



# The Norton News

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## MEET MAYOR MURRAY

By The Norton News Staff

Did you know that the mayor goes off the record sometimes? Well, it's true and I can tell you because I've been to town hall and spoke with him! If you think that is interesting, keep reading!

### What does a mayor do?

The Mayor is the spokesman of the town to its residents and visitors. Oversees the town departments. Ensures the safety and cleanliness of the town for our residents and maintains a sound financial backing for the town. A Mayor oversees the town departments and makes sure everyone is doing what they're supposed to be doing to keep the town safe and clean.

### How do you become mayor?

If you are 18 years old and a U.S. Citizen you are eligible to run for mayor. That's it!

### What prompted you to want to become the mayor?

My love of Cumberland and the challenge to make Cumberland better. I was a Councilman before becoming Mayor and was encouraged to run by



people in town.

### How long did you consider it before running?

Approximately 6 months

### What is the most challenging part of being mayor?

Trying to help and listen to all residents and their various needs.

### How much paperwork do you have to deal with?

My assistant takes care of the paperwork. Most of my

correspondence is handled in e-mails and phone calls.

### Do you ever get time to spend with your family?

With 12 grandchildren, not as much as I would like. As Mayor, I am on a 24-7 schedule to be available to all. It is harder to find the time to spend with family now, but I make an effort to set as much time as possible to spend with them.



### What is the most enjoyable part of your job?

Helping our residents and interacting with the youth of our Great Town. Interacting with the residents and youth in town. I enjoy helping others.

### What do you like best about the town of Cumberland?

I love the parks, fields and trails in town, such as Diamond Hill Park and the Monastery Trails. . Also, the great residents living in Cumberland.

### Is there anything you don't like about the town or would like to improve?

There isn't much I don't like about our town. One thing I would like to improve, though, are the roads in town.

### What is the most important goal that you would like to achieve as mayor?

Staying financially strong, help make all of our schools better, and keep the town safe. If we improve schools, more people will want to come live in Cumberland and people will want stay.

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## QUESTIONS ON CUMBERLAND

**Can you explain what the Pride in Cumberland Campaign is? What are some of the key ideas?**

To make everyone aware of our great town. Hearing from our residents as to what they think of Cumberland especially its youth.

**Is planting a community garden a part of your Pride in Cumberland Campaign plans?**

Yes, planting a community garden will be part of our Campaign.

**What are your ideas to include students in the Pride in Cumberland campaign?**

We plan to run a contest for the elementary students and have students submit essays or drawings with their thoughts and ideas about Cumberland.

**How do you plan to involve the community in this campaign?**

With media involvement and sponsorships.

**Do you intend to plant more trees in town to help clean the air?**

We will look into this. There is a tree program state-wide... my staff will look into.

**Why has there been a delay in the ball field construction?**

Bids were over budget. We

hope to begin in the Fall.

**What are some of your plans to improve Cumberland Schools and increase student success?**

The town continues to be a partner in helping the schools as need arises

**What can you do to help teachers be the best they**



Students listen as Mayor Murray answers interview questions. Faith Galvin [In Front] said, "This was such an opportunity! I was honored to interview such an important person. Follow your dreams!"

**can be?**

This would fall under a school topic not the town...

**How are you going to lend a hand to Franklin Farms?**

I will participate in and with the Franklin Farm Association helping educate our students as I have done in the past. I hope to raise awareness of

the programs at Franklin Farm and we're looking to raise money to fix the farm house.

**How many people work at town hall?**

About 40 people work in town hall. There are 149 employees across town.

**How big is Town Hall?**



Students listen as Mayor Murray answers interview questions. Faith Galvin [In Front] said, "This was such an opportunity! I was honored to interview such an important person. Follow your dreams!"

3 stories 13,000 sq ft

## GETTING TO KNOW MAYOR MURRAY

**Where did you grow up?**

Lowell, MA and Bayside, NY. I moved to Cumberland when my oldest son was a baby.

**What was your favorite subject in school and why?**

Social Studies and Geography (deals with earth and life) learning about our country.

**What's your favorite food?**  
Steak and Salad

**Where did you go to college?**

American Banking Institute -Nassau Community College -Hofstra

**Who is your hero and why?**

My Parents. They taught me how to be honest and respectful of others and to work hard.

**What did you want to do when you were young besides being a mayor?**

I like animals so I thought about becoming a veterinarian.

**What was your first career choice?**

Police Officer

**What did you do before you were mayor?**

I Ran a large distribution company.

**What has been your greatest achievement?**

Raising 5 wonderful children and being Mayor.

