

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Town of Berkley
1/3/12

School Committee:
Chairperson: Leslie Hill
Elected 2007; expires 2013

Jennifer Nawrocki
Elected 2011; expires 2014

David Patrick
Elected 2006; expires 2012

Secretary: Susan Rodrigues
Elected 2009; expires 2012

Richard Ruggiero
Elected 2007; expires 2013

Subcommittees:
Negotiations: Leslie Hill, Jennifer Nawrocki
Policy: Susan Rodrigues, Richard Ruggiero
Budget: Leslie Hill, Richard Ruggiero
School & Community Relations: David Patrick, Richard Ruggiero

Somerset Berkley Regional School District School Committee Rep.: Jennifer Nawrocki

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

January 3, 2012

To the Citizens of the Town of Berkley,

I am pleased to prepare my sixth report on education in Berkley. This report covers the actions of the School Committee and events and activities of the Berkley School Department during the 2011 calendar year.

Berkley Public Schools total enrollment on October 3, 2011 was 877 students, with 495 students in Pre-School through Grade 4 and 383 students in Grades 5 through 8. Enrollment declined from last year when we had 501 students in Pre-School through grade 4 and 402 students in grades 5 through 8 for a total enrollment of 903.

The district mission statement and improvement goals for 2011-2012 are as follows:

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The MISSION of the Berkley Public Schools is to provide each student with the values, knowledge and skills needed to reach his or her full potential, maximize achievement and show responsibility in interacting with others in our diverse society. Berkley students will learn that accountability earns respect and that respect leads to dignity. We will provide a learning environment in which each child is provided with many opportunities to become lifelong learners, to solve problems, and encouraged to think creatively.

District Improvement Goals

Goal #1: To support budgets that provide for the educational needs of Berkley Public Schools including: a) reduction and maintenance of small class size, b) addition of programs, and c) integration of technology.

Goal #2: To provide time to allow all instructional staff to develop best practice strategies for curriculum and assessment pedagogy.

Goal #3: To improve MCAS performance as specified in the 2011/12 School Improvement Plans.

Goal #4: To increase communication with parents and all staff associated with the Berkley Public Schools.

The following are highlights of school department and school committee activities for the 2011 calendar year:

January

The Science Curriculum Committees meet regularly at both schools. Community school teachers piloted the Full Option Science System (FOSS) and Houghton/Mifflin (H/M) programs.

This year was the final year of our current technology lease. A new technology lease is recommended to replace teacher laptops, desktops in classrooms at the middle school and

community school, to update wiring at the community school and update wireless linksys routers at the middle school. The technology lease is funded from the school choice account.

Members of the Somerset Berkley Regional High School Building Committee presented a proposed timeline for the project and reviewed the MSBA model school program.

The School Committee approved a budget proposal for 2011/12 in the amount of \$8,381,638.

The District Improvement Plan (DIP) for 2010/11 was reviewed and approved. The District Technology Plan for 2010-2012 was reviewed and approved

The Surround Care Program continues to meet a significant need in Berkley for before- and after-school daycare. The program is a self-supporting program that is well received and utilized by many working parents. It provides a warm, supervised, and enriching environment that is safe, supportive, and creative in response to childcare needs of the community. Registered in the program for January 2011 were 136 children, serving 103 families.

February

A presentation was given on Camp Bournedale, the week-long outdoor education program in Plymouth that our students in grade 6 attend.

NESDEC enrollment projections were distributed. The projections are very accurate and indicate that enrollment will continue to decline in Berkley.

The Committee approved the new technology lease request totaling \$175,711 for 85 new laptops, licenses, imaging, 35 desktops, 10 printers, updated wiring at the community school for Promethean Boards and updated wireless at the middle school.

The Committee approved a revision to the 2010/11 school year calendar to make up an unusually large number of "cancelled school days". They approved "student school day" for students on March 21; it had previously been a scheduled professional day for staff only, which made the last day of school for students Friday, June 17, 2011 (pending no additional school days).

March

The Committee acknowledged and thanked Mr. John Gallagher, Jr. for his hard work and commitment to the middle school girls' basketball team that he coached for 16 seasons.

The Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) notified the school of its intent to do a special education mid-cycle review in late March.

It was reported that the Regional High School Building Committee received approval from MA School Building Authority (MSBA) to build a new high school in Somerset with capacity for 1000 students.

As required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations, the Committee approved the first reading of a policy regarding the Service Animals in Schools; the policy received final approval at its April meeting.

A new software system, Unifund, was purchased from revolving account funds. The new system was needed to update the school department's payroll, accounts payable and general ledger systems.

April

Four Berkley Destination Imagination (DI) teams advanced to the state competition. Several Berkley teams received DaVinci and Renaissance Awards.

One hundred grade six students attended Camp Bournedale's overnight, week-long outdoor education program in Plymouth.

MCAS testing was completed; students at the middle school were served a pancake breakfast on MCAS days on an alternating basis.

The DESE special education department mid-cycle review was completed; only one issue was identified.

