

MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2022-2023

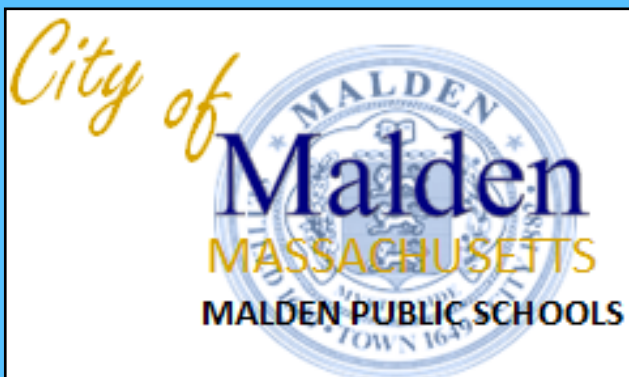
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ROCKS !

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



Empowering Girls

Over 100 Malden Public School students from 6 of our schools attended enlightening event @ the State House; They met with Valerie Biden Owens

By Steve Freker

For the Malden Public Schools

How many Malden residents can say they are friends with the sister of the President of the United States?

Dozens of Malden Public Schools students now can, including a large contingent of young women from Malden High School!

Some 105 students from six Malden public schools attended last week's 2023 Empowering Girls Conference, held at the State House in Boston and hosted by Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan.

The Keynote Speaker was none other than Valerie Biden Owens, sister of U.S. President Joe Biden, who has served as his campaign manager since his early U.S. Senate runs in the 1980s. Ms. Biden Owens is considered one of the most influential women in the nation's capital at this time.

More than 450 students from 30 middle and high schools across Middlesex County took this year's 12th Annual Conference. This year's theme focused on "Inspiring Engaged and Civic-Minded Leaders". Throughout the day, students heard from women who are accomplished advocates, leaders in their fields and actively engaged in the democratic process. See P.13



Valerie Biden Owens was the keynote speaker at DA Ryan's Empowering Girls Conference held @ State House

Valerie Biden Owens was the opening speaker at the Empowering Girls Conference, hosted by Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan at the State House in Boston. Above, Ms. Owens poses with some of the Malden High School students who attended the conference. Ms. Owens is the sister of U.S. President Joe Biden and has been his campaign manager since his first U.S. Senate run in 1972. ***Courtesy Photo/ MaldenHS***

The 'Gold' Standard

Malden High School Artists Win Regional 'Gold Key' Honors and now in competition for NATIONAL AWARD



**Kaitlyn Bailey - Gold Key,
Heart Pattern self-portrait**



**Julianna Lin - Gold Key,
Monogram**

2022-23 Scholastic Art Award Winners from Malden High

School Kaitlyn Bailey - Gold Key, Heart Pattern self-portrait
Audrey Barchard - Honorable Mention, monoprnt
Helen Hoang - Silver Key, Morphing project drawing
Julianna Lin - Gold Key, Monoprnt
Erica Lu - Silver Key, typographic self-portrait
Jadelini Mora – Silver Key, Cartographic self-portrait
Roberta Noel – Gold Key, Monoprnt
Roberta Noel – Honorable Mention, Line pattern self-portrait
Ambar Silverio Diaz - Honorable Mention, Digital Art
portrait
Jennifer Slawson - Silver Key, MonoprntTran Vo - Silver Key,
Monoprnt
Kathleen Yick - Silver Key, Monoprnt
Nicole Zeng - Honorable Mention, Pen & ink drawing



**Roberta Noel- Gold Key,
Monogram, self-portrait**

Superintendent's Message

At the midpoint of our school year we reflect on our accomplishments, with many more to come

Dear Families, Caregivers and Community Members,

In a world of calendars and milestones, we reached an important marker in January when we officially completed the first half of our 2022-23 school year. The first 21 weeks of our school year has been a wonderful journey for all of us in the Malden Public Schools, especially our students, families and caregivers.

