

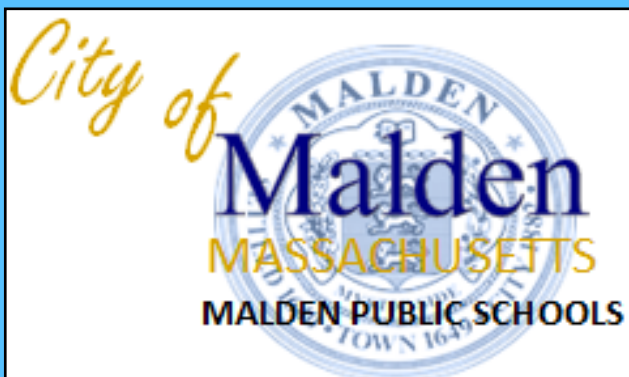
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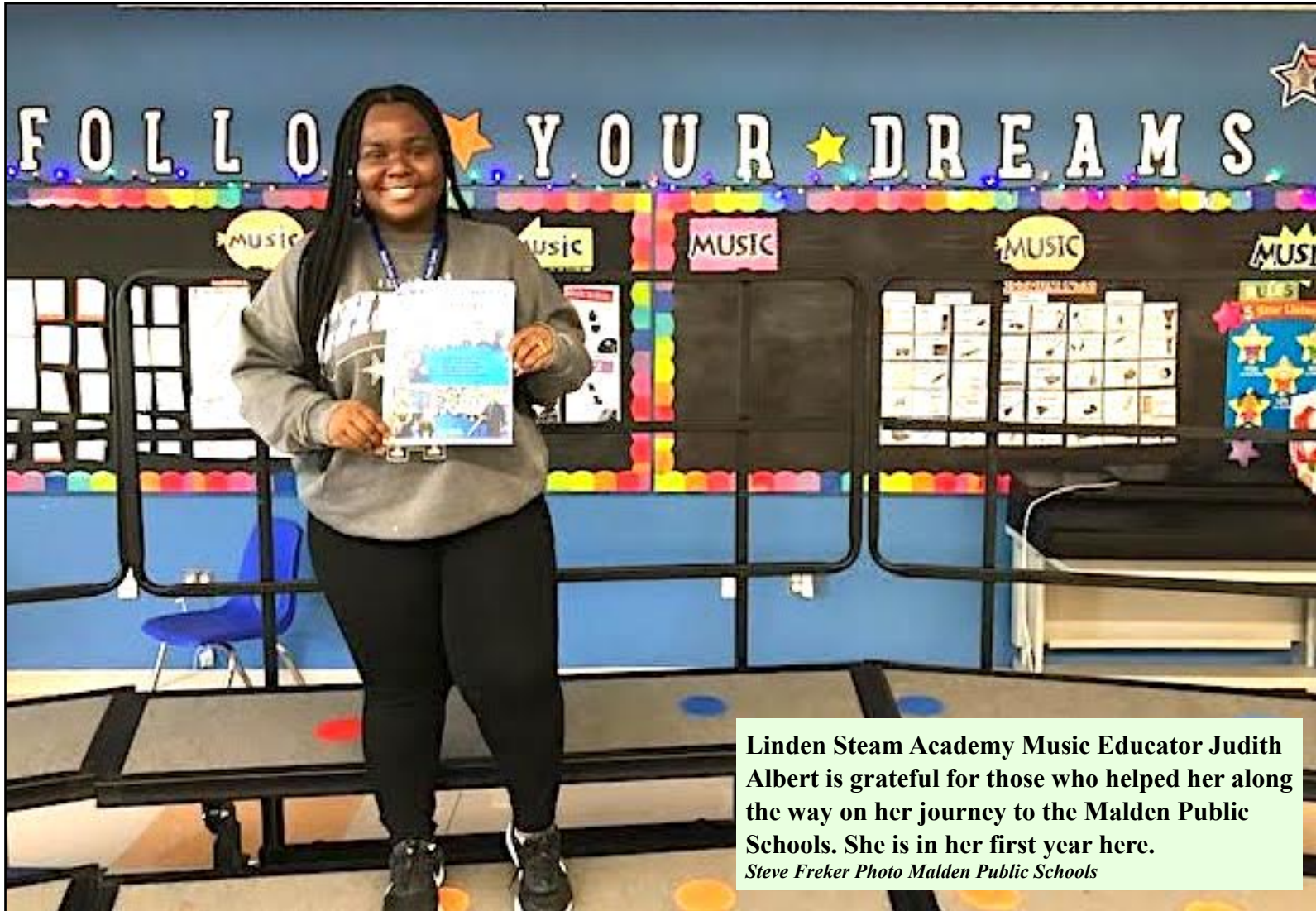
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*Bringing the
GOOD NEWS
from our District to
the Families, Staff
& Students of
the Malden
Public Schools*



