesa Cline-Ransome in which themes related to empathy, overcoming discrimination, and using one's voice to advocate for flights were reinforced. The integration of community with learning about the importance of terms like majority, voting, elections, and more through these interactions solidified their learning.

The overall theme of civic participation with concepts from the materials provides a great introduction to civic education. The opportunity to have persons outside their school yet within their community provide support and identification was important in their realization of why they should learn about their new government.

Malden Reads and the Massachusetts Center for Civic Education (MACCE) have made a major commitment to these goals and know that through the efforts of the teachers in developing and presenting these lessons, the students will realize the significance of civic strength and the foundation for greater understanding will be established.

The MACCE thanks to the Malden Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ligia Noriega-Murphy, for her recognition of the importance of civic learning. Thanks go as well to Victoria Mulkerin, Malden Public Schools (MPS) Director of Literacy and Title I, for her influence and great interest in pursuing this pilot program.



Salemwood K-8 School, 529 Salem St., Malden

Fall is a Fun Season

Salemwood ELL Fall Festival did not disappoint



All Photos from Salemwood courtesy of school staff & parents

Taking a look around

There is a lot going on around the MPS K-8 Schools & Early Learning Center



Cartographers at the Ferryway School



Everyone's welcome at Ms. Barber's room at the Forestdale School



Some fine reading selections at Beebe School

All Photos Courtesy of Humanities Director Tannetta



Some awesome leaf art by Early Learning Center students

Unified in Inclusion

Malden Public Schools a State Leader in Unified Sports for challenged students



Under the leadership of Malden Public Schools Director of Wellness, Physical Education and Athletics Charlie Conefrey, this community has been a leader in the establishment and promotion of the benefits of a Unified Sports program. The program provides a beneficial part to participation in interscholastic athletics for ALL student-athletes, as it includes those who are physically and/or intellectually challenged, who are partnered with non-challenged student-athletes who assist them in various ways during the practices and games. Above, from left at a recent game, Caleb, Superintendent Dr. Ligia Noriega-Murphy, Director Charlie Conefrey, and student-athletes Charlie and Jonathan. *Steve Freker Photo/ Malden Public Schools*

Safety First & Always

Malden Public Safety Day was held at Linden STEAM Academy



The Annual Malden Public Safety Day was held at the parking lot and field surrounding Linden STEAM Academy, Many Malden Public Schools students attended the event along with their families and were treated to giveaways, access to Fire Trucks, Police Cars, ambulances and Dept. of Public Works vehicles. They were able to meet public safety first responders in person, sit in the trucks that were assembled and see ladders, fire hoses and other apparatus in “live” operation. It was a great time for everyone! The Malden Public Schools foremost priority —ALWAYS— is the safety and well-being of its students, staff and all of their families. *Courtesy Photo/ Malden Police*

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