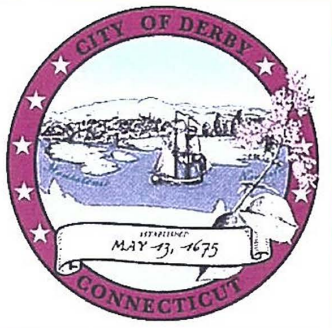


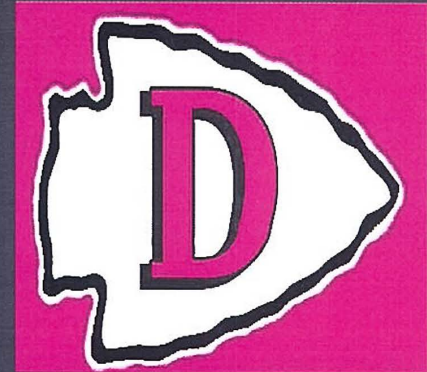
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# National Principal Appreciation Day

May 1, 2025



**Mario  
Ciccarini**

**Bradley School  
Principal**



**Marc  
Russo**

**Irving School  
Principal**



**Rachael  
Caggian  
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**Derby Middle School  
Principal**



**Jennifer  
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**Derby High School  
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# SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY™

**May 2nd  
2025**





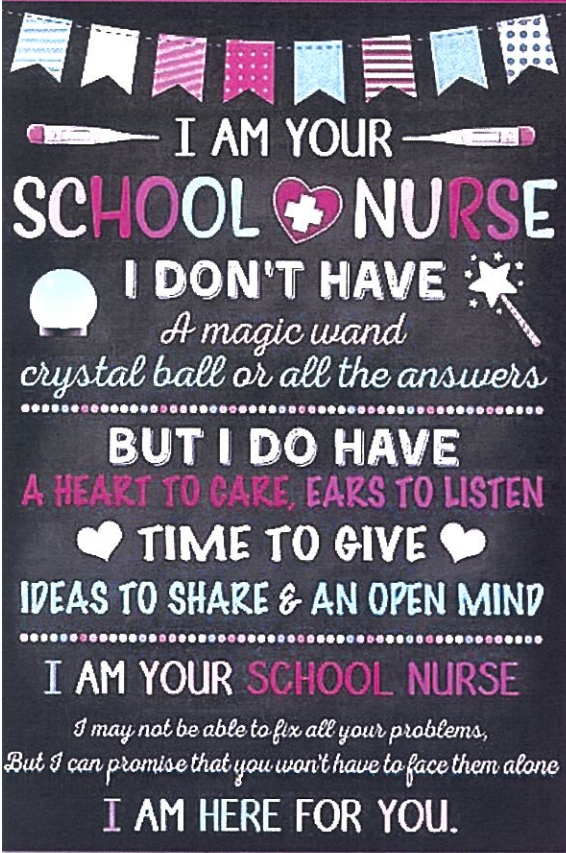
HAPPY  
TEACHER  
APPRECIATION  
WEEK!

THANKS

May 5 to 9, 2025



# School Nurse's Day, May 7 , 2025



School Nurse Day was established to foster a better understanding of the role of school nurses in the educational setting. School Nurses are the primary medical resource for our children and adults during the school day. From administering health screenings to distributing bandaids, a school nurses' job is to help the entire school stay healthy!