Singing Her Praises

Linden Steam Academy Music Educator has uplifting story of her journey to the Malden Public Schools



Linden Steam Academy Music Educator Judith Albert is grateful for those who helped her along the way on her journey to the Malden Public Schools. She is in her first year here.

Steve Freker Photo Malden Public Schools

By Steve Freker
For the Malden Public Schools

Judith Albert says she had a passion for music and all that it offers for as long as she can remember.

A first-year Music Educator at Malden's Linden STEAM Academy, she is already passing along her zeal for the musical arts to her young students.

Albert also is ready, willing and able to "pay it forward" when it comes to instilling a love of music and sound to her Linden K-4 music students. She said she finds the Malden Public Schools a rich environment for teaching and learning.

"These students are so enthusiastic about music and I love working with them," Albert said, during an after school Music Club she was hosting at the school for students in grades Kindergarten to Grade 2.

The Linden Music Club also includes students in Grades 3 and 4, and the two groups change every Monday afternoon, for an hour-long session after school. When Albert was a student herself in the greater Miami, Fla. region, she fell in love with music as a young girl, in both performing on musical instruments— the piano in particular — and singing. She both played the piano and sang in her church, growing up, as well as performing informally *Next Page*

Linden Music Educator: She's Paying it Forward

Journey takes Music educator from Florida to Alabama, then to Malden



Linden's Judith Albert passing her love of music on to her students

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at other different venues.

The year before graduation, she got lucky, due to the kindness and ingenuity of a passionate music teacher with whom she was fortunate to take classes in her high school years. This was the same teacher, who "basically gave me all of my piano lessons for free. My family could not have afforded the going rate for lessons, and we were so blessed to have been treated so generously by Mr. Davis."

Albert said the Everglades High School teacher's largesse continued the summer before her senior year of high school. "My teacher loaded up a bunch of us who wanted to pursue music studies in college into a passenger van and we went on a tour of Florida colleges," Albert recalled. "We checked out many great colleges and had one goal in mind—to try and get a scholarship. Myself and others were successful and my college career began." It would not have happened at all without that first scholarship," said Albert, the daughter of immigrants to the U.S. and the first of her immediate family to have attended college.

Albert's studies took her from Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida, on to Mercer University in Georgia and then, way up north for the first time in her life, to one of the most well-known schools in the world, the Boston Conservatory of Music, where she obtained a Master's Degree.

After a few years teaching music at two Massachusetts charter schools, grades 5-8 Pioneer Charter and grades 1-8 at Sacred Heart STEM School, Albert found her way to Malden, where she began teaching music to the youngest students at the Linden STEAM Academy at the start of this school year. So far, as the school year approaches the "home stretch," she told the Malden Advocate, "It's been wonderful!"

Recently, when the Linden administration, headed up by Principal Rafael Garcia, decided to ask the educators if any would like to host a club or other extracurricular activity after school, Albert said "I jumped at the chance." "I have gotten so much help and support in the years that I really needed it, I would really like to do the same for my own students," said Albert, who noted she is now working on her Doctorate of Musical Arts (DMA) degree. "This is the right place to do that, here in Malden."

Superintendent's Message

We have begun the month of May where we draw close to the finish of this school year and plan for the next

Dear Caregivers, Students, Community Members and Partners:

As we approach the end of the 2022-2023 school year, the months fly by very quickly as the school calendars get packed with activities, assessments and culminating in graduation. The last day of school is June 16, 2023.

Also in June our high school seniors from the Class of 2023 are in the spotlight as many activities are planned for them with the highlights being the Senior Prom, set for Friday, May 26 and Graduation Day, Sunday, June 4 at Macdonald

In April, our students, guided by our educators and staff, were very productive in continuing their academic progress as well as being proactive in maintaining their social-emotional well-being. Our clubs and organizations in all of our schools were quite active this past month as were our sports teams at both the high school and middle school levels.