As we begin the second half of our school year, we will continue to work toward achieving our goals and building on improvements we have seen in all of our schools. Our standardized test scores have risen in many grades across the district. We continue to document strides by our students in the implementation and practice of our new curriculum in the K-8 grades.

We established new ways of communication and strengthening the ones we have had with our EL students' families and caregivers. We have done more outreach in the district with Parent Information Nights geared toward EL families. In the first half of the school year, we also instituted a new version of a free program of ESL instruction for caregivers of Malden Public Schools students. These were all important steps toward our primary goal of equitable learning for our EL students and improved communication with their caregivers.

Highlights for the month of January includes about 100 students from the Malden Public Schools attending the Empowering Women Conference on January 26, with keynote speaker, Valerie Biden Owens, sister of United States President Joe Biden and one of the first women in the United States to have managed a modern U.S. Senatorial campaign, as well as a Presidential campaign. A few of our students were even able to ask Ms. Biden Owens questions and pose for a photograph with her.



Supt. Dr. Ligia Noriega-Murphy

The month of February is Black History Month and our students across the district will be participating in associated activities honoring the triumphs and struggles of African Americans throughout U.S. history.

We hope that everyone takes the opportunity to rest during the February break and come back to school ready for more learning. Thank you for all your support and involvement.

Dr. Ligia Noriega-Murphy
Superintendent



At MPS Our Diversity is Our Strength

Malden Public Schools community embraces the diversity of our District



Here are some scenes from the Saturday afternoon Al Locke Basketball League held at the Salemwood K-8 School
Steve Freker
Photos/Malden



FORESTDALE and FERRYWAY students take part in the Mac Singleton Youth Basketball League for boys and girls in the 3rd, 4th & 5th grades. Steve Freker
Photos/ Malden Public Schools



Happy National School Counseling



Some of What our Malden Public School Counselors Do Everyday:

- ★ School Counselors work with the whole child. Their professional preparation and skills are essential for the optimum academic, career, and personal/social/emotional development of students.
- ★ School Counselors are professionals trained in the use of a variety of interventions to reduce anxiety and stress in students. Several studies have been conclusive about the positive impact of these strategies/interventions. Cheek, Bradley, Reynolds, and Coy (2002)
- ★ To improve their practice, School Counselors collect data to develop, improve and evaluate programs, interventions and strategies that respond to the needs of their students.
- ★ Given their educational background, professional training, and the depth and scope of their professional interactions which involve students, parents/guardians, teachers, administrators, and supporting individuals and agencies, school counselors are considered to be the best-equipped professionals to develop and implement both prevention and intervention programs for youth at risk. Miano, Forrest, and Gumaer (1997)
- ★ School Counselors are professional licensed educators who, just as teachers, develop curriculum, units, and lesson plans based on national and state standards and benchmarks around three important areas: Academic, Work Readiness/Career, and Personal/Social Development. Their lessons are also aligned with Massachusetts ELA and math standards.
- ★ School Counselors can help students develop the attitudes, behaviors, and skills that promote self-knowledge, personal responsibility, and self-direction. ([MA CDE Benchmarks PS-1](#))
- ★ Through their work with students, especially in small groups, School Counselors can help students develop the behaviors, attitudes, and skills that foster respect for diversity. ([MA CDE Benchmarks PS-4](#))
- ★ School Counselors can help students develop the attitudes, behaviors, and skills to work with others. ([MA CDE Benchmarks PS-2](#))
- ★ School Counselors can help students gain the knowledge and gain the skills for planning and decision making. ([MA CDE Benchmarks W-1](#))
- ★ Through their multiple interactions with students, School Counselors can help students gain an exploratory attitude towards self, life, and later on the world of work. ([MA CDE Benchmarks W-4](#))
- ★ One of the most important tools School Counselors can give to students is Strategies for Time Management. Time Management is a lifetime soft skill much needed throughout school, college, and the world of work.
- ★ Through the teaching of problem-solving skills, School Counselors can help students learn about collaboration and how to build and maintain healthy interpersonal relationships.
- ★ Through a metacognitive process, School Counselors can help students develop strategies to approach difficult situations. They identify the issue, explore potential solutions, and identify challenges as well as supports to overcome obstacles.
- ★ School Counselors help students identify, formulate, evaluate and monitor personal, academic, and work-readiness/career goals.