**Do you have a message or a special quote you would like to share with the students who will be reading this paper?**

Listen to your parents and teachers. Enjoy each day. Be respectful to others. Work Hard In School.

## FAST FACTS ABOUT PORTUGAL



By Eva Abu-Raya

My Dad is sharing these fast facts so you can compare how BORING Portugal is compared to the United States.

There, children are NOT always asking for stuff. Here, people are ALWAYS buying stuff.

In Portugal, it is PROHIBITED to have a fast food restaurant next to a school.

At lunch time you HAVE TO eat healthy stuff and you HAVE TO eat what they give you. They serve healthy food like fruit, soup, salad but sometimes in the summer they serve chocolate ice cream. Very Important - you can't get up until you have eaten all

the food, or almost all the food.

During school in Portugal kids have recess almost all the time. In fact, recess happens SEVEN times a day and is always outdoors, even when it is raining. When it rains they have arcades [covered pavilions] to hang out under.

In Portugal, there are a lot of bullies. I have been through that....well, I was not the one in trouble, but I have seen students bully other students. I tried to help but sometimes I got in trouble along with the bullies just for trying to help. I DO NOT LIKE bullies. In the United States the schools are bully free so I feel more safe and comfortable.

I wanted to share some of the differences between Portugal and the United States with you - Did you ever imagine how DIFFERENT it could be? I think school in Portugal is boring compared to the United States. I have much more fun here.

## NINE MEN'S MISERY: HAUNTED OR NOT?

By Anamaria Gomez-Velez & Samantha Bernardo

WARNING: This article is rated PG 3-5. Grades K-2, Parental Guidance is required before reading!

In the colonial era there was a war called the King Philip's War. It was the most death defying war ever. During the war 9 soldiers were caught by

## MINERALS OF CUMBERLAND

By Jack Bernardo & Zoey Fiorillo

Did you know that Cumberland is very rich in minerals? In fact, Cumberland is considered to be the most mineral rich town in New England! Our most famous local mineral is Cumberlandite and can only be found here in town, specifically at Iron Mine Hill. A few facts about Cumberlandite is that it is magnetic and was used for making cannon balls in colonial times. It is a black & brown rock with white crystals. We saw Cumberlandite on our field trip to town hall and we were able to pass it around to all the journalists!

Other minerals and metals that have been found here in Cumberland include lead, silver, magne-

sia, smokey quartz, granite, iron pyrites, limestone, coal and soapstone. Interestingly, soapstone has been a medium for carving for thousands of years and is used to carve Chinese seals and to cast metals. Soapstone is a metamorphic rock. It is produced in areas where tectonic plates are subducted (point at which a tectonic plate moves under another plate and sinks into the earth's mantle), changing rocks by heat and pressure, with influx of fluids but without melting. Soapstone was mined here and used to line furnaces.

If you want to find really cool rocks and minerals, especially granite and quartz, you won't be disappointed if you explore the trails at Diamond Hill!

the Narragansett Indians and killed in horrible ways. You can see the monument right here in Cumberland in the back woods of the Monastery! It is the oldest war memorial in the country. The grave site has been moved a couple of times because people have disturbed the grave out of curiosity. One rumor is that one man in the grave, named Benjamin Bucklin, was of unusual size and had 2 rows of teeth! Recently, in 2014, Ghost Hunters came to Cumber-

land to investigate the possible ghost haunting in the area from the 9 men who were killed and possibly of monks who used to live where the library stands today. You can watch that episode on the SciFi Channel or on YouTube!

So, next time you go to the library or to the trails keep an eye out for unusual activity, you never know what you may see or hear...

# TOWN HALL TIDBITS

## GOING OLD SCHOOL



By Konnor Klucznik

On a recent trip to Town Hall, we found out about the history of our school. The building has seen many changes. For instance, it was constructed in 1889 as the town's High School. It was called the Valley Falls High School. The building had only 4 rooms and 2 teachers. The first class to graduate was in 1897. There were sixteen students who graduated in a ceremony that was held in the Town Hall. The High School served the entire Town of Cumberland. Students from the northern

end of town had to take a train to get to school. Over the years, many additions to the school were made. In 1985, the building was turned into an elementary school. It is named after a past Superintendent of Schools, Bernard F. Norton. Now the building has over 20 classrooms. An interesting fact I discovered is that the gym is the only part of the school that remains from the old building. I'm proud to attend a school that has such an interesting role in the history of education in our town.

## I WENT TO JAIL!

By Samantha Bernardo

My favorite part of the trip to town hall was when we got to see the old and creepy jail cells. When we first went to explore the inside of the jail cells,



## FACTS ABOUT CUMBERLAND

By Eva Abu-Raya

### DID YOU KNOW... ?

The mayor told us that once, because it was pajama day for his child's school, he went to work in his pajamas for fun too! Believe it or not!