There were many highlights, including a visit by first-term Governor Maura Healey to the Ferryway K-8 School, where she and her staff recognized and congratulated students, school staff and city personnel on Earth Day for a tree-planting initiative as part of the "Greening the Gateway Cities" program. In April we also celebrated special days for honoring our district Education Support Professionals, School Secretaries and Administrative Assistants.

In May, we recognize Principal's Day, Teacher Appreciation Day and Teacher Appreciation Week. Your efforts create wonderful teaching and learning opportunities every single day for students at our schools. Principals and administrators contribute so much to ensure that this important work of educating and keeping students safe is foremost on the list of priorities. We also recognize many students and caregivers through Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Let us all work together to enjoy a great month of May as the completion of the school year approaches. Thank you for all your support!

Sincerely,

Dr. Noriega-Murphy
Superintendent



Supt. Dr. Ligia Noriega-Murphy

May 8-12, 2023



**TEACHER
APPRECIATION
WEEK**

Stop the Stigma: Beebe

Students at the Beebe School participated in Stop the Stigma Day which was marked across the district in March



Stop the Stigma: Salemwood

Students at the Salemwood School participated in Stop the Stigma Day which was marked across the district in March



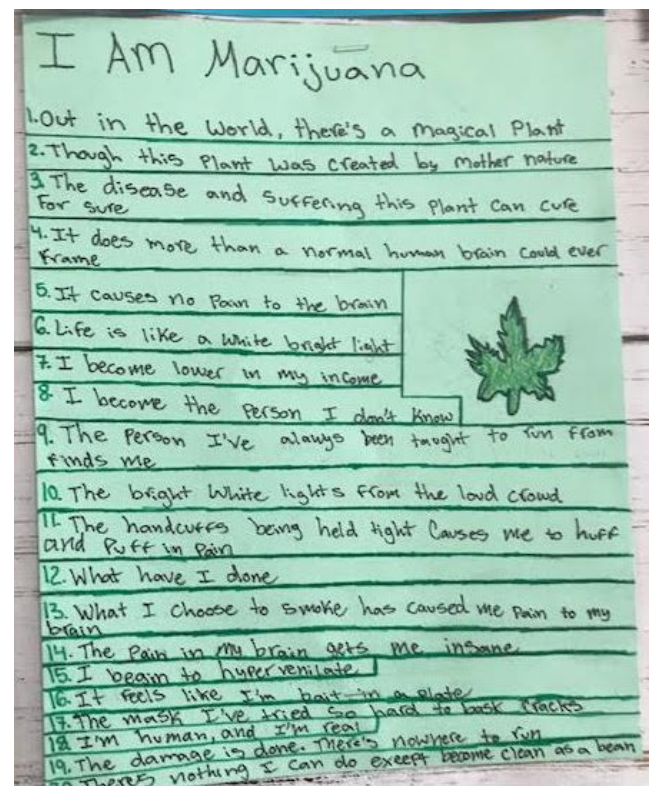
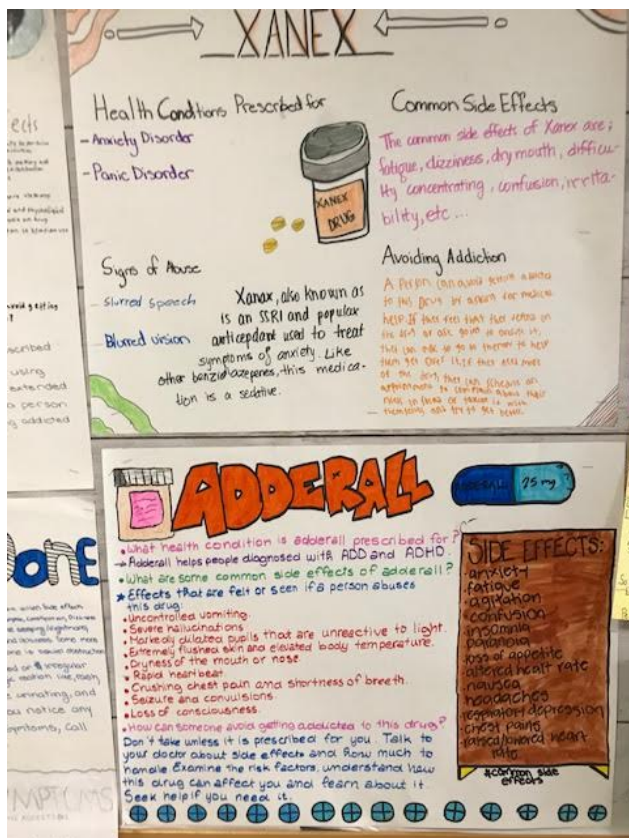
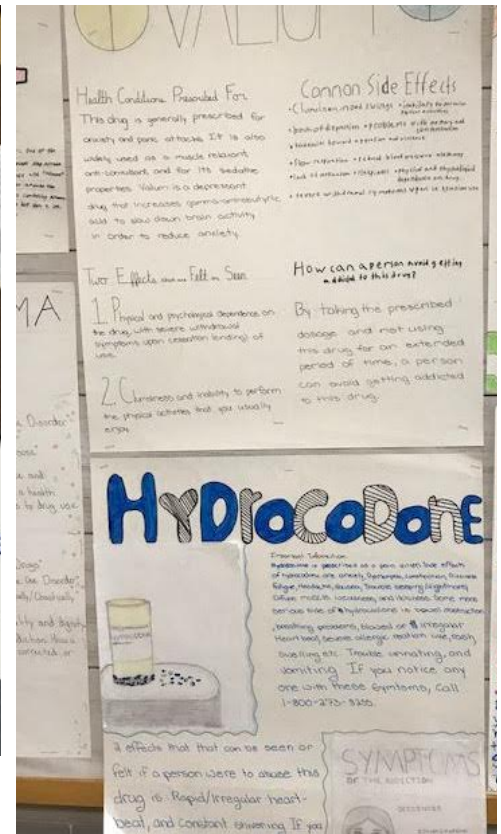
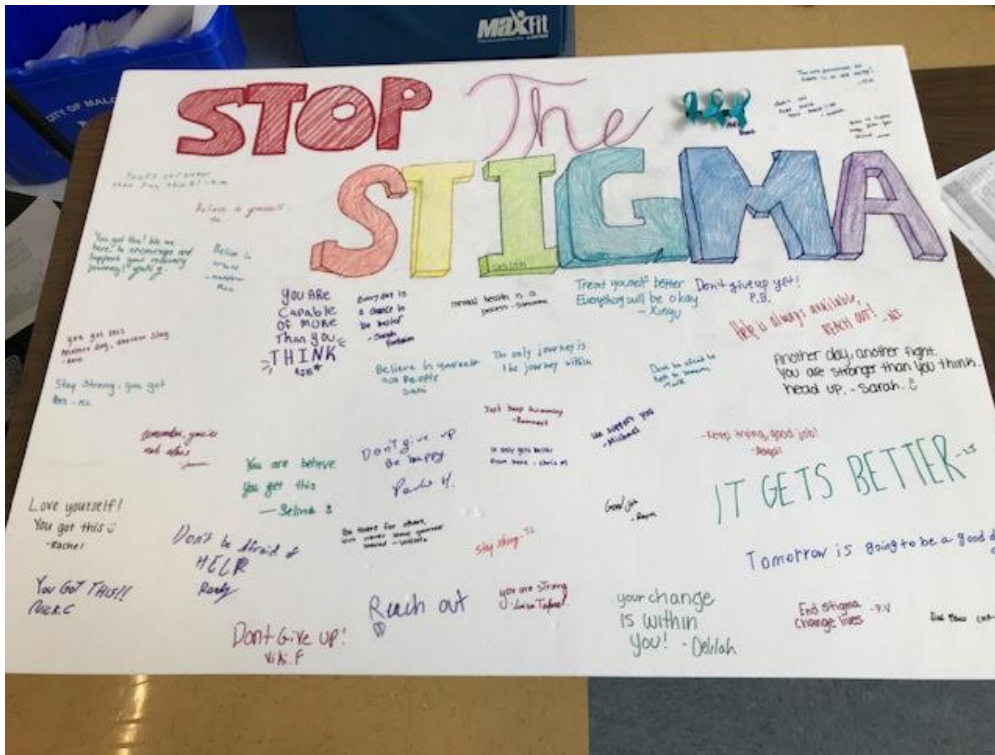
Stop the Stigma: Ferryway

Students at the Ferryway School participated in Stop the Stigma Day which was marked across the district in March



Stop the Stigma: Linden STEAM Academy takes part

Students at Linden create remarkable poster campaign



Stop the Stigma: Forestdale

Students at the Forestdale School participated in Stop the Stigma Day which was marked across the district in March



Supt. Dr. Noriega-Murphy greeted the Forestdale students on Stop the Stigma Day.