**We appreciate you and thank you!**



# School Nurses' Day, May 10, 2023



Taryn Christiani  
Irving School



Diane Zerella  
Bradley School



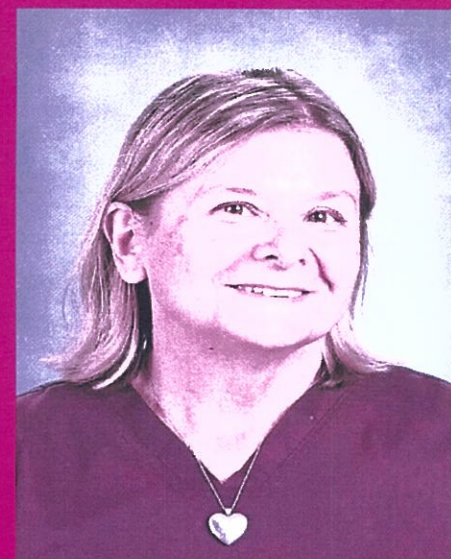
# School Nurses' Day, May 10, 2023



Kristine Vitola  
Derby Middle School



Erin Gregorie  
Derby High School



Bridgetta Germain  
St. Mary St. Michael School

**Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding  
by and between  
WestEd and Derby Public Schools**

Effective October 11, 2024, WestEd (“WestEd”), a multi-state JPA, and Derby Public Schools (“Partner”) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“Agreement”) relating to the Impact Study of ASSISTments Tutoring Program. WestEd and Partner are collectively referred to as “the Parties.”

This Amendment to the Agreement by and between WestEd and Partner is effective as of date the Amendment is fully executed. The Parties amend the Agreement to replace paragraphs in Sections 1, 2, 5, and 9 with the following:

Section 1. Purpose:

School Community Educator Coordinators (CECs), tutors, classroom teachers and their students ranging from grade 3 to grade 8 who are identified by their schools to have a low prior performance in math will be eligible to participate in the study in the 2024-25 and 2025-2026 school year.

Section 2. Terms and Termination

- A. This MOU is effective as of the date first set forth above and expires December 31, 2027.

Section 5. Confidentiality

- D. PII will be destroyed at the earlier of: (1) when the PII is no longer needed for analysis, (2) September 1, 2028, or (3) within 10 days of the termination of this MOU pursuant to section 2.B hereinabove, and delivery to WestEd of Partner’s written demand for destruction of the PII.

Section 9. Partner Responsibility

- C. Partner will provide student level data as outlined below for participating students in the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school year.
  - i. Student name
  - ii. Grade
  - iii. Classroom teacher
  - iv. District ID number
  - v. Date of birth
  - vi. Sex
  - vii. Race/Ethnicity
  - viii. Enrollment status
  - ix. Low-income status indicator (if applicable)
  - x. English Learner status
  - xi. IEP/Special education status

- xii. Contact information for students' parents/guardians
- xiii. State and/or district benchmark assessment data

D. Partner will provide WestEd with rosters of participating classrooms in the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school year.

Except as expressly amended here, no other changes are made to the original Agreement between the parties and all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have, by their respective duly authorized representative, executed this MOU as of the day and year first written above.

**WestEd**

**Derby Public Schools**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Susan Mundry

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Senior Vice President

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Derby Middle School

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Principal, Rachael Caggiano

Assistant Principal, Tracey Quartiano

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## April 2025

### Academics

- Commissioner's Network Bi-weekly meetings began and will continue throughout the school year.
- ASSISTments PLC and ongoing individualized training are provided to Math Department teachers.
- 6th/7th Grade Unified Arts Course Selection Began
- Student Success Team planning meetings held with all grades to review student supports and interventions
- Special Education DMS/DHS Teams meet to discuss the transition of 8th-grade students
- Quarter 3 Report Cards issued via PowerSchool to students and families
- Held National Jr. Honor Society Induction Ceremony - 14 New Inductees [NIHS Class of 2025](#)

### Human Capital

- Attended the Bi-Weekly Principals' meetings
- Attended CAS Executive Board Meeting
- Attended PDEC
- Held Staff Professional Development with the Special Education Department around Executive Functioning and Vocabulary
- Attended Alliance District Symposium - Secondary Math
- Unified Sports Coaches Training by CIAC

