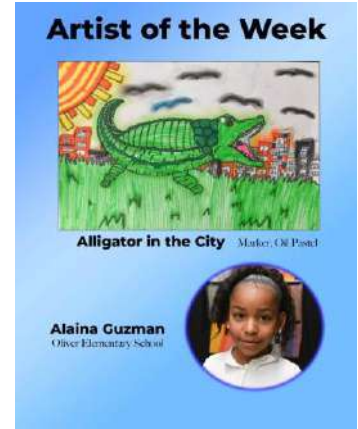


LPS District Update

LAE Meeting

2/14/2023



ACCESS Testing Continues



- Our multilingual students have been hard at work
- We have almost 6,000 students who are coded as multilingual and who are required to complete ACCESS
- The ACCESS testing window has been extended to after February break

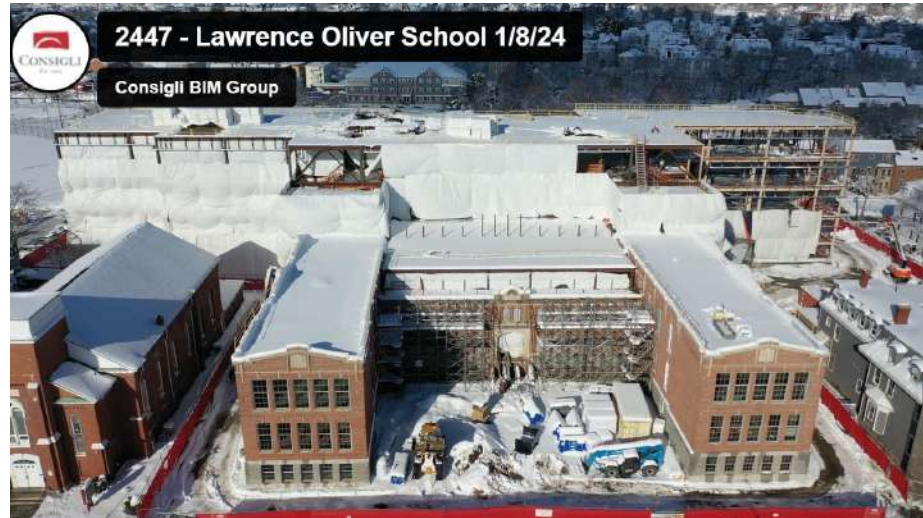
Congratulations, Dr. Spash!

- As many of you know on January 12th, our Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Melissa Spash, was unanimously selected to serve as Superintendent of Schools in Natick
- This is a great honor, as the process was rigorous
- We thank Dr. Spash for her exemplary service to the Lawrence Public Schools as a teacher, middle and high school principal, assistant superintendent, and deputy superintendent over the past 14 years
- Job well done!!!!



Building Projects Update

- Impressive progress at the Oliver and Leahy sites continues
- Structural steel is more than 50% complete at the Leahy site (top picture), where we videoed our LPS Winter Update
- At the Oliver site, work is also progressing – the construction crane has been dismantled and is off site and the building has been tarped (bottom picture)



Lawrence Family Public Academy Update

- On Thursday, January 11th, there was a boiler issue at LFA that necessitated school closure on January 12th, 18th, and 19th
- DOE Policy for kindergarten: acceptable so long as it provides a minimum of 425 annual hours of structured learning time
- LFA's instructional hours for the year were 1,240; without the three days of closure, the 1,219 hours of structured learning time far exceed the required 425 hours



Internet Safety Presentation

- On January 17th, the Leonard School hosted their Family Potluck
- School Resource Officer Hendrick attended to give students and families a presentation on social media and internet safety
- In addition, there was food, music, and a selfie station



MCAC over at HLC

- On January 17th our partners at GEAR UP Massachusetts were at the High School Learning Center to assist students with college applications
- Massachusetts College Application Celebration events have occurred since 2012
- GEAR UP helped LPS seniors complete 462 college applications



Working in Collaboration with LTU

- At the invitation of the Lawrence Teachers Union, several district staff attended the Center for School Improvement Leadership Institute January 18-20th
- The focus was providing course pathways for students that lead to college and career readiness, along with conversations on how to increase vocational education opportunities for students



Luis Salgado with LHS Theater

- Choreographer and director Luis Salgado worked with LHS Theater on January 19th
- Our students worked on scenes and body movement with Mr. Salgado
- LHS Theater is still hard at work on their upcoming performance