MOA officer Dana Brown, a Forestdale alumnus, receives a sweatshirt from Principal Don



**Steve Freker Photos/
Malden Public Schools**

Recovery Coaches @ MHS

CHA-run Malden Teen Health Center is now hosting Recovery Coach Program with Malden Overcoming Addiction group



The City of Malden is pleased to announce the Malden Teen Health Center (Center) at Malden High School which is run by Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), has been hosting the Recovery Coach Program on site every Thursday from 11 AM-12 noon. Located at Malden High School, the Center offers primary care services from physicals to immunizations, mental health care from evaluations to support, as well as sexual and reproductive care education to Malden youth from 12-24 years of age. Malden Recovery coaches Paul Hammersley and PJ Bell will run the effort and they have many years of experience promoting recovery to those seeking or already in recovery from drug and/or substance abuse. Paul and PJ will be excellent resources for students who may need support for themselves, a family member, or a friend. For more information, contact Paul Hammersley at phammersley@cityofmalden.org. To schedule an appointment with the Malden Teen Health Center, please call 781-338-0101.



Malden Public Schools recognized by Disability Commission @ City Hall

CHA also recognized as part of Children's Mental Health Week



Members of the Malden Disability Commission and Mayor Gary Christenson joined together to mark National Children's Mental Health Week by recognizing Malden Public Schools (MPS) Director of Guidance Erin Craven and her school department's Guidance Counselors and Adjustment Counselors for the tremendous work they do with the city's more than 6,500 public schools students on a daily basis. The Disability Commission also recognized Cambridge Health Alliance for their work at the new Malden High School Teen Health Center. Through the efforts of the office of Malden Mayor Gary Christenson and the Malden state legislative delegation, the CHA-run Teen Health Center at Malden High School offers a gamut of free mental health services and other assistance for students ages 12-24, Shown above at a ceremony held Monday at Malden City Hall: A group including MPS Director Erin Craven, fourth from left, center with Mayor Gary Christenson, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ligia Noriega-Murphy, at left, Malden School Committee Vice-Chair Jennifer Spadafora, representatives of Cambridge Health Alliance and members of the Malden Disability Commission Chukwuka Ezewuzie and chairperson Marilyn Andrews. In second photo, Mayor Christenson reads and presents the city and Disability Commission citation to MPS Director of Guidance Erin Craven.

Steve Freker Photos/ Malden Public Schools



We Are the Champions

Spurs take title in Grades 6-7-8 Al Locke Basketball



The Spurs, coached by Malden Public Schools alumnus Keyshawn Bridgeman-Dicks, at right, are your 2023 Champions for the 83rd Season of Al Locke Basketball in Malden. The league, sponsored by the City of Malden through Malden Recreation, featured players in Grades 6, 7 & 8, most of whom attend Malden Public Schools. *Steve Freker Photo/Malden Public*

Our Students Compete

Competition in Academics & Athletics Prepares Our Students for Some of the Challenges They Will Face Later in Their Lives



**In the first week of
Spring Sports our
Malden HS teams
went a perfect 7-0!**



Staying Informed: A Must

'Malden Alerts' wants to keep you 'in the loop'



Malden Alerts (Malden's New Alert System)

Sign up to receive emergency alerts from the City of Malden. These may include information on winter weather, parking, traffic, roadwork, voting, public health and public safety.

Go to cityofmalden.org/MaldenAlerts, where you may choose which types of alert categories you want to receive and you can modify those selections at any time. You will also be able to put in your Malden street address to receive any alerts specific to that location such as roadwork, hydrant flushing, etc. Lastly, you may select to receive alerts in your native language.

We will send you alerts via email, text or voice call. Provide us with your most reliable contact information and also consider encouraging family members or roommates to do the same.

IMPORTANT NOTE! Even if you already receive these types of alerts from the City of Malden, please complete the "Sign Up" form below as this is a NEW alert system. If you do not complete the form, you will not receive any alerts from us in the future.

Instructions in other languages is available when you sign up!