### Operations

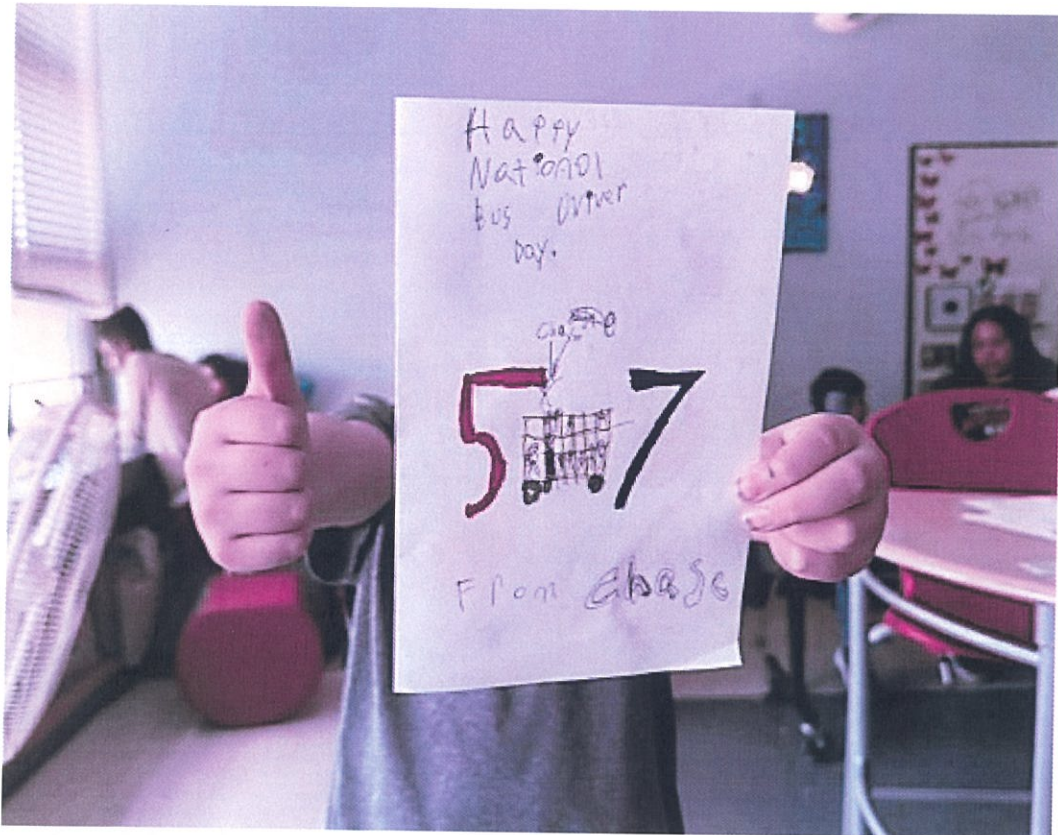
- April Safety Drill held (Fire Drill)
- Attended ACES RCT Monthly Meeting
- 6th/7th Grade Unified Arts Course Selection Began

### Culture/Climate

- Celebrated Para Educator Appreciation Day
- Celebrated National Assistant Principal Week
- DMS Talent Show Held in DMS Cafetorium
- Quarter 3 RISE Rally and Volleyball Game (Students vs. Derby Police Department)
- Celebrated National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- Attended Unified Sports Teammate of the Year Awards



Unified Sports Teammate of the Year Awards 2025  
Athlete - Austin Strackman  
Partner - Makaila Briscoe  
Coach - Mrs. Heather Landolfi

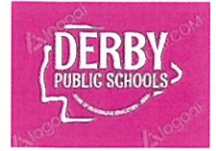


Cards and Gift Bags for National School Bus Appreciation Day



# Irving School

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## April 2025 Board of Education Report

### Academics

- 4/01 - Smarter Balanced Assessment Accommodations/Features Meeting
- 4/01, 4/8, 4/22, 4/29 - Coaches Meetings
- 4/02, 4/9, 4/23, 4/30 - Academic and Behavior Student Support Team Meetings
- 4/07 - Kindergarten and 1st Grade Flexible Friday
- 4/11 - 2nd and 3rd Grade Flexible Friday
- 4/22 - Math USNS Assessment Window Opens
- 4/25 - 4th and 5th Grade Flexible Friday

### Human Capital

- 4/01 to 4/30 - Individual Check-In Meetings with Staff
- 4/02 - Admin Council Meeting
- 4/02 - After School Professional Development - DCF Refresher; Safety and Security; "Speed of Trust" Professional Learning
- 4/8 - After School Professional Development - Team Collaboration
- 4/23 - After School Professional Development - SBA Administration; Foundations Professional Learning
- 4/24 - Attendance Parent Conferences
- 4/24 - Paraeducator of the Year Selection Committee Meeting
- 4/29 - PDEC Meeting
- 4/30 - After School Professional Development - Class List Process