Mr. Lynch reviewed the school department's capital budget request.

June 17th was voted the last day of school for 2010/11 (three snow days used).

For the first time in many years, the Committee did NOT have to request permission from the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) to be exempt from operating a high school for the 2011/12 school year.

The Committee approved the Community School and the Middle School Philosophy Statement and Goals.

May - Special Meeting

The Committee discussed Kindergarten enrollment and school choice. Mr. Lynch provided information on the full day kindergarten program, chapter 70 funds and school choice seats in full day kindergarten.

It was reported that the Berkley Finance Committee set the school department budget at \$7,888,343.

Mr. Lynch presented information on changes to the READS Agreement relative to Freetown Lakeville school district and dissolution of READS Corporation. The Committee approved the READS Collaborative Agreement as presented.

May - Annual Meeting

At the May 16 Annual Meeting, the School Committee elected Mrs. Leslie Hill, Chairperson and Mrs. Susan Rodrigues, Secretary. The following subcommittees were formed: Negotiations (Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Nawrocki), Policy (Mrs. Rodrigues and Mr. Ruggiero), Budget (Mrs. Hill and Mr. Ruggiero), School & Community Relations (Mr.

Ruggiero and Mr. Patrick). Mrs. Nawrocki will serve as the Berkley school committee representative on the Somerset Berkley Regional School Committee.

As required by law, a public hearing on the fiscal year 2012 school department budget was held. A budget in the amount of \$7,888,343 was presented. A public hearing on School Choice was held. The Committee then voted to approve school choice seats as follows: 14 (Kindergarten full day), 5 (grade 1), 5 (grade 5), 5 (grade 6) for a total of 29 seats.

The cost of Grade 6 students' attendance at Camp Bournedale in 2012 was discussed. Due to low grade 6 enrollment it was recommended that the program be opened up to grade 7 students if a new program could be developed for grade 7,

Bids were awarded to Bliss Bros. Dairy for school milk, N.E. Ice Cream and Garelick Farms for ice cream, and to eight local custodial companies for school supplies. The #2 heating fuel oil bid was awarded to Peterson Oil for the two school buildings as well as all town buildings. The Committee voted to approve direct certification for free & reduced-price lunches and to participate in the free & reduced price lunch program for 2011/12.

Mr. Lynch was appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of South Coast Education Collaborative, READS Collaborative, R.E.A.D.S. Incorporated, and Project Contemporary Competitiveness (PCC) Board of Directors.

The 2011/12 school year calendar was approved as well as the School Committee meeting schedule.

The Committee approved Taunton Public Schools' request to joint South Coast Education Collaborative.

June

The Committee voted to approve the revised school year calendar for 2011/12 which added professional development days for staff to prepare for implementation of the new science curriculum.

A progress report was given by the superintendent on the school department's 2010/11 goals.

The Committee set the cost for students to attend Camp Bournedale in 2012 at \$325 for grade 6 and \$350 for grade 7.

The 2010/11 School Improvement Plan(s) & Curriculum Accommodation Plan(s) for Berkley Community School and Berkley Middle School were approved as well as the annual approval of the discipline procedures at each school.

Science Curriculum Committees chose new science programs. The community school chose Full Option Science System (FOSS) at a cost of \$38,714 and the middle school chose Pearson Explorer at a cost of \$23,564.

The annual evaluation of the superintendent was completed by the School Committee. Mr. Lynch received “exceeds all” or “meets all” expectations on his annual performance evaluation.

August

The school department was given an anonymous \$1,000 donation to be used for staff professional development.

New goals and ongoing goals for the school department for 2011/12 were presented and approved.

July 1 was the official start date for the new regional grade 9-12 high school (Somerset Berkley Regional High School). A13 was chosen as the architect for the new high school building project.

Substitute rates and non-union rates for support staff were approved.

Approval was given for the superintendent to sign warrants for the cafeteria, TMLP, cellular phones, unemployment and gas and diesel fuel.

Mrs. Hill was named Berkley’s MASC Delegate at the MASS/MASC Joint Conference in November 2011.

September

New staff members were welcomed: Kathleen Rose (Para/TA), Kara Church (IA), Caitlin Mastromarino (Teacher), Mary Schultz (Para/TA), Mary Ellie Constantineau (ABA Tutor).

The regional high school building committee held Open Forums in September and October to solicit feedback from the community on the new high school design plans.

Tuition rates for 2011/12 for K-8 were approved, with no increases. Special education transportation bid was awarded to H & L Bloom.

The Committee voted to request a warrant on the November 2nd town meeting to establish a revolving fund for high school special education transportation.

District mission statement and improvement goals for 2011/12 were approved.

October

A presentation as given on 2011 MCAS results including a comparison with 2010. A three-year longitudinal report was presented that showed how the same student performs from year to year. District wide improvement measures were reviewed.

The MA School Building Authority determined that the reimbursement rate for the new regional high school building will be 67%.

Berkley’s year-end audit was completed with no issues identified.

The Committee approved Acushnet Public School’s request to join READS Collaborative.