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Look what is coming to Malden Early Learning Center



The playground behind the Malden Public Schools Early Learning Center on Mountain Avenue has been approved for a complete reconstruction. Work on the new facility is expected to begin this summer on the recently-approved, \$900,000 project. Above are some illustrations of what the new playground will look like. ***Courtesy/City of Malden***

At MPS Our Diversity is Our Strength



Bang the Drum... Loudly!
Daniel plays the bongo drum at the Music Club session for grades K-2 at the Linden STEAM Academy. *Steve Freker Photo/MPS*



Afro-Caribbean Dance Team

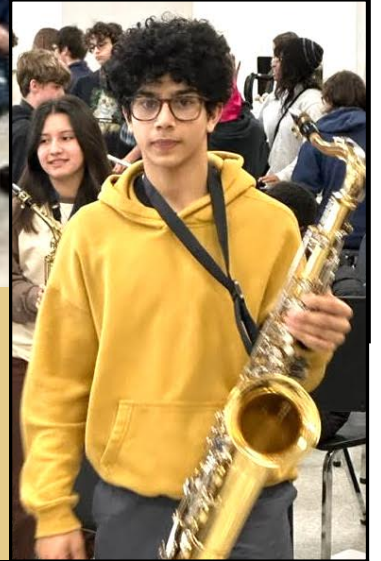
The newly formed Malden High School Afro-Caribbean Dance Team recently performed at an event held at University of Massachusetts-Lowell, along with a number of other high school and college aged dance groups. They were accompanied by advisor Ms. Taysia Holmes, a social adjustment counselor at MHS. The Afro-Caribbean group wowed the crowd at Junior Varieties in their first-ever show this year. *Steve Freker Photo/MPS*

Striking up the Band

Middle School Bands perform with HS counterparts



As part of ongoing programs to help 8th graders transition to Malden HS, the Middle School 8th grade band members came to MHS to perform with their MHS counterparts. Steve Freker
Photos/ Malden Public Schools



100TH GOAL!!!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO JUNIOR CHAD ROBERTSON ON
REACHING THE CENTURY MARK IN CAREER GOALS!



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CHAD
ROBERTSON



CONGRATULATIONS, CHAD! Keep on Scoring!

MPD Autism Acceptance

2023 Autism Acceptance Police Patch Initiative. Donations benefit the @flutiefdn Malden Police have raised over \$725.00, Thank you to everyone who has purchased a patch & made a donation to date- We love our community! <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/>



At Forestdale School: 'Music is All of Us'

Educator Kim Barber held a Music In Our Schools Month contest at Forestdale for two weeks. The theme this year was "Music Is All Of Us". Students had to write a poem, story, draw a picture, compose a piece of music, all representing the theme. They are all hung on the windows at the school.



Baseball is here

Malden High Tornado Baseball joins all the Spring Sports in kicking off their seasons

Malden High freshman Gino Spadafora was all set for action on the first day of the preseason for High School Sports, on March 20.
Steve Freker Photo/ Malden Public Schools



Looking Ahead: 2023-2024 Calendar

MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2023-2024 CALENDAR

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (Grades 1-12): August 30

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for PreSchool and
K: September 7

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL W/O SNOW DAYS: June 12

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 2023 (2 days)						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	28	29	30*	31		

8/28: First Day for All Staff - No School for Students
8/29: Prof Dev Day-All Grds - No School for Students
8/30* First Day of School for Grades 1-12
8/31: Kindergarten Orientation/Screening

SEPTEMBER 2023 (19 days)						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

9/1: No School
9/4: No School - Labor Day
9/5: Classes Resumes
9/5 & 9/6: Kindergarten Orientation/Screening
9/7: First Day of School for PreSchool and Kindergarten

OCTOBER 2023 (21 days)						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

10/3: 11:00 am PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
10/9: No School - Indigenous Peoples' Day

NOVEMBER 2023 (18 days)						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

11/7: Prof Dev Day-All Grds - No School for Students
11/10: No School - Veterans Day
11/22: 11:00 am Dismissal
11/23-24: No School - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER 2023 (16 days)						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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12/22: 11:00 am Dismissal
12/25-1/1: No School - Winter Break

JANUARY 2024 (20 days)						
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1/1: No School - Winter Break
1/2: Prof Dev Day-All Grds - No School for Students
1/3: Classes Resumes
1/15: No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