Happy 'National School Counseling Week'

- ★ School Counselors use a number of tools such as interviews, inventories, and tests to help students learn about their interests, values, skills, abilities, and personality.
- ★ School Counselors help students identify available supports, refer them to other professionals and/or services for a variety of academic, personal, and social-emotional issues.
- ★ School Counselors use data to collect information and monitor the development of the whole child while in school with the purpose of implementing prevention strategies to ensure smooth transitions and academic and personal success.
- ★ School Counselors assist students with career development helping them gain career awareness and opportunities for career exploration and immersion. Studies have shown that students who participate in career development have a significant advantage over their peers as they have a greater understanding of their post-secondary options, show a higher level of self-efficacy, and greater school engagement.
- ★ Various studies have concluded that in schools with structured comprehensive school counseling programs students have a higher rate of academic success than their peers.
- ★ School Counselors help students improve academically by directly teaching them organization, study, note-taking, and test-taking skills, among others.
- ★ School Counselors use data to identify students at risk and to generate early personalized and /or group interventions to prevent them from failing.
- ★ School Counselors help students learn appropriate coping strategies for stress reduction. These techniques can reduce anxiety but they also improve, focus, control, and test scores.
- ★ School Counselors use data to identify students at risk and implement dropout prevention programs that include personalized educational plans for success that include academic tutoring, referrals, and individual and group counseling among others.
- ★ School Counselors have the common goal of supporting students' academic, personal/social-emotional, and work-readiness/career development so they can be successful in and after school.
- ★ School Counselors are committed to helping students acquire the skills, attitudes, and behaviors that would equip them to navigate post-secondary education and the world of work.
- ★ Today's school counselors are vital members of the education team. They help all students in the areas of academic achievement, personal/social development, and career development, ensuring students become productive, well-adjusted adults.
- ★ School counselors provide all students with standards-based school counseling curriculum to address universal career, academic, and social/emotional development.
- ★ School Counselors provide short term, brief, solution-focused, and structured interventions for students; and provide referrals to other professionals when necessary.
- ★ School counselors require a minimum of a masters' degree in school counseling. They must complete an internship and be certified by the state department of education. They are uniquely trained in areas of human development, trauma, relationships, crisis response, and specific counseling/therapy techniques and theories.

Out and About with School Committee member Gray



Clockwise from above right, Malden School Committee Ward 5 rep Joseph Gray, recently visited Salemwood School as part of his pledged "One School Visit Every Month" slate. He is with Principal Ms. Van and Supt. Noriega-Murphy. Then some scenes at Winter Wonderland event at City Hall. Above left, Mr. Gray reads a Kwanzaa story to some Malden students in attendance. Steve Freker Photos/MPS



Beebe Artists Create

Some amazing individual artwork from some inspired students



6th Grade students at the Beebe school used a photograph of themselves and created abstract self portraits by drawing half of their face, adding images that represented their hobbies, interests, and culture... and then superimposing the drawing on a photograph. A stunning mix!

Black History Month

Malden Public Schools Embrace Black History Every Day of the School Year with Special Focus in February



Looking Back at some ELC Fun in some past **WARMER** days *The day when all 'The Mascots' came to visit*



ALL the Mascots, representing the five K-8 schools, visited the Early Learning Center in June 2022 and greeted the excited ELC students and helped Principal Lawrence "get her dance on"! Above, Malden High Principal Mastrangelo accompanied his students in costume. Steve Freker Photos/MPS

That Competitive Spirit

Our Malden High School Freshman Girls team is a solid competitor in the Greater Boston Leagueand they are ALL Eighth-Graders from our K-8s!



When Malden High Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach Scott Marino saw a goldmine existed in our eighth grade class in the city's K-8 schools, he and his staff got together with the Malden Public Schools Athletic Department and decided to put a whole team of 8th-graders to compete on the MHS Freshman Basketball Schedule. It's working out great as wins pile up! Good Luck!

