

Letter to the Team #3

Just One Word

It has been a joy and a privilege to visit all of the schools over the past few weeks. Many of you have been sharing your “One Word” with me during this time. Kristi Morrow from Mary Snow School shared her word to be “Relate,” explaining the importance of establishing relationships with people you know as well as those that you will meet. Chloe Schaefer, a fourth grade teacher at Fairmount School, shared the word “Positive,” chosen by the students collectively as a class word; after reviewing each of the individual word choices posted on her classroom wall. I was impressed that each student was able to describe what the word “Positive” meant to them personally. Dr. Adam Leach, Guidance Director at Bangor High School, thoughtfully selected “Partnership” as his one word.

Advanced Placement Home Run

I am continually impressed by the talent pool of the Bangor School Department’s faculty and staff members. Gary Quimby, who teaches Advanced Placement Statistics at Bangor High School, hit the proverbial October home run with 100% of his AP students scoring a passing exam grade. To put this in perspective, the State of Maine passing average is 53.7% and the global average is 57.9%. The fact that all sixteen of Gary’s students passed this difficult test during a global pandemic is a testament towards a dedication for learning and teaching.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Johanna Bridges was recently recognized by Maine World Language Teachers for her project that focuses on the impact of local Hispanic people in the State of Maine. Johanna teaches Spanish at William S. Cohen School. She interviewed forty individuals from around the state for this notable project. Each day she introduces her sixth and eighth grade students to two Hispanic Mainers. Johanna’s project has been shared as a teaching resource statewide and brings awareness to local Hispanic immigrants and their accomplishments.



Hispanos en Maine

Johanna Bridges

Profesión: Comunicadora social y maestra. Enseña español en William S. Cohen.

Nacionalidad: Colombiana. Nació en Bogotá. Vive en Bangor Maine desde el 2000. Le gusta viajar, pasar tiempo con amigos y cocinar postres.

The graphic includes a photograph of Johanna Bridges, a woman with dark hair wearing a red patterned top, standing in front of a colorful mural featuring a butterfly and other figures. The background of the graphic is a vibrant, abstract pattern of colors.

Super Heroes

In closing; my one word is “Gratitude”, I am grateful to work with super heroes throughout the Bangor School Department.



Enthusiastically yours,

Jim Tager
Superintendent
Bangor School Department