Superintendent Update

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Friday, November 5, 2021

Hello Bedford School Community,

Bedford Health Dept. COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for students age 5 to 11
The Bedford Health Department will offer a FREE COVID-19 vaccination clinic for Bedford residents ages 5 – 11 years old on Saturday, November 20, 2021. The November 20th clinic will be a first dose clinic for 5-11-year-olds and attendance is by appointment only. The Health Department has received 300 doses to administer.

Clinic Details:
When: Saturday, 11/20/21 from 9 am until 12 pm
Where: John Glenn Middle School, 99 McMahon Road - Gym Entrance
Link to Register: https://FluVaccineRegistration.as.me/COVID19VaccinationClinic5-11

For more information about the clinic or the COVID-19 Vaccine, please contact the Bedford Health Department at 781-275-6507 or visit the Health Department website.

Diwali
Thursday, November 4, 2021, was Diwali which is a festival of lights celebrated by Hindus around the world. The celebration is about the triumph of good over evil. For more information about Diwali please navigate to History of Diwali. Here is hoping that for those celebrating the holiday that your Diwali is free from darkness and abundant with Light.

The Bedford Free Public Library and the Parents Diversity Council Diwali Celebration
The Bedford Free Public Library and the Parents Diversity Council are pleased to join together to present an online Diwali Celebration this Saturday, November 6: Let's Light a Diya! This

event will take place over Zoom and will include stories, a puppet show, and a presentation about Diwali, along with craft kits that celebrate some of the important elements of Diwali.

This virtual event starts at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 6. The Zoom meeting ID is: 891 7900 8728 and the passcode is 089119.

Craft kits are available to be picked up from the children's room in the Bedford Library. The kits include the materials needed to make Rangoli sand art and to decorate a diya (a small clay lamp with a tea light). For more information go to https://www.pdc-bedford.org/events

Veterans Day Reminder
Please note that next Thursday, November 11, 2021, is Veterans Day. It is a Federal holiday and therefore the schools will be closed and no classes will occur. Veterans Day marks the armistice that ended World War I on November 11, 1918. The armistice went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars." In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations…" Since that time our nation has used this day as a day of reflection for all who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. For more information about Veterans Day visit the Veterans Administration website at Veterans Day

COVID Case Updates
Please check the link below to review current and past cases of COVID-19 cases within our school community.

Link to COVID-19 Cases in the Bedford Public Schools This Week

COVID-19 Testing Programs
We continued with COVID safety checks this week for grades Pre-K to 12. This week we completed 319 tests at Davis, 219 tests at JGMS and 115 tests at BHS.. The results of the tests to date have all been negative.We will be testing at all schools next week., JGMS on Monday, Lane on Tuesday, BHS and Davis on Wednesday. We continue to encourage everyone to sign up for the COVID-19 safety tests as a means of keeping the community safe.

BPS COVID-19 Testing Sign Up Link

Vaccination Outreach
We are working with the Bedford Health and Human Services department to reach out to families of students that are currently eligible to be vaccinated but who do not have COVID-19

vaccine documentation on file with our school nurses. If you are contacted we hope you will cooperate and share your child's Covid-19 vaccination status if we don't already have it on file.

<u>Positions available</u>
The Bedford Public Schools are seeking substitute teachers and Special Education Teaching Assistants. If you are interested please apply at [BPS Substitutes](#) or to [BPS Special Education Teaching Assistants](#).

As always, thank you for your patience, your participation, and your continued commitment to our schools,

Sincerely,

Philip Conrad
Superintendent