### Operations

- 4/8 - PTO Executive Board Meeting
- 4/11 - 3rd Marking Term Report Cards Issued
- 4/22 - April Emergency Drill (Evacuation)
- 4/22 - PTO Meeting
- 4/28 - Teacher of the Year Nominations Open
- 4/28 - Monthly DEA Building Rep Meeting

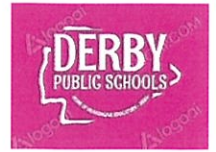
### Culture/Climate

- 4/01, 4/08, 4/22, 4/29 - Talent Show Auditions and Practice
- 4/02 - Paraeducator Appreciation Day Breakfast
- 4/02 - Spirit Day - Light it Up Red for Autism Awareness Month
- 4/07, 4/21, 4/28 - Game Club
- 4/08 - Outdoor Classroom Parent Presentation



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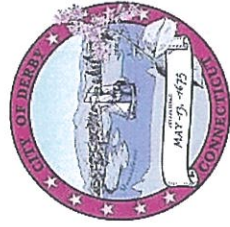
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- 4/09 - Spirit Day - Blend Together for Autism Awareness Month
- 4/10 - Poem in the Pocket Day
- 4/22 - Earth Day Classroom Celebrations
- 4/23 - Spirit Day - Team Up for Autism Awareness Month
- 4/23 - McEducator Night
- 4/28 - Autism Awareness Pick-A-Prize Fundraiser Begins
- 4/29 - Kindergarten Field Trip to Shoprite
- 4/29 - 5th Grade Field Trip to Outdoor Classroom
- 4/30 - Spirit Day - Celebrate Neurodiversity for Autism Awareness Month
- 4/30 - Community Meeting and SBA Pep Rally

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# Early Childhood



# Program ID

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May, 2025



# Pre-K Students



School	Full day	Bus students
3 and 4 year old class	62	15
Itinerant Services Special Ed. Services only	Speech Only - 4	0



# Academics

## Unit Topics: Seeds and Plants

**Big Idea:** Students will be able to identify parts of a plant. Students will be able to identify what a plant needs to grow. Students will be able to identify how weather affects plants

**ELDS Strands:** Early learning experiences will support children to develop....)

- Cognition B:** to use logic and reasoning
- Language & Literacy E:** gain knowledge of print and its uses
- Math A:** understand counting and cardinality
- Science D:** understand physical sciences
- Social & Emotional H:** social relationships
- Physical Dev.C:** acquire adaptive skills
- Creative Arts A:** engage and enjoy the arts
- Social Studies C:** understanding of economic system and resources
- Weekly SEL:** 4 year olds use The Second Step Program 3 year olds use PATHS - Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies





# Operations



What is happening at LRU this April.?