Malden Public Schools/Steve Freker

Empowering MPS Girls

Our students from Grades 5-8 were guests of the Middlesex District Attorney's Office for conference

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Middlesex DA Ryan and Director of the District Courts Alice Casey led students through workshop sessions, reviewing concepts and strategies from the "Digital Citizenship Academy".

The keynote speaker for this event was Valerie Biden Owens, younger sister of U.S. President Joe Biden, who has served on the political side as President Biden's campaign manager for 40 years, dating back to his first U.S. Senate run.

Other speakers included DA Ryan, Newton Mayor Ruthanne Fuller; Diana Hwang, Founder and Executive Director of the Asian American Women's Political Initiative; Lisa Fortenberry, Executive Vice President, Camp Harbor View; Harvard Law School Professor Dehlia Umuuna; and Joanna Lydgate, Founder and CEO of the States United Democracy Center.

Malden students were excited about their participation in the event, particularly since they got an opportunity to personally meet and interact with Valerie Biden Owens.

"It was awesome to meet the President's sister," said MHS junior Victoria Gammon. "She talked to us for a while and was such a real person. We really appreciated that."

"We are so grateful to DA Ryan for once again hosting our students at such an inspiring event," Malden High Principal Chris Mastrangelo said. "We have so many strong and successful young women in our school and district and it is great



Above, Supt. Noriega-Murphy greets students as they depart MHS. Below, excited students arrive back at school. *Courtesy/ Malden Public Schools*

to have such tremendous resources available for them."

Malden Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Ligia Noriega-Murphy was there to greet the students as they departed for the conference. "It was a tremendous opportunity for the students from our district. It was such a valuable experience for all of them."

The students were accompanied to the event by Malden High School administrative assistant Barbara Scibelli, Malden Public School Superintendent's Office Executive Assistant Shirley Dorai and other Malden Public Schools staff members for the State House event.

This was the seventh time Malden Public Schools students have been able to attend this event, one of the few schools in the Commonwealth who have taken advantage of this great event when it has been offered.