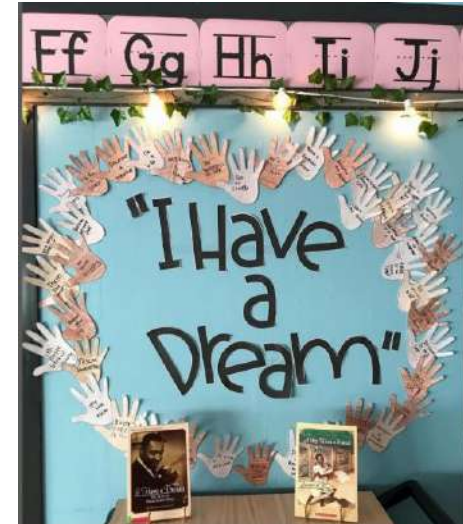
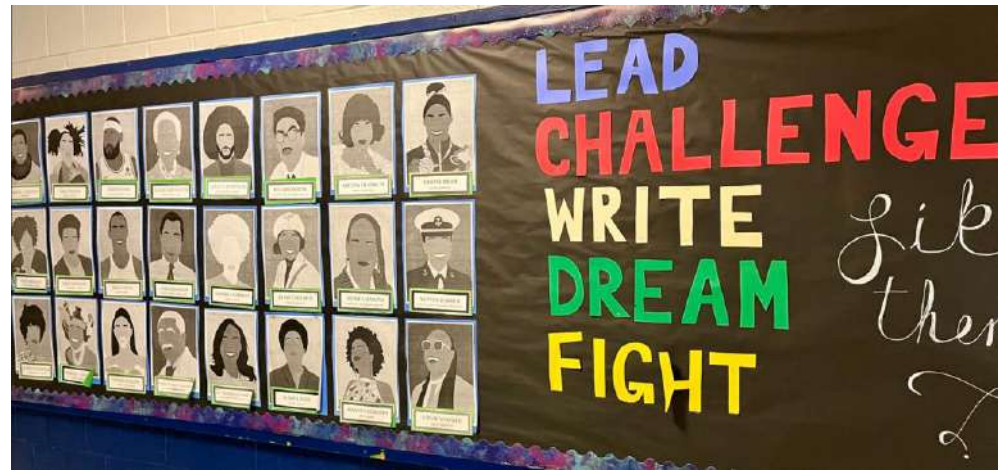
GLTS Information Session

- On Wednesday, January 24th we were able to join our colleagues Betzy, Brenda, and Susan from Greater Lawrence Technical School at the Lawrence Public Library
- Middle school families were given general application information about GLTS, as well as specific information about career and technical education
- Families also got an introduction to the After Dark Program



Black History Month

- Our schools continue to recognize and celebrate black history throughout February
- Schools do this in a number of ways, including history projects and presentations, artwork, and literature featuring black authors and subjects



National Girls & Women in Sports Day

- This is an annual observance during the first week in February
- Sports celebrations are held across the country
- Five events for basketball, soccer, volleyball, swimming, and floor hockey were held across the city through a partnership between Everyone's a Player, the Mayor's Health Task Force and LPS
- On Saturday, February 3rd the Junior Celtics Academy held a basketball clinic at Lawrence High School
- The clinic was attended by girls in grades five through eight who participate in LPS Intramurals through our partnership with the Play Ball Foundation



Middle School Musical Theater Festival

- On Saturday LPS put on a great day-long show in the Performing Arts Center
- 9:00 am Arlington Middle School: *Finding Nemo Jr.*
- 10:00 am Oliver Middle: *Little Mermaid Jr.*
- 11:00 am Spark: *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*
- 2:00 pm Guilmette Middle: *The Addams Family School Edition*
- 3:00 pm Parthum Middle: *Willy Wonka Jr.*
- 4:00 pm Wetherbee: *Matilda Jr.*



LHS Football Update

- Our Athletic Department recently conducted interviews for the LHS Head Football Coach position
- The interview and selection process took two weeks and identified Emilio Colon to be the next Lancer head coach
- Emilio is a 1990 graduate and LHS Hall of Famer
- He was also an NCAA All American at the University of Maine
- Extensive coaching experience



Al Horford Visits the Bruce School

- Al Horford and Melisa Valdez from the Boston Celtics visited students from the Bruce School on February 5th
- Al spoke about moving to the US from Puerto Plata and the importance of teamwork
- Melisa is the Celtics' In-Arena host, and spoke about representation and her experiences when moving to the US from the Dominican Republic
- Students were able to participate in shooting and dancing challenges to win basketball sneakers and Celtics tickets



Celebrating Seniors

- Our basketball teams are celebrating their seniors
- Congratulation to Igor, Joendy, Obbie, Adriel, and Jaiden from the boys squad
- Congratulations to Kelsie, Savannah, Arianna, and Jailani from the girls squad; their senior night is in progress as we speak



South Lawrence East Sweetheart Dance

- Last Friday night, SLE hosted their annual Sweetheart Dance in a packed cafeteria
- Students danced along to the Cha Cha Slide, the Macarena and other fun songs
- Special thanks to Chris (Class of 2016) and Yomayra (Class of 2013) for taking a picture



LHS Cheer in Action

- Our Lancer Cheer Squad did a great job representing Lawrence at the National High School Cheerleading Championships
- They traveled to Florida to be able to compete at Disney in Orlando
- They will be at the winter invitationals at Milford High School this weekend

