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## Superintendent Update

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**May 19, 2023**

Hello Bedford School Community,

### Teacher Appreciation Week

Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week this week! Thank you to BEST, MSPA, and the BHSPA for the wonderful meals and gifts. I know that our staff very much appreciated the special attention. We are so fortunate to have extraordinary educators who work tirelessly for our students and families with flexibility, resilience, and care.

### MVSA Annual Scholars Luncheon

Congratulations to Emily Kang and Luca Melfi who were honored at the Merrimack Valley Superintendent's Associations Annual Scholars Luncheon. Both Emily and Luca will receive the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Academic Excellence Award for Bedford High School. Emily and Luca were honored by Ms. Semptembre, Ms. Thyne, and Superintendent Conrad with their parents at Lenzi's Restaurant in Dracut on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

### Can't Stop the Feeling

Congratulations to Ms. Hannah and the entire Davis School family for their presentations this week of Misty the Cloud: A Very Stormy Day." Each concert featured narrators, percussionists, dancers, musicians, and singers. Congratulations to everyone for a wonderful production.

### Bedford Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) Event

The Bedford Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) invites everyone to join them for their end-of-year celebration at Red Heat Tavern on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 7:30 PM. All

are welcome to attend. Come out and meet or join other parents and caregivers of Bedford students receiving special education services. Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

#### Community Inclusion Summit

You are invited to attend a Community Inclusion Summit that [The Arc of Massachusetts](#) Arc is hosting on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, from 10 am until 2 pm at the Lexington Community Center. The goal of this event is to assist community organizations with concrete strategies and techniques for including people with disabilities within their own programs and to provide an opportunity for like-minded organizations to connect. There will be representation from various recreational, cultural, educational, enrichment, and faith-based organizations that are committed to creating a culture of inclusion. For more information please email the Bedford Special Education Parent Association (SEPAC) at [bedfordmasepac@gmail.com](mailto:bedfordmasepac@gmail.com) To register please use this [Link](#)

#### BHS LABBB in the News

Congratulations to our Bedford LABB Students and their interns for being recognized in the most recent [LABBB Collaborative Programs Newsletter](#). The newsletter highlighted the recent Intern Appreciation Breakfast hosted by LABBB at BHS to say thank you to our amazing BHS interns. The interns assist our LABBB students in their classrooms, while interns earn credits through hands-on engagement within the LABBB classroom. Thank you to Principal Gallante for her support of LABBB and the internship program at BHS.

The [LABBB Collaborative Programs Newsletter](#) also had a story about our BHS LABBB students participating in the transition portion of their IEP meetings. Students create a PowerPoint presentation to outline their areas of interest, likes, and dislikes, as well as their future goals. Congratulations to our LABBB students as they begin to take steps towards independent living and decision-making.

#### Performing Arts Department Events

As we enter the last quarter of the school year please be aware that the performing arts department in conjunction with [POMS](#) (Patrons of Music Students) is preparing a number of music events for May and June. We hope you will be able to join us for some or all of these events that showcase our talented musical performers of all ages.

The Lane School Concert on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the BHS Auditorium

The Grade Six Concert on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the JGMS Auditorium

The Grades 7 and 8 Concert on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the BHS Auditorium

#### Lane School's Annual Chalk the Walk Event

This year Lane School will host its annual **Chalk The Walk** event during the week of Monday, June 5, 2023, and run through Friday, June 9, 2023. Our Lane School Chalk The Walk (CTW) is modeled after the [Global Chalk The Walk initiative](#), which aims to build community and make art

more accessible to everyone. Each year, Lane School artists explore a theme to guide their making. Past themes have included "positivity", "kindness", and "community". This year's theme has yet to be chosen. Regardless of this year's theme, students are asked to consider the theme and share words or imagery that represent it. As in the past, we are hoping to have staff from throughout the district participate. Past participants have included staff from all four schools, our School Resource Officer, school counselors, and custodians. The Chalk the Walk event coincides with the Lane School's unit on Artistic Communities.

#### Please Support the Class of 2023 All Night Graduation Party!

For 33 years, beginning in 1988, the BHS All Night Graduation Celebration Committee has held a safe, substance-free overnight party for the graduating class. Throughout the night, the Class of 2023 graduates will enjoy live entertainment, games, trivia, music, prizes, food, and more, at Bedford High School from 10:30 PM - 5:30 AM. Families, friends, and local businesses are encouraged to make a tax-deductible monetary donation or prize donation to support the celebration. To learn more, read our [parent/caregiver letter here](#).

Friends can also support the All Night Graduation Celebration by:

- Volunteering during the party as well as with set-up and clean-up: [ANGVolunteers2023](#)
- Purchasing or picking up food items: [ANGFoodDonations2023](#)
- Donating door prizes: [ANGPrizes2023](#)
- Making a financial donation by check, [Venmo](#), or [Paypal](#)
- Becoming a corporate sponsor: [details on our website](#)

Learn more about the All Night Graduation Celebration by visiting the ANG website: [All Night Grad Party – BHSPA](#). Seniors can purchase tickets [here](#). Financial assistance is available! Email co-chairs Dawn Kociubes and Leah Walton at [BedfordANG@gmail.com](mailto:BedfordANG@gmail.com) with any questions!

#### Dollars for Scholars Fundraiser

The Citizens Scholarship of Bedford is proud to announce the 58th Annual Dollars for Scholars Fundraising Campaign. The campaign is now underway. Bedford High students have recently prepared the Mail-a-thon letters. The letters have recently been mailed to Bedford neighbors in hopes that we will all support the Mail-a-thon as we have in the past. Please continue your wonderful support to help make this year's scholarships for the Class of 2023 the largest awards yet. In May 2022, CSF of Bedford Dollars for Scholars awarded almost \$165,000 to graduating seniors. Thank you to everyone at CSF of Bedford for all that they do to support our students! For additional information, please see their website, [bedfordma.dollarsforscholars.org](http://bedfordma.dollarsforscholars.org)

#### FREE Adult Mental Health First Aid Training

The Town of Bedford Health and Human Services Department in conjunction with their regional partner, the Great Meadows Public Health Collaborative, is pleased to offer a FREE Adult Mental Health First Aid Training at Bedford Town Hall on Tuesday, May 23rd from 10 am – 4 pm. Registration is required. This training is open to those who live and work in Bedford. Information about the training content and details for registration can be found at <https://www.bedfordma.gov/.../Bedford-Mental-Health-First...>

### Math Survey Closing

As a reminder, the math curriculum steering committee's caregiver survey will close on Wednesday, May 24th. Our group of 17 Bedford teachers and administrators have been working together during the 2022-2023 school year in the first phase of a four (4) year Bedford Public Schools Curriculum Review Cycle for grades K-12. We would like your feedback about our identified focus areas. [Link to survey](#)

### Davis Family Picnic

The Davis School is excited to announce that the annual Davis Family Picnic will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023, from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm. All Davis families are invited to come celebrate the end of the school year together. You are welcome to bring your dinner and a picnic blanket or order some food from 'The Cluck Truck'. Bedford Farms ice cream will also be available for purchase. Please RSVP here to help us estimate our needs! [Davis Family Picnic Sign-Up Form](#)

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Assistant Superintendent Dr. Tricia Clifford on her recent certification as a coach for the DataWise Project! Dr. Clifford was recently featured in a [Bedford Citizen](#) article entitled [Data Assessment Considered Integral to Student Improvement](#) by Mike Rosenberg. Thank you Dr. Clifford for all you do to support our teachers, students, and families. To read the article click [HERE](#)

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

Sincerely,

Philip Conrad  
Superintendent