The Committee accepted a \$750 donation from Mr. John Gallagher, III to be used for the basketball program at the middle school.

November

Social Studies Curriculum Committees were formed at each school to review each grade's program to better align them with the MA state frameworks and new common core standards. An updated five-year curriculum calendar for the district was reviewed.

84% of Berkley's voters approved a new high school building at a special town meeting.

The Committee voted to approve Mr. David Patrick's request to represent Berkley School Committee on the MA Board of Education's Advisory Council for Technology and Engineering Education.

Mr. Lynch attended the MASS/MASC Joint Conference. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Rodrigues were also in attendance when Mr. Christopher Ghilarducci was honored with the MASC Lifetime Achievement Award.

December

The Committee approved the District Technology Plan for 2011-2013.

The Committee approved Norton Public School's request to join READS Collaborative.

NESDEC enrollment projections were presented; as projected, enrollment continues to decline.

Approximately 100 seniors attended the Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 10 which was hosted by the Berkley School Department. Berkley Middle School Student Council students and other school and community volunteers assisted with the day's activities.

At a special town election, a majority of the Berkley voters approved a new high school building project for the Somerset Berkley Regional High School.

The School Committee Newsletter continues to be published each month to keep parents and the community informed on school topics discussed at its meetings. Copies of the newsletter are sent home with students, posted on the district's website www.berkleypublicschools.org and are available at the Town Office Building.

Thank you to School Committee past Chairperson Christopher Ghilarducci, past Secretary David Patrick, and new Chair Leslie Hill, new Secretary Susan Rodrigues and members Richard Ruggiero and Jennifer Nawrocki. Special thanks are extended to the administrative team: Kimberly Hebert (Middle School Principal), Jennifer Francisco (Community School Principal), Melissa Donnelly (Adm. for Student Services), Sarah Cogar (Community School Assistant Principal), William Welch (Middle School Assistant Principal) and Catherine Luke (previous Community School Assistant Principal). We are most fortunate to have this team of dedicated and talented administrators.

I also thank the Central Office staff: Patricia Silvia, Andrea Porter, Stacy Newhook, and Kim Lacerda. Special thanks to John Mendes (Cafeteria Director) and Timothy McCarthy (Director of Building and Grounds) -- their hard work, support and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Additional thanks are extended to the Berkley School Department's excellent faculty and staff and the Berkley community for allowing another year of progress to take place.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Lynch
Superintendent of Schools

BERKLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR 2011-2012

As approved by the School Committee

BERKLEY COMMUNITY & BERKLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

School Open September 6, 2011

Close December 22, 2011

73 Days

School Open January 3, 2012

Close February 17, 2012

33 Days

School Open February 27, 2012

Close April 13, 2012

33 Days

School Open April 23, 2012

Close June 19, 2012

41 Days

Total

180 Days

SCHOOL CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

October 10, 2011 ~ Columbus Day

November 8, 2011 ~ Staff Professional Day

November 11, 2011 ~ Veterans' Day

November 24 - 25, 2011 ~ Thanksgiving Recess

December 23, 2011 – January 2, 2012 ~ Holiday Recess

January 16, 2012 ~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

February 20 - 24, 2012 ~ Winter Recess

March 19, 2012 ~ Staff Professional Day

April 16 – 20, 2012 ~ Spring Recess

May 28, 2012 ~ Memorial Day

BERKLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS P-8 ENROLLMENT

October 3, 2011

Grades	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Ungr. Collab	<u>TOTAL</u>
Community School	74	87	91	93	87										432
Middle School						85	89	106	103						383
Pre-School															62
<u>TOTAL</u>															<u>877</u>

HOUSED AT BERKLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL:	
Kindergarten - Grade 4	432
Integrated Pre-School	62
TOTAL	494
HOUSED AT BERKLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL:	
Grades 5 - 8	383
TOTAL STUDENTS, BERKLEY SCHOOLS	877

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FY '11

APPROPRIATION: 9,261,000
 EXPENDITURES:

1000	ADMINISTRATION	312,146
2000	INSTRUCTION	3,994,229
3000	OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	106,971
4000	OPER & MAINT. OF BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT & GROUNDS	715,782
5000	FIXED CHARGES	887,175
6000	TRANS. TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS	27,060
7000	ACQ & REPLACEMENT OF EQUIP.	32,183
9000	PROGRAMS W/O DISTRICTS SPECIAL EDUCATION	972,349 2,167,881

TOTAL EXPENDITURES - CIRCUIT BREAKER: 20,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES - BUDGET: 9,215,786

BALANCE REMAINING: 45,214

ENCUMBERED FUNDS: 45,214

STATE AID FY'11

CIRCUIT BREAKER	24,785
CHAPTER 70 G.L.	5,109,411

TOTAL RECEIPTS: 5,134,196

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: 9,261,000

NET COST TO TOWN: 4,126,804

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL
BERKLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
“A great place to learn...”