The incredible Town Hall building was built in 1894, there were 8,000 people living in the town at that time! A lot of people, isn't it?

A teacher named Morgan Stearns saved a school house from being knocked down, it is still up and if you want to see it, you can visit it next to the fire station on Nate Whipple in Cumberland.

Someone used to ring the town bell every 4th of July until, one day, the bell broke.

I was very excited until I saw that there was a creepy "guy" down there already! He had NO eyes! It was still fun to see those jail cells.



## THE MANNEQUIN IN THE JAIL

By Allison Nash

Down in the deepest, darkest, and dankest parts of our town hall there is a real life prison !

The first prisom stall was empty but when we looked into the second stall... we saw a MONSTER MANNEQUIN... in sunglasses !

We all screamed, then we were stuck in the cell with that creepy, old mannequin. Well, just long enough to take a few pictures anyways.

## INSIDE THE TOWN HALL

By Samantha Bernardo

On a Norton News staff field trip to the Town Hall we learned many interesting things. It all started when we got inside the town council chambers. We learned a lot about the history of B.F. Norton School and our town of Cumberland. The woman who shared this was us was Arlene Nunn from the Parks and Recreation Department. After that, we got cookies - yay! Ms.

Heather Borges, the mayor's assistant, was super nice and gave them to us. After our snack we met the mayor and went over all of our interview questions. He even let us sit in the councilmen's chairs! We also went and saw the rest of town hall including the mayor's office, his conference room, town records, tax assessor's office and the old jail cells. It was a fun day at the town hall!



## WHAT IS THIS PICTURE?

By Jack Bernardo

These pictures are from town hall and show some of the original architecture from when the building was first built. In the frame is an actual piece of the original wall. The other picture shows one of the original archways. The third picture shows a beautiful light fixture and some original molding still seen today in the town council chambers.

Town Hall was built in 1894; It is 121 years old and still standing. Town Hall was originally called

the Town House and had the town library and jail within in. The Town House was used for everything from town meetings to school graduations and plays.

There are 8 white columns from the original building and we had a scavenger hunt on our field trip to see if we could find them all. I highly suggest you go give it a try sometime!





MEET MISS MACEDO  
By Konnor Klucznik

Have you had a chance to meet Miss Macedo? She's a 5th grade teacher here at B.F. Norton and I was lucky enough to have her as my teacher this year. I decided to interview her to learn more about her. Here is what I found out.

She wanted to become a teacher because she wanted to make the world a better place and make a difference in people's lives. She said she'd always thought about teaching

but also loved writing so at first she worked for Channel 12. She wasn't happy, though, so she went back to school to become a teacher. She went to the University of Rhode Island for her Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and to Rhode Island College for her Master's in Elementary Education and Reading. I asked her what she likes best about being a teacher. She told me she likes getting to work with children, and when they're struggling and all of a sudden they get it after hard work. She said that the hardest part of her job is that there never seems to be enough time in the day!

If she weren't a teacher she told me she'd like to work at another job where she could help people. She told me that in her spare time she practices yoga several times a week, she loves to

bake for her friends and she loves to travel. This summer she is going to Ireland and Costa Rica.

When I asked her if she has worked in other schools besides B.F. Norton, she told me she worked as a substitute teacher in every Elementary School in Cumberland. After that, she worked for three years as a teacher at Cumberland Hill School. When she was in school, her favorite subjects were reading and writing. Now she teaches every subject except math.

I asked her if she ever misses her students when they move on to the Middle School. She said that she does because she gets attached to them and when they leave she doesn't get to see them every day, but sometimes her former students come to visit her.

In Journalism Club we were talking about silly questions to ask teachers when we did our interviews. One of the questions was "What superhero would you want to be?" I decided to ask Miss Macedo if she was a superhero, what superpower she would want to have. She said, "I would want to heal super fast because I'm accident prone!"

In conclusion, I want to tell you about Miss Macedo and how I feel about her. She has been a kind and patient teacher for me. She helps me when I'm struggling with something and gives me extra time if I need it. I have had a great year! I'm sad to be moving on to Middle School next year and she is one of the teachers I will miss most.

your job?  
A: When I see how much the students have grown and learned throughout the year! I always get teary eyes at the end of the year slide show. And so I think, "I can't wait for the end of the year!!!"

Any last thoughts, Mrs. LaCroix? "I remember that when I was little I was quiet and shy in school and I always want my student to feel comfortable and willing to do their best every day!"

## INTERVIEW OF A STUDENT

By Eva Abu-Raya

What's your name?  
Mia DeBarros

How many times have you been jaguar successful?  
Around 3 times.