FEBRUARY 2024 (16 days)						
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2/6: 11:00 am PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
2/20-24: No School - February Break

MARCH 2024 (21 days)						
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3/5: 11:00 am PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
3/29: 11:00 am Dismissal

APRIL 2024 (17 days)						
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28	29	30				

4/2: 11:00 am PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
4/15-19: No School - Spring Break

MAY 2024 (22 days)						
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5/7: 11:00 am PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
5/17: MHS Seniors Last Day of School
5/27: No School - Memorial Day

JUNE 2024 (8 days)						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	

6/2: Malden High School Graduation
6/12: Last day w/o snow days (180 Days)
11:00am Dismissal
6/19: No School - Juneteenth
6/20: 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](https://www.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.



ATTENTION MALDEN RESIDENTS PROTECT YOUR BICYCLE



The Malden Police Department needs help from the Community to combat bicycle thefts. The Police Department would like to work with the community to recover stolen Bicycles. By documenting and retaining the serial number to your bicycle, you can provide valuable information to the Police. This enables Police Officers to be able to identify stolen bicycles when they are in possession of a person who is not the rightful owner.

- ***Invest in a quality bike lock.*** – preferably a U-Lock. You should safeguard your bicycle when unattended by using a heavy-duty locking device and securing your bicycle through both wheels and around the frame to an immovable object. Cables and chains are easily defeated.
- ***Keep a record:*** Record Serial Number- make, model, color. Engrave your name on the bicycle. Take photos of your bike and the serial number
- Park at a bicycle rack if possible – well-lit area

If your bicycle is stolen, immediately contact MPD @ 781-322-1212



LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



Colonial Towns & Townspeople

Salemwood K-8 School Kindergarten Class celebrates history



Salemwood School's youngest students bring some of our nation's History to life!



Over 200 Malden High School students took part in Model UN



MALDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT



the 2023 annual

JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY is here!



Registration going live Monday May 1st, 2023

For students entering the 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade

Questions?

Contact Detective Renee Kelley

781-397-7171 ext.1203

rkelley@ MaldenPD.com

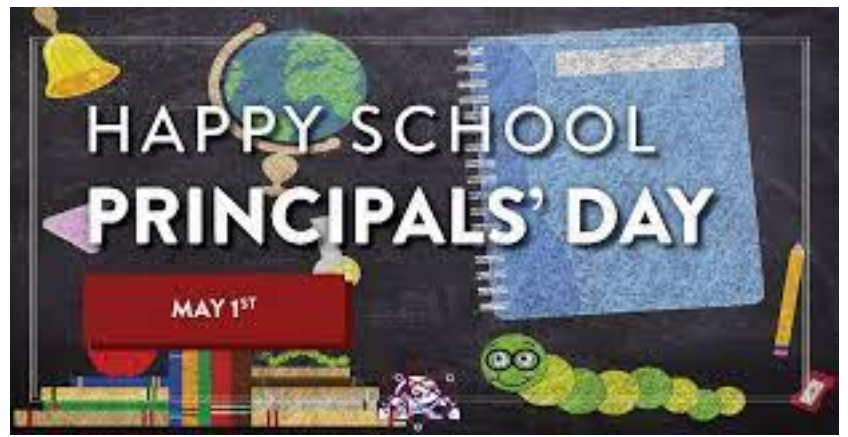
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'2-4-6-8... Who do we appreciate?'

MAY 1— Principals Appreciation Day

MAY 2—Teacher Appreciation Day

MAY 1-8—Teacher Appreciation Week



Eid al-Fitr ("the feast of breaking the fast") marked the end of Ramadan, a month-long fast for Muslims. This year it was held over April 21-22, 2023.

Whoa! Did Our Guy Really Just Do That?