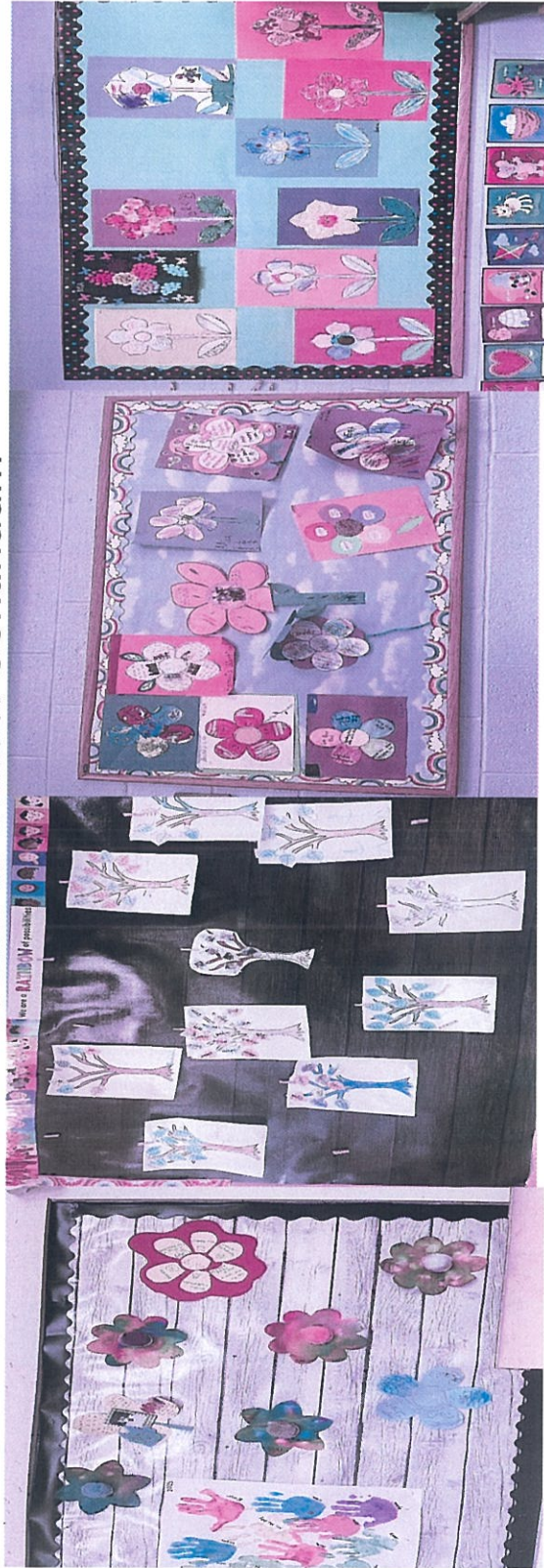




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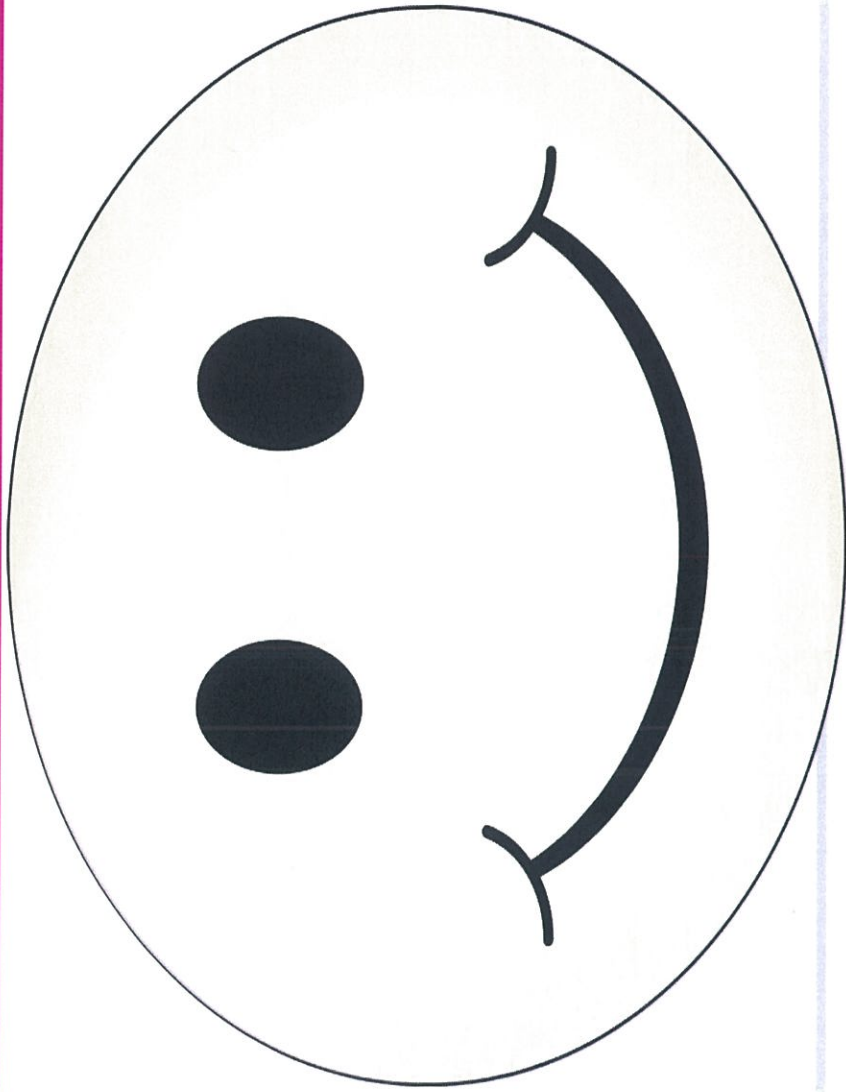