TO: Mr. Thomas Lynch
Superintendent of Berkley Public Schools

It is my pleasure to submit my tenth annual report as Principal of the Berkley Community School. The Berkley Community School continues to grow and develop into a community of learners with a unified focus on student achievement. This year, we have begun to gain knowledge about the Common Core Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics in order to allow us to align our own curriculum materials and documents in order to best meet the learning needs of the children of Berkley. We have implemented the Full Option Science System (FOSS) in Kindergarten through Grade Four. We have also been deeply involved in the self study process of our Early Childhood Programs as we prepare for an accreditation visit by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

The commitment and energy of the teaching and support staff of the Berkley Community School continue to be outstanding. Our school is a child-centered, forward thinking place where members of our school community feel welcome and valued. The enthusiasm of the students and the support of the families associated with our school are exemplary.

The Berkley Community School Philosophy is:

Berkley Community School is a preschool through grade four school in the town of Berkley, Massachusetts. Founded in 1735, the town of Berkley has a population of 5,900. Established as a P-4 school in December 2001, the school currently has an enrollment of 504 students.

Berkley Community School seeks to provide each child with a safe, nurturing, positive atmosphere that will enhance his/her ability to develop as a person. We believe in providing a rich academic environment that challenges each child to achieve at his/her highest

potential. Berkley Community School seeks to teach children to be responsible members of both their school and community by working to build strong relationships among students, staff members and families.

On an annual basis, the students in Grades Three and Four participate in the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) in the spring. The data generated from the results of this assessment, coupled with our own Curriculum Review enables us to plan for the future educational needs of the children of Berkley, and will set us on a path toward our goal of excellence for all. We are working diligently as a staff to increase the proficiency levels of our students, particularly at the fourth grade level. Our school is currently utilizing the Response to Intervention Model for the delivery of instruction in Reading to students at the first, second, and third grade levels. In this program, students are grouped for Reading instruction based on their reading levels, as determined by the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills in conjunction with classroom performance.

Berkley Community School is working diligently to train students, staff and parents in the components of the new Anti-Bullying Legislation recently enacted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Our training includes a partnership with the Bristol County Sheriff's Office, who will provide continued training to our staff this year. Our students have responded positively to the "Power of One" concepts that have been introduced to help combat bullying, and to set a positive tone for our school.

NEW PERSONNEL

I am pleased to welcome the following new members to our staff:

Katie Montigny, School Nurse
Kara Church, Instructional Aide
Mary Schultz, Teacher Assistant
Kathleen Rose, Teacher Assistant
Ellie Constantineau, ABA Tutor

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Catherine Luke, the Assistant Principal for many years, has moved on to assume a Principal role in another district. She served Berkley with distinction, and our entire community joins in wishing her good luck in her new role. Mrs. Sarah Cogar, formerly a grade one teacher, began her role of Assistant Principal at the beginning of the school year. Mrs. Cogar has shown herself to be an exceptional educator, who is respected by students, parents and staff. She is recognized for her child-centered approach, and her commitment to the field of Education, both of which will make her an exceptional assistant principal. Mrs. Cogar oversees the Early Childhood Program as part of her duties. She brings energy and enthusiasm to the position, and we are pleased to have her as part of the administrative team.

CURRICIULUM REVIEW

The Social Studies Curriculum is currently under review. The MA Curriculum Frameworks will be used to ensure alignment of the curriculum. This effort is being coordinated by Mr. Lynch, and executed by a team of capable teachers.

WEBSITE

Berkley Community School is pleased to have a website for students, parents and community members to access in order to learn about our school. On this site, www.berkeleypublicschools.org information about our school, its staff and programs can be obtained. This website is a wonderful way to share information about our school with a wide variety of individuals on the worldwide web.

TECHNOLOGY

During this year, we have continued the installation of Interactive White Boards in our classroom. Funded by the PTO, these boards enable students and teachers to utilize technology in everyday classroom applications. We are grateful to the PTO for their support of this initiative. At present, seven boards have been installed, and two more are slated to be installed in the near future. It is our goal to secure an Interactive White Board for every classroom in our school.

RECOGNITION

We congratulate the following recipient of the Berkley Public Schools' Service Awards for school year 2010-2011. These awards are presented at "milestones" of service to Berkley Public Schools.

15 Years of Service: Michelle Fiola
Tammy Ford
25 Years of Service: Gail Belovich
Mary Kimball

Each month, the Berkley Community School recognizes "Students of the Month". Each month, every classroom teacher and specialist selects a student to recognize. The selections are based upon effort, performance, attitude, and conduct. Students and their parents are invited to attend a "Student of the Month" Brunch with the Principal and Assistant Principal, where they are entertained by various performances by Berkley Community School classes.