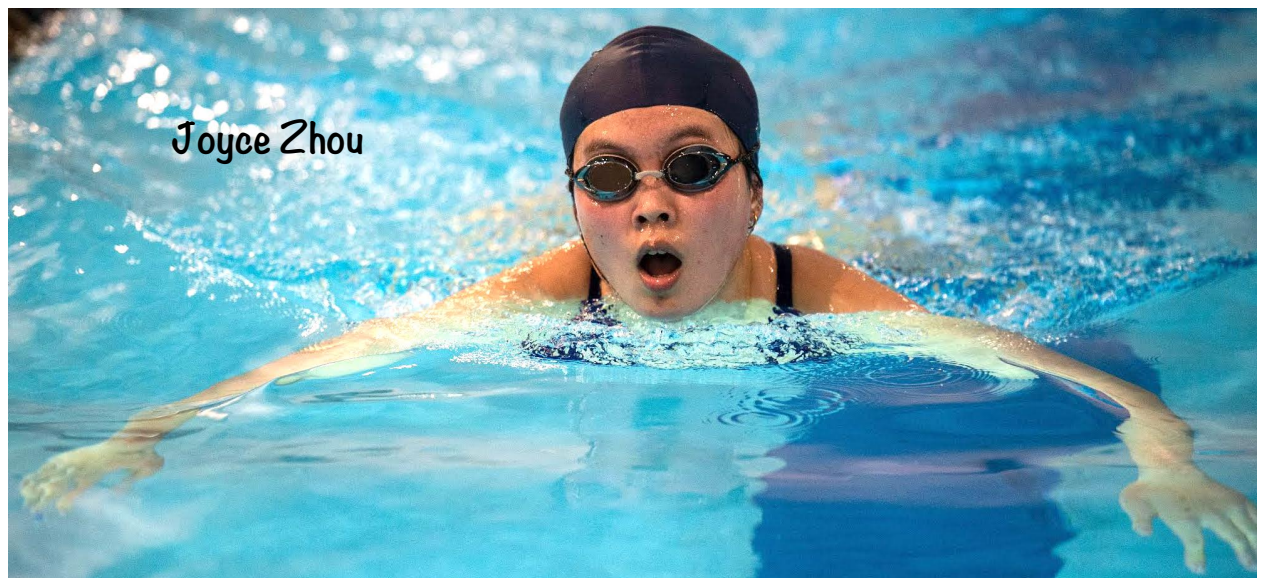


Everybody in the Pool

Malden High Coed Swim Team wins 5th Championship in Row



Captain Nathan Nguyen



Joyce Zhou

2022-2023

Greater
Boston
League
Champs



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

PK: Minimum of 425 Hours

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

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

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

circumstances and/or inclement weather to the calendar during the

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)

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.

Ferryway School History

Students Have 'Rights' Stuff

Learning About the Bill of Rights & Madison




JAMES MADISON

The father of the Bill of Rights, believed trial by jury was as "essential to secure the liberty of the people as anyone of the pre-existent rights of nature."

- Not guaranteed to State Courts.
- Guarantees a minimum of 6 members for a jury in civil trials.


The Amendment was important during the colonial era, and it originally omitted from the CONSTITUTION



The amendment does not guarantee trial by jury in cases under admiralty (the rank or office by an admiral) and maritime law and in other proceedings historically tried by a court instead of a jury.

Nor does it reach statutory (a criminal offense) proceedings unknown to the common law concerning the enforcement of statutory public rights created by congress.

Was approved on December 15, 1791.



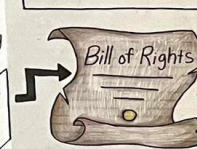
"In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law."

AMENDMENT 7

- Common Law: Basis of legal system in England and the United States.
- Civil Cases: Disputes involving companies, organizations, etc. (Non-Criminal Cases)
- Trial By Jury: Decisions made solely by a judge (Only in Federal Courts)
- Twenty dollars = \$320 Today
- Against the law to set up your own court system.

Allows people to take others to FEDERAL COURT and have a JURY decide.

Bill of Rights BY JAMES MADISON



Civil Cases Include:

- Car Crashes
- Disputes
- Discrimination
- Complaints


Prohibits Discrimination

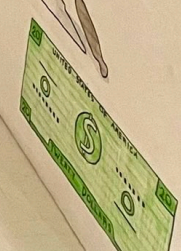
Protects the rights of the INDIVIDUAL.

Protects from judges' bias and government abuse of power.

EXAMPLES

- Records of the Philadelphia Convention show that the delegates twice raised the issue of whether the Constitution should include a right to a jury trial.
- On September 12, 1787, Hugh Williamson of North Carolina observed that no provision was yet made for juries in Civil Cases and suggested the necessity of it.
- He moved to the house that there was no point for it.
- Some delegates expressed support for such a provision but feared it would be difficult to draft a suitable provision.
- (Found it impossible to support other crimes without jury)
- This letter concerns appears on September 15, 1787, to insert a clause in Article III to guarantee that a trial by jury shall be preserved in civil cases.
- (The final vote to a decision to add the amendment)





Students at the Ferryway K-8 School made Poster Boards that recognize James Madison, "Father of the Bill of Rights," and his most well-known accomplishment before serving as the 4th President of the United States. Madison, who also steered the nation through the War of 1812, America's second battle with Great Britain, also co-wrote The Federalist Papers, which led to the adoption of the adoption of the U.S. Constitution as the foundation for American governments. *Courtesy/ Director Tannetta, MPS*

Give Yourself a Hand, Salemwood

5th Grade Students 'multi-task' by drawing their names in American Sign Language (ASL)



Fifth Grade students at the Salemwood K-8 School recently studied American Sign Language (ASL) in order to draw out their names, practicing both this language and their ability to draw hands. The shape and movement of fingers makes it one of the most difficult parts of the body to learn to draw.