## Home to School Continuum



**Thank you for your time!!!**

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**Special Education  
Derby Public Schools  
Derby, Connecticut 06418**

*Pre K-Elementary Supervisor: Stacey McCoart  
Secondary Supervisor: Brigitta Abakumova*

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**Update to Board of Education - May 6, 2025**

**Our Shared Focus and Priorities:**

- Supporting and growing teacher practice
- Collaboration with and support of families
- Continuing educational opportunities for inclusion and individualized growth
- Develop and grow Special Education programs within the district

**Current Happenings**

**Academics**

- Attending Academic Student Support Teams (ASST) meetings
- Implementation and continuation of Lexia CORE 5 and Power Up Programs
- Conducting evaluations and programming for children transitioning from Birth to Three
- Monitor usage Goalbook to support IEP development and progress monitoring
- Continue Everyday Speech Lessons for SEL
- Conducting initial assessments and re-evaluations to determine eligibility
- Planning and Delivering Scientific Research Based Interventions
- Evaluating caseloads for Special Education Teachers and Related Service Providers
- Fostering and exploring inclusive practices through co-teaching and push in models of instruction and service delivery
- Transition assessments and curriculum provided through Life Centered Education (LCE), Brigrance, Transition Planning Inventory

**Human Capital**

- Planning for Extended School Year and Summer School Programming
- Coordinating staffing and support for all special education programming
- Onboarding new Paraeducators (Irving, DMS, DHS)
- Reviewing applications and holding interviews for Paraeducator positions, special education teachers
- Working with Learning Center Paraeducator and RISE room paraeducator on obtaining RBT certification
- Conducting formal and mini observations of staff
- Ongoing Special Education Department Meetings for all schools
- Mentoring 092 intern at DHS, supporting 092 intern at DMS
- Supporting special education student teacher through process of IEP creation
- Held Speech and Language Pathologist Interviews for the 25/26 School Year

**Operations**

- Attended regionalization meeting with valley superintendents and special ed directors with ACES to discuss collaborative services (4/23/25)

- Drafting goals for IDEA Grant due 5/12/25
- Held Private School Meaningful Consultation meeting with SMSM for IDEA Grant (5/2/25)
- Scheduled meetings to discuss transition of elementary to middle school, middle to high school
- Scheduling and conducting Transition Planning and Placement Team Meetings
- Ongoing weekly check in meeting with BHCare for School Based Services
- Troubleshooting CT-SEDS IEP and 504 programming
- Bi-Weekly finance meetings
- Approving contracts and Purchase orders
- Ordering of supplies and resources for teachers/staff
- Connecting DDS eligible students with DDS, coordinating application process
- Provided transition assessments and curriculum to DMS and DHS staff to support student goal and skill development
- CAS coaching sessions focusing on professional growth goals
- Held para of the year nomination committee meetings
- Districtwide para of the year committee met (4/23/25)

#### **Culture/Climate**

- Celebrated Paraeducator Appreciation Day with a staff Breakfast (4/3/25)
- Planning and Fundraising for Autism Walk and Planning (5/18/25)
- Paraeducator of the Year Nominations reviewed with selection committee
- Autism Awareness UA Day at Irving (4/11/25)
- Best Buddies Friendship Walk
- Attended Elementary Talent Shows
- Provide positive feedback to all staff
- Team meetings with department and new staff/team building
- Coaching and support of new staff in support of students with disabilities

#### **RAISE Academy**

##### **24-25 Focus and Priorities:**

- Establishing and Implementing program expectations
- Prioritize SEL support through twice weekly Everyday Speech group counseling lessons

#### **New/Current Happenings**

##### **Academic Skills:**

IEP Goals and Objectives

##### **RAISE Chemistry:**

Class project designing a bulletin board to describe the different structures and make-up

of the various planets in the solar system.