GRATITUDE

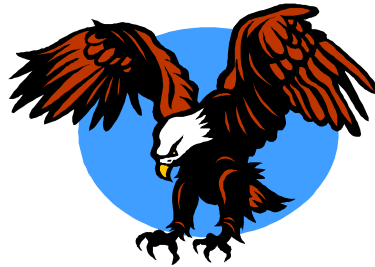
In my tenth year as Principal of the Berkley Community School, I wish to thank the staff of the school for their commitment to the education of our students, their enthusiasm, as well as the support they extend to me in my role. I am so proud to be the Principal of the Berkley Community School! I wish to thank the parents and families of our students for their unending support of our school. Most importantly, however, I thank the children of the Berkley Community School. Your excitement, energy and inquisitive nature make each day of being your principal a joy. Keep up the great work!

In addition to the above personnel, Berkley Community School owes a thank you to the many volunteers, both individuals and groups who enhance our school. We wish to recognize the Parent Teacher Organization, Library Trustees and Friends of the Berkley Public Library, the American Legion/American Legion Auxiliary, the Berkley Garden Club, Police Association, Fire/Rescue Department, Special Education Parents Advisory Council, and the School Council and the Berkley School Committee. The support and contributions of these individuals and groups have been outstanding and are much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Francisco M.Ed.
Principal, Berkley Community School

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL BERKLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL



TO: Mr. Thomas Lynch
Superintendent of Berkley Public Schools

It is with pleasure that I submit the Berkley Middle School's 2011 annual report as Principal of the Berkley Middle School. I am pleased and proud to be a part of a school district which provides students with strong academic programming and a variety of extracurricular activities geared toward the early adolescent. This year we continue to be fortunate to offer and facilitate building and district based professional development in the content areas for our staff with a concentration on Common CORE Standards as well as the review and revision of our Science curriculums. We continued our work this past school year and will continue into the 2011 -2012 school year addressing the following areas: teacher instruction in the areas of writing in all content areas; mathematics, as well as integrating technology across the curriculum in order to meet the needs of our 21st Century learners in a global society.

At Berkley Middle School, we are proud to educate our students in alignment with the Massachusetts Common Core Standards in a manner that is geared toward excellence and achievement for all. The successful implementation of these programs is a joint effort among our school, its faculty and students as well as parents and the Berkley community.

The Berkley Middle School Philosophy reads as follows:

Our philosophy at the Berkley Middle School is based on the belief that the middle level schooling (10 to 14 year olds) is a distinctive level of education. This is based on the belief that each middle level learner has particular intellectual, physical, social, and emotional needs that require appropriately responsive school programs, policies, and practices. We believe that all that teach and assist in the education of the young adolescent continually need specialized preparation in order to understand and respond to the particular needs of this age group.

Instruction of the young adolescent must use educational practices based on the characteristics of the age group, the nature of their learning styles, and the expectations of the community and larger world. To accomplish this task requires a number of key points being reached. As the Berkley Middle School is established, some of the following points have been

addressed, some are in development, and some are long-term goals. We see the following as essential elements to a successful middle school:

- *Educators knowledgeable about and committed to the young adolescent*
- *A balanced curriculum including a strong academic program and exploratory programs*
- *A range of organizational arrangements for scheduling and grouping students*
- *Use of varied instructional strategies, methods, and materials*
- *Comprehensive advising and counseling programs*
- *Recognition of the young adolescent's unique physical, social, emotional, and intellectual status*
- *Assessment procedures that are compatible with the nature of the young adolescent*
- *Open communication and cooperation between all members of the learning community: students, parents, and staff/administration*
- *A positive school climate that fosters cooperation, warmth, caring, safety, and respect*

On an annual basis, the students in Grades Five, Six, Seven, and Eight participate in the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) in the spring. The data generated from the results of this assessment, coupled with our own Curriculum Review Calendar, enables us to plan for the future educational needs of the children of Berkley and will set us on a path toward our goal of excellence for all.

Our enrollment, as of the end of 2011, is 383 students in grade five through grade eight.

PERSONNEL

We are always proud to welcome new staff members to the Berkley Middle School as well as send our fond farewell wishes to those staff members who have retired.

- Stacey Entel – paraprofessional
- Stephanie Perra - retired

CURRICIULUM REVIEW

At the end of the 2010-2011 school year and as we have begun the 2011-2012 school year, our focus has been on writing in the content areas, a focus on our mathematics curriculum in regards to our students/school success on the MCAS tests and aligning our current curriculums to the Common CORE Standards. We are also excited about our new collaboration with the Somerset Middle and Somerset-Berkley Regional High School staffs. As we begin our fifth year of implementation with our Reading Series grades Prek-6, we continue to enhance the educational experience our students receive and continue to raise the bar to challenge them. With our Every Day Math program having been extended to include our Grade 6 students two years ago, completing a systematic approach to the delivery of our Math instruction, the addition of our Math Strategies course in Grade 7 and 8, along with our Academic Support/Enrichment periods in Grades 5 and 6, we should see a concerted effort toward achieving greater success. Under the direction of Christopher Dietz, our Music Teacher, we continue to develop a full music Program that provides opportunities for our students to choose General Music, Chorus or Band. Our students now participate in two concerts annually and are able to have additional music instruction

during their academic support periods 1x per week. The course we redefined last year entitled, Informational Technology as part of our Unified Arts programming, continues to help us address our reading and writing goals while including practical applications for the use of technology in an academic support setting. While our Computer courses have always touched upon internet safety, they have restructured their delivery to include cyber-bullying, which has become such a prevalent part of our learning for middle school students' lives. All students, grades 5-8, participate in these courses, developing skills that address standards of research, writing, awareness, technology and reading comprehension across the content areas. Our Art program continues to provide our students with rich and creative ways to discover their talents and display them proudly throughout our school building. Our Physical Education and Health Programs help support the young adolescent with their growth and physical fitness; teaching them life-long skills, healthy habits and fitness that will carry them well into their adult lives.