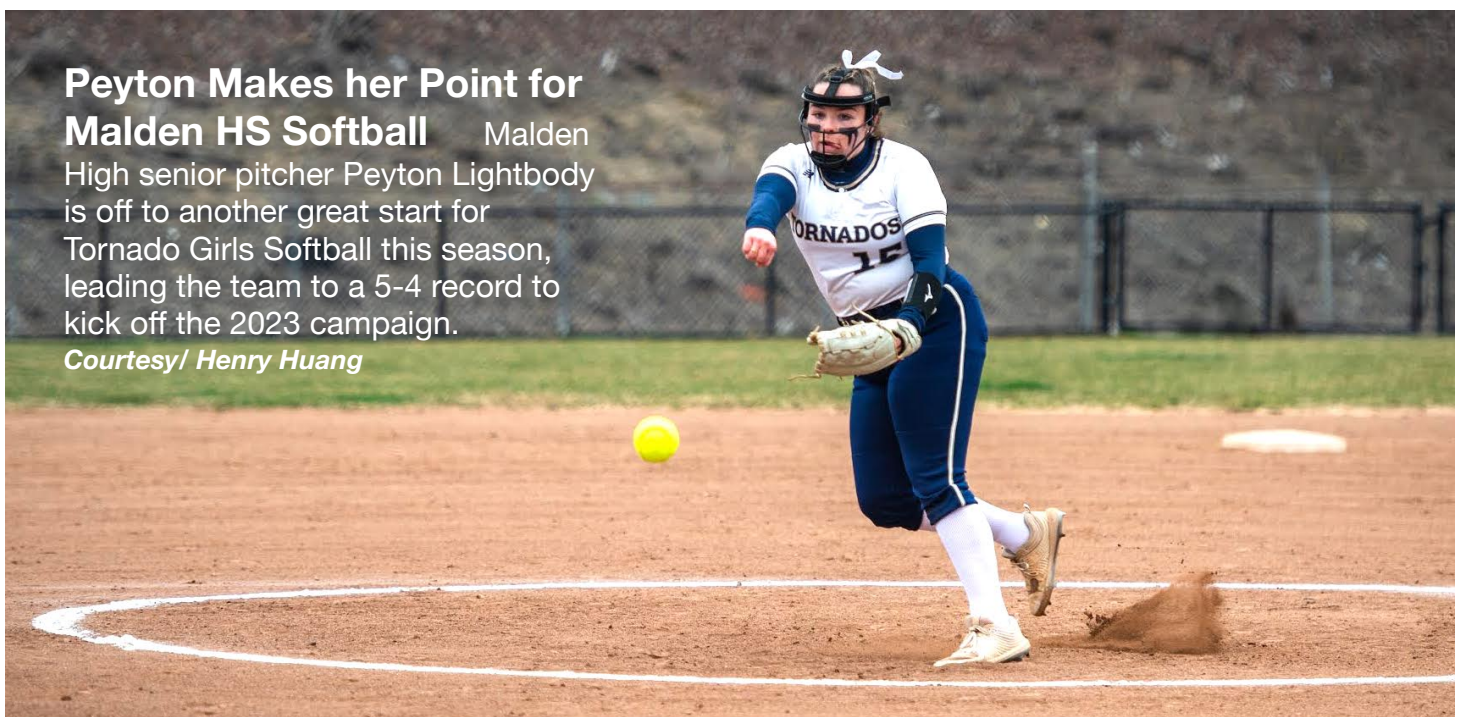
The Malden High School Varsity Volleyball team, including at left, seniors Eric Mei and Jason Song, can't believe what they just saw in a recent match! Malden was tied for first-place in the Greater Boston League coming into the month of May. *Courtesy/ Henry Huang/ Malden Advocate*

Peyton Makes her Point for Malden HS Softball

Malden

High senior pitcher Peyton Lightbody is off to another great start for Tornado Girls Softball this season, leading the team to a 5-4 record to kick off the 2023 campaign.

Courtesy/ Henry Huang



*Last Day of
School!*

JUNE 16

*For ALL Malden Public
Schools Students in 2023*

**MALDEN HS
MAY-JUNE
'COUNTDOWN'**


2023
class of

Thursday, May 18— Haitian Flag Day Celebration

Monday- Thursday, May 22-25— Seniors last week of classes & final assessments

Friday, May 26— Senior Prom (Red Carpet @ MHS, 4:30 p.m.)

Also, Pride Flag Raising Ceremony

Tuesday, May 30— Senior Scholarship Night @ MHS

Wednesday, May 31— National Honor Society Induction @ MHS

Thursday, June 1— Graduation Meeting for Seniors; Senior Cookout & Yearbook Distribution

Sunday, June 4— Class of 2023 Graduation @ Macdonald Stadium

Thursday, June 15— Report Cards distributed for Grade 9, 10, 11 students

Friday, June 16— Last Day of School, 11:00 a.m. dismissal