**RAISE Anatomy:**

Engaging in various interactive activities to learn about the 5 senses.

**RAISE Geometry:**

Using sine, cosine, and tangent relationships to solve for angle and side lengths of triangles.

**RAISE Skills Transition:**

Reviewing the process of obtaining a driver's permit/driving school and providing students with opportunities to prepare for the driver's permit exam through practice tests and activities.

**RAISE English:**

Completing and presenting slideshows connecting various mental health disorders with "Of Mice and Men" characters and theme.

**Human Capital**

- 8 students currently enrolled; 6 IEP, 2 504
- 1 special education teacher, 1 RBT

	Cont. Placement	Moved into District	Moved from DHS	Moved out of District	Moved to DHS	Total
Start	8	0	0	1	6	9
Sept	8	1	1	0	0	10
Oct	9	1	1	0	0	11
Nov	11	0	1	0	0	12
Dec	12	0	0	0	0	12
Jan	12	0	0	1	0	11
Feb	11	0	0	1	0	10
March	10	0	0	0	0	10

April	8	0	0	2	0	9
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**Operations**

- co-teaching model for academic instruction
- Group and individual counseling sessions

**Culture/Climate**

Strong focus and improvements in participation , academic stamina, and positive classroom behavioral habits to develop the skill set necessary to transition into the general education setting



## Bradley School

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*At Bradley School, we leave our P.A.W.S. on everything we do. We **P**ersevere, **A**ct Responsibly, **W**ork and Play Safely, and **S**how Respect. These characteristics define us and help us become positive role models in our school and community.*

### May 2025 Monthly Report

#### Academics

- Ongoing - Flexible Friday schedules (K-1, 2-3, 4-5)
- 4/22 - Math USNS assessment window opens
- 4/23 - Grade 4 Math Bee
- 4/30 - Grade 3 Math Bee

#### Human Capital

- Ongoing - Academic SST meetings
- 4/01 - SBA text feature meeting
- 4/24 - Civic Canopy meeting with Derby Neck Library
- 4/29 - PDEC meeting at DMS
- 4/30 - Valley Community Index Education Meeting (Mario)

#### Operations

- 4/11 - Report cards issued to all students
- 4/24 - Lifetouch Spring Photo Day
- 4/24 - Paraeducator of the Year selection committee meeting
- 4/28 - Teacher of the Year nomination window opened
- 4/28 - April emergency drill (Fire)
- 4/30 - Safety & Security PLC

#### Culture/Climate

- 4/01 - Spring book fair
- 4/02 - Paraeducator breakfast
- 4/03 - Band student celebration (All-City Concert participants)
- 4/04 - Grades K-2 author visit (PTA)
- 4/08 - Outdoor Classroom parent presentation (virtual)
- 4/09 - Talent Show for Grades K-2



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Athletic Director, Jennifer Moffat CMAA



- Jaylen Titus was formerly honored at the National Football Foundation Casey O'Brien New Haven Chapter Scholar Athlete Banquet on 4/27
- We celebrated our Unified Sports Player of the Year Antonio Ortiz and Partner of the Year Emma Hyder at the banquet on 4/28
- Baseball played Naugatuck at Dunkin Park in Hartford on 4/24 which is always an exciting experience for the team
- Our Unified Sports team at DHS has hosted our DMS team for volleyball and kickball. We will be hosting them again on May 7th for a track meet. The DMS Unified Sports team will be hosting the CIAC Cornhole tournament on May 21 3-5pm
- We are currently planning the 14th annual PINK day of games that will be happening on 5/17 to raise funds for the Hewitt Center for Breast Wellness at Griffin Hospital. Senior Kaelyn DiMartino has taken the lead on the planning of the event this year as her National Honor Society Community Service Project. Baseball will play Ansonia at 10am, Softball will play Ansonia at 2pm and Notre Dame vs Stratford softball will play at 5pm with the alumni fun game at approximately 7:30pm. We have almost 100 raffle prizes up for grabs as well as food and music throughout the day
- DHS Spring sports are at the halfway point. The baseball team has 4 wins and the softball team has 3 wins. Track is off to a great start as well with the NVL Championship meet coming up on 5/24 (All info as of 5/1/25)
- DMS spring sports are now in full swing and will continue through May. All teams have recorded at least 1 victory on the season.
- I am continuing to work with Parks & Rec and Public Works to update some field issues that need attention. The roof of the 1st base side dugout still needs to be repaired from the large rocks that were thrown through it. We have new banners with the distances on them but they have yet to be hung by public works. I have sent the Director of Parks & Rec the invoice for the required repairs for the Payden Park scoreboard
- We celebrated our CAS/CIAC Scholar Athletes of the Year at a banquet at the Aqua turf on May 4th