TECHNOLOGY

We continue to develop and enhance the implementation of technology integration in our classrooms as well as in our school at large. Our two lap top carts of 25 computers, one on each floor, along with our computer lab, continue to serve as gateways to the outside global world for our students and staff. We continue to upgrade our computer resources with new lap tops and technology that help to address its efficiency as well as purchase new software current in today's technology. We were fortunate to add 7 more classroom LCD projectors to our classrooms as well as 2 document cameras. Our goal continues to be to bring the best instructional technology to the doorstep of our students and staff as they find new and creative ways to challenge them to be competitive in today's world.

STAFF RECOGNITION

We congratulate the following recipients of the Berkley Public Schools' Service Awards for school year 2010-2011. These awards are presented at "milestones" of service to Berkley Public Schools in June at the annual Staff Service Awards.

William Welch	15 years
Elizabeth Terrien	15 years
Rhoda Frelove	15 years
Antoinette Moitozo	20 years

As I begin my fourth year as Principal of the Berkley Middle School, I wish to thank the staff for their continued support and exceptional work ethic. I also wish to thank the parents and families of our students for their unending support and constructive feedback. To our School Committee members, I am so grateful for the support you have always shown our school and efforts. Finally, I wish to thank our middle school students who attend school every day and commit themselves to learning and to becoming the best they can be in this ever changing world.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly D. Hebert, M.Ed.
Principal, Berkley Middle School

School Department Personnel, 2011/2012

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Yr. Appt.</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>College</i>
Andreasen	Dona	Teacher, BCS	2004	MA, BA, AS	Bridgewater, Westfield, Holyoke CC
Arruda	Keith	Teacher, BMS	2004	BA, OD	Boston College, NE College Optom.
Beech	Robert	Custodian, BCS	2010		
Benvissuto	Jeannie	Teacher Asst., BCS	2007		
Bernard	Patricia	Nurse, BMS	1998	BS	Salve Regina College
Blaser	Heather	Secretary, BMS	2000	BA	Bridgewater St.
Bois	Helene	Teacher, BCS	1993	BS	Bridgewater St.
Borges	Kelly	Teacher, BCS	1998	M.Ed., BA	Lesley Univ., Worcester St.
Botelho	Henry	Teacher, BMS	1989	BS	Univ. of MA
Bousquet	Karen	Guidance Counselor, BMS	1998	M.Ed., BS, AS	Bridgewater St., Massasoit CC
Boyle	Amanda	Teacher, BMS	2004	M.Ed., BS	Bridgewater St.
Bringle	Michelle	Teacher, BCS	2007	M.Ed., BS, AS	Am.Int. College, Bridgewater St., Johnson & Wales
Britland	Linda	Cafeteria, BCS	1993		
Buron	Bethany	Teacher, BCS	2008	M.Ed., BA	Simmons, U/MA Dartmouth
Buvarsky	Beth	Teacher, BMS	2006	MFA, BFA	Bridgewater, Roch. Inst., RISD
Cady	Lisa	Teacher Asst., BMS	2010	BS	Bridgewater St.
Campos	Pamela	Teacher, BCS	1995	BS	Bridgewater St.
Carlesi	Rose	Teacher, BCS	1995	M.Ed., BA	Fitchburg, U/MA
Carlstrom	Julie	Van Driver	2004		
Carter	Stefanie	Teacher, BCS	2000	M.ED.,BA	Lesley University, U/MA
Church	Ann	Teacher Asst., BMS	2006		
Church	Kara	Ins. Aide, BCS	2011	BS	Bridgewater St.
Clement	Diane	Teacher, BCS	1999	M.Ed., BA	Bridgewater St.
Cogar	Sarah	Asst. Principal, BCS	2003	M.Ed., BS	Lesley Univ., Bridgewater St.
Como	Paula	Teacher, BCS	2003	BS	Bridgewater St.
Constantineau	Mary	ABA Tutor, BCS	2011		
Cordery	Susan	Teacher Asst., BCS	2007	BS	Plymouth St. Univ.
Cortese	Denise	Adj. Counselor	2006	M.Ed., BS, AS	U/MA, Boston State

