



The District Update

Burrillville Public Schools

October, 2017

Welcome to the first edition of **The District Update**! You can expect to see it once a month from now on. There's always a lot going on in our schools, so we hope that this communication will help to bring you all into the loop.

News Worth Celebrating:

- Congratulations to Burrillville's Athletic Director, John Abbate, who was inducted into the Woonsocket Gridiron Club Hall of Fame this month!

Spotlight On Austin T. Levy School:

- Our youngest Burrillville learners are starting the year with some exciting experiences connected to the curriculum. Our science curriculum in the first trimester is focused on the weather - so Levy was thrilled to welcome Meteorologist Ron Trotta, and his companion, Schmittie the Weather Dog! Social studies in Kindergarten and first grade is focused on the community, so students have visited the Harrisville Fire Station and Jesse Smith Library, and they welcomed our School Resource Officer, Dave Beauchemin, into their classrooms to visit and talk about the role the police play in our community.

From the Superintendent's Office:

- Dr. Pallotta is pleased to announce the formation of a Superintendent's Student Advisory Council. Eight students from the Middle School and High School have been invited to meet with Dr. Pallotta to share students' perspectives on district initiatives and to bring forward issues and concerns. The first meeting will be held at the end of the month!

From the Curriculum Director:

- There have been some big changes to our Elementary Report Card this year. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend one of three remaining informational sessions so that they will know what to expect! Anyone from any school is welcome to attend any session - October 26th at 5:30 p.m. in the SFE Cafeteria; October 26th at 6:45 p.m. in the WLC Cafeteria; and November 9th at 5:30 p.m. in the ATL cafeteria. An overview of the changes is linked [here](#). For more information, please contact Julie Mayhew at 568-1301, or mayhewj@bsd-ri.net.

Facilities Update:

- Eccleston Field House underwent a much-needed renovation this summer - new plumbing, new electric, a new roof, and fresh paint inside and out! The work, which was completed on time and ahead of the season, was a great example of team effort. Our athletic coaches helped with the demolition, and our high school students built the new lockers!

Technology Update:

- The 2017-18 school year marks our first year of 100% Chromebook coverage in grades 2-12. Every elementary classroom has a full set of Chromebooks for student use. At the middle school and high school, we are 1:1 during the school day. Each student is assigned his/her own Chromebook - they are accessed from a central location in the morning and used in classes throughout the day, and then returned in the afternoon to be charged overnight. The primary grades have had an influx of 45 new iPads this year, which translates to 5 or 6 devices per classroom, allowing Kindergarten and first grade students to engage in center-based technology-based activities to support their learning.

Upcoming District Events:

- **Our first District Flu Clinic will be held on Wednesday, November 8th, from 4-6:30 p.m. at the Burrillville Middle School!**
- **The Next District Update will be posted on November 20th!**