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Principal, Jennifer Olson

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## **Update to Board of Education – April 2025 (Presented May 6, 2025)**

### **Academics:**

- Held Induction Ceremony for National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Italian Honor Society and Tri M Music Honor Society
- Planned Academic Award Night to recognize honor roll, honor societies and scholarships
- Students attended trip to Sikorsky for STEM Career Exploration with tour of facilities and learning activity
- Held Tri-M spring Concert featuring honor society. This was a student-planned and student-led concert.
- Held Career Fair with over 30 presenters and Advisory Activity to expose students to a variety of professional opportunities
- Integrated science students conducted pond water studies at Osborndale Park as part of their unit
- Held campus field trip to Western CT State University for Juniors/Seniors
- Held Practice AP Exams for all AP Courses
- Held NGSS Science Assessment for Grade 11
- Students completed the Griffin Hospital School of Allied Health Careers CNA Program and are preparing for their national exam.
- Trip to Italy!
- Desktop publishing class submitted the yearbook for publication
- Held 2nd Annual Poetry Slam hosted by Ms. Borges. 18 students shared powerful and very moving original poems---a great success!
- Q3 Report cards issued

### **Human Capital**

- Held an April Fool's "Teacher Swap Day" where teachers switched roles for a class period. Math teachers led art, history teachers ran science labs, and everyone enjoyed the twist on their regular routines. It brought laughter, camaraderie, and a fresh perspective to the school day.
- Teachers attended the Alliance District Symposium focusing on secondary math
- Assistant principals attended the CAS Coaching for Growth 2-day workshop

### **Operations**

- Planned Summer School Program for credit recovery (class assignments, teachers, courses, enrollment, fee structure)
- Reviewed 2024-2025 financial spend down w/Admin Assistant
- Hosted a Josten's Junior Ring Presentation (Sophomores)

- Hosted a Lifetouch Senior Portrait Presentation (Juniors)
- Coast Guard recruiter visit to DHS to provide information about career opportunities
- DHS Scholarship Committee Convened to review applications and award local scholarships. 53 students applied this year---the highest # and percentage in recent years
- DHS Students recognized at Elks Scholarship Presentation and Patriotism Award
- DHS Students recognized as Derby-Shelton Rotary Interact Club "Interactors" of the Year.

### Climate/Culture:

- Student Council planned and led the Spring Pep Rally
- Attended spring sports Senior Nights, NVL & state tournaments, athletic signing ceremonies
- Celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week with activities and gifts each day to show appreciation.
- Attended CAS/CIAC Unified Sports Banquet
- Attended the 19th Annual Unified Sports Awards Banquet to recognize our teammates of the year.
- Attended the 63rd Annual National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Awards
- Attended the SCASSA Memorial Scholarship Luncheon to recognize student leaders and present awards to the recipients
- Members of the National Honor Society completed their Group Service Project with the Mayor and conducted a City-Wide Clean Up

From: **Gretchen Marino** <[gmarino@derbyps.org](mailto:gmarino@derbyps.org)>

Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2025 at 11:24 AM

Subject: Regarding meeting this afternoon

To: Jennifer Olson <[jolson@derbyps.org](mailto:jolson@derbyps.org)>

Accept this email as a dated 6/30 resignation. Thank you

**Gretchen Marino**  
*School Social Worker*

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*"Bloom and grow forever."*

May 1, 2025

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Please accept this email as a formal resignation from School Security officer effective on May 4, 2025.

It's been a pleasure working for the Derby Public Schools. Thank you for all your help over the last few years.

Sincerely,  
Shawn Wandel