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Costa	Katelyn	S. Care, BCS	2006		
Crockett-Hicks	Patrice	Teacher, BCS	1992	M.Ed., BS	Simmons, Univ. of Maine
Czorny	Deborah	Teacher, BCS	2002	BS	No. Adams St.
Dietz	Christopher	Teacher, BMS	2007	BS	Rhode Island College
Dietz	Laura	Teacher, BCS	2008	BS	Rhode Island College
DiMascio	Theresa	Teacher, BCS	2006	M.Ed., BS, BA	Bridgewater St.
Dodd	Catherine	Teacher, BMS	2008	BS	CA State Univ.
Doehler	Heather	Ins. Aide, BCS	2007	BS	Bridgewater St.
Donnelly	Melissa	Admin. Student Services	2009	M.Ed., BA	Bridgewater St., U/MA Amherst
Donovan	Danielle	Teacher Asst., BMS	2000		
Duddy	Jay	Ins. Aide, BMS	2008	BS, AS	U/MA Dartmouth, Bristol CC
Ells	Lynn	Cafeteria, BCS	2002		
Entel	Stacy	Teacher Asst., BMS	2011	BA	Tufts Univ.
Farias	Jeffrey	Teacher Asst., BMS	2009	AA, BA	Dean, Rhode Island College
Fedele	Donna	Teacher Asst., BCS	1997		
Ferreira	Kimberly	Teacher, BMS	2009	M.Ed., BS	Bridgewater St.
Fiola	Holly	Teacher Asst., BCS	2008		
Fiola	Michelle	Coord., S. Care	1996	BS	Bridgewater St.
Ford	Tammy	Teacher Asst., BCS	1996		
Francisco	Jennifer	Principal, BCS	1993	M.Ed., BA	Fitchburg State, Notre Dame
Freelove	Rhoda	Teacher, BMS	1998	BS	Bridgewater St.
Freitas	Diana	Teacher, BCS	2006	M.Ed., BS	Bridgewater St.
Furrh	Everlyn	Teacher, BMS	2004	BS	Westfield St.
Furtado	Sandra	ABA Tutor	2004		
Gallagher	Debra	Computer Tech., BMS	2001		
Gallant	Lisa	Cafeteria, BMS	2010		
Garretson	Kristina	Teacher Asst., BCS	2007	AS	Massasoit CC
Gauthier	Sarah	S. Care, BCS	2011		
Giuva	Laura	Office Asst., BCS	2006		
Gooch	Elizabeth	Teacher, BCS	1989	M.Ed., BS	Lesley, Bridgewater St.

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Graca	Michelle	Teacher, BMS	2004	M.Ed., BFA	Lesley, NY Ins Tech., Bridgewater St.
Greenwood	Susan	Teacher, BCS	2001	M.Ed., BS	Bridgewater St.
Guilmette	Jamie	Teacher, BCS	2005	M.Ed., BA	Bridgewater St., U/MA Amherst
Hagar	Lucinda	Teacher, BCS	1976	BS	No. Adams St.
Hamel	Brenda	Van Driver	1999		
Hammond	Patricia	Van Monitor	2007		
Hebert	Kimberly	Principal, BMS	2007	M.Ed., BS	Bridgewater St.
Horgan	Donna	Computer Tech., BCS	1998		
Howell	Pamela	Teacher, BMS	2002	BS	Boston Univ.
Kimball	Mary	Psych./SPED Coord.	1986	MA, BA	Fairfield St., Stonehill Col.
Kleinen	Lori	Teacher, BCS	2006	MA, BA, AA	Bridgewater, U/CA, SB, Ventura Col.
Lacerda	Kim	Sec., Student Services	2009		
Lacroix	Sara	S. Care, BCS	2007	BS	Bridgewater St.
Laroche	Maurice	Custodian, BCS	1993		
Lemaire	Karen	Teacher, BCS	2005	BA, M.Ed.	Bridgewater St.
Levesque	Charles	Custodian/Maint., BCS	1999		
Levesque	Deborah	Teacher, BCS	2002	M.Ed., BS	Bridgewater St.
Lincoln	Sonia	Teacher, BCS	2006	BA	Rhode Island College, Bristol CC
Lindsay	Maureen	Teacher, BCS	2007	BS	Bridgewater St.
Longe	Jean	Teacher, BCS	1995	BS	Rhode Island College
Lynch	Thomas	Superintendent	2006	M.Ed., BS	Bridgewater St., Framingham St.
Madden	Lori	Teacher Asst., BCS	2010		
Madsen	Donna	Cafeteria, BMS	2007		
Maguire	Candace	S. Care, BMS	1994		
Marcel	Timothy	Teacher, BMS	2006	BS	Rhode Island College
Marden	Christine	Teacher, BMS	2008	BS	Assumption College
Marden	Judith	Office Asst., BCS	2003		
Marshall	Carol	Cafeteria, BMS	2001		
Marshall	Loretta	S. Care, BCS	2002		
Massaro	Karen	Teacher, BMS	2008	BS	Lamar Univ.

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Mastromarino	Caitlin	Teacher, BCS	2009	BS	Bridgewater St.
Mattos	Geraldine	Teacher Asst., BCS	2008		
McCarthy	Timothy	Head Bldg/Grounds	2006		
McNamara	Valerie	Librarian, BCS	1994	M.Ed., BA	Bridgewater St., Emmanuel
Medeiros	Susan	S. Care, BCS	1998		
Mendes	Dianne	Cafeteria, BMS	1995		
Mendes	John	Cafeteria Director	2002	BS	Syracuse Univ.
Mendoza	Donna	Teacher Asst., BMS	2002		
Mickune-Santos	Kyle	Teacher, BCS	2002	MA, BS	Tufts Univ., Boston Univ.
Miller	James	Custodian/Maint., BMS	2004		
Mills	Julienne	Teacher, BCS	2003	BS	Bridgewater St.
Modlowski	Michael	Custodian, BMS	2001		
Moitozo	Antoinette	Custodian, BMS	1998		
Moniz	Claire	Cafeteria, S.Care, BCS	1999		
Montigny	Katie	Nurse, BCS	2011	BS, BS	Univ. CT, MA Coll. Pharm & Health
Morley	Anne	Teacher, BMS	1985	M.Ed., BS	Central CT St.
Neely	Devon	Sp/Lang Path., BCS	2008	BS, MA	U/MA/Dartmouth, Emerson
Newhook	Stacy	Business Assistant	2011		
Nichols	Christine	Teacher, BMS	1993	BS	Westfield St.
Nunes	Lisa	Teacher, BCS	1999	M.Ed., BA	Framingham St., U/MA
O'Connor	Helene	Van Driver	2004		
Pacheco	Jennifer	Secretary, BCS	1999	AS	Bristol CC
Paull	Kimberly	Teacher, BMS	1987	M.Ed., BFA	Rhode Island College, SMU
Perrin	Nancy	Teacher, BCS	1994	MA, BS	RIC, Bridgewater St.
Perry	Andrea	Van Driver	2009		
Perry	Janine	Teacher, BMS	1995	BS	Bridgewater St.
Picard	Susan	Teacher, BCS	1989	BS	Bridgewater St.
Pierce	Kathleen	Teacher, BMS	1990	M.Ed., BS, AA	Bridgewater St. Bristol CC
Porter	Andrea	Adm. Asst. for Bus.	2004	BS	Univ. of W. Florida
Quinlan	Jeanne	Teacher Asst., BCS	2000		

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Racine	JoAnn	Sp/Lang Path., BCS	1993	BS	Univ. of CT
Rafferty	Leslie	Teacher, BMS	1982	BS	Rhode Island College
Renaud	Diane	Teacher Asst., BCS	1998		
Reposa	Kimberly	Teacher Asst., BMS	2005		
Resendes	Oswald	Custodian, BMS	2008		
Reynolds	Lisa	Teacher, BCS	1999	M.Ed., BS	Rhode Island College, Univ/CO
Rockcliffe	Kathleen	Teacher, BMS	2004	BS	Fitchburg St.
Rose	Kathleen	Teacher Asst., BCS	2011		AS Bristol CC
Rudis	Charlene	Teacher Asst., BCS	2003		BA University of MA
Ryan	Valerie	Teacher, BMS	2009	BA	So. New Hampshire Univ.
Sanson	Caryn	Teacher, BMS	1998	BS	Bridgewater St.
Santos	Christopher	Teacher, BMS	2000	MA, BS	TN Tech. Univ., Univ. RI
Schultz	Mary	Teacher Asst., BCS	2011		
Silvia	Patricia	Executive Secretary	1999	BS, AS	Bryant College
St. Laurent	Keri	Teacher, BMS	2006	M.Ed., BS	Bridgewater St.
Sullivan	Dawn	Teacher, BCS	1993	BS	Bridgewater St.
Taber	Mary Lou	Teacher Asst., BMS	2006	AS	Bristol CC
Tavares	Aime	Teacher, BCS	2006	M.Ed., BS, AS	Bridgewater St., BCC
Teixeira	Kathleen	Teacher, BMS	2006	BS, BA	Bridgewater St.
Terrien	Elizabeth	Teacher, BMS	1994	BS	Bridgewater St.
Trottier	Patricia	Office Asst., BMS	2007	AS	Bristol CC
Uon	Christine	Sp/Lang Path., BCS	2005	MS, BS	Bridgewater St., Univ. of NH
Urbanek	Nicole	Teacher, BMS	2004	MS, BS	Bridgewater St.
Veloza	Tracey	S. Care, BCS	1999		
Vieira	Nazira	Teacher, BCS	1995	M.Ed., BA	Cambridge, R. Williams Univ.
Welch	William	Asst. Principal, BMS	2000	M.Ed., BA	Fitchburg St., Bridgewater St.
Williams	Barbara	Cafeteria, BMS	2006	AS	Aquinas Jr. College
Wilson	Patrice	Teacher Asst., BCS	2008		
Young	Ann	Teacher, BCS	2003	M.Ed., BS	Bridgewater St.
Zarlenga	Tricia	Teacher Asst., BCS	2006		Penn Foster Career School