How old are you and when is your birthday?  
I'm 10 years old and my birthday is December 30th, 2004

What's your favorite food?  
My favorite food is pizza.

What is your favorite animal?  
My favorite animal is the jaguar.

What is your favorite special area?  
My favorite special area is gym, a.k.a. Physical Education.

What is your favorite school activity?  
My favorite school activity is Science.

If you could have a free invitation to any after school program, what would it be?  
It would be journalism.



## THE ROCKIN' ROLLING MRS. RUDE!



By Aminata Gueye, Brianna Grenier, and Melanie Isasis

We interviewed someone the whole world might not know very well... Mrs. Rude! Mrs. Rude is our writing teacher. We chose to interview her because we want the whole world to know about her because she our inspiration. Every day around two o'clock we get the energy just for writing and Mrs. Rude is the person who gets our energy flowing.

Q: How long have you been a teacher?  
A: 26 years in Cumberland and I also taught in Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

Q: When did you know you wanted to be a teacher?  
A: I didn't know I wanted to be a teacher, I just became one. I studied teaching at college because it was a practical career.

Q: What do you enjoy most about teaching kids?  
A: I love watching students fall in love with reading and writing. I also love helping students who struggle with reading and

writing and watch them transform into successful readers and writers.

Q: Do you like teaching 4th grade about colonial people?  
A: Yes, I enjoy engaging kids in a collaborative write around this subject. Students have taught me colonial facts that I have forgotten or never learned. I enjoy reading and analyzing around this topic and I love seeing the kids learn and respond.

Q: When was the best day of your life and why?  
A: On December 31, 2010 my husband and I were in Thailand visiting our daughter, Ashley, who was studying in Southeast Asia. We visited an elephant reserve where we were able to feed and bathe the elephants! Then, that evening, we celebrated New Year's Eve at a restaurant on the Ping River. Fireworks and lit lanterns were released into the night sky. It was a magical experience.

Q: How do you feel about SRSD?  
A: It is my professional passion. Students at B.F inspire me as I watch them develop critical thinking and writing strategies.

Q: The writing expo is coming up. What do you expect?  
A: I expect parents, the district leadership team,

and the Mayor of Cumberland to all see and enjoy the magic of SRSD. I'm especially excited that Dr. Laud will be part of the experience. She is responsible for teaching teachers and students how to implement SRSD. She is the queen of SRSD!

Q: What do you do on your days off?  
A: For fun, I like to take spin and TRX classes at the gym, Running along the Bristol Harbor is another favorite activity. I like to spend time with family and friends. It may sound crazy but I also love planning writing lessons and scoring students' essays.

Q: What would you be if you weren't a teacher?  
A: My husband says I would have been an accountant because I enjoy managing our finances. I think I would have enjoyed being a life coach encouraging people to live their best lives.

Q: If you could be a superhero, who would you be?  
Wonder woman because women have to manage so many responsibilities.

We feel like Mrs. Rude isn't rude at all. As a matter of fact, she is amazing. Who wouldn't like her? We look up to her. Mrs. Rude helps us to be better writers. The best part is that it's fun!



MEET MRS. LACROIX  
By Eva Abu-Raya

Q: What is the best part of your job?  
A: Working with all different children.

Q: If you had another job,

what would it be?  
A: I wanted to be wonder woman

Q: What kind of students do you like?  
A: I like it when students are respectful, responsible and ready to learn!

Q: Where were you born and when is your birthday?  
A: I was born in Traz-os-Montes, in Portugal on December 12, 1971. My family moved to the U.S.A when I was 3 years old.

Q: How many years have

you been at B.F Norton?  
A: 20 years.

Q: What is the most frustrating part of your job?  
A: When students are not respectful, responsible, and ready to learn.

Q: What is your favorite animal?  
A: The B.F Norton jaguar.

Q: What is your favorite math unit?  
A: I like everything that is math.

Q: What is the best part of



## WHO ARE YOU, MISS LARUE ?

By Melanie Isasis

Miss Larue was my third grade teacher. I found her to be kind and she treated everybody equal. Miss Larue is a great teacher and she always finds a way to make learning fun!

Q: How did you get inspired to teach?

A: I have always loved kids and knew I wanted to work with them. My second grade teacher inspired me! Her class was fun!

Q: When you were little, were you a good student?

A: I was always a good student. I worked hard and looked forward to going to school daily. I loved seeing my friends, at times, I was a bit chatty!

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: I have been teaching for 9 years.

Q: How old were you when you started teaching?

A: 24

Q: What do you enjoy most about teaching and why?

A: I enjoy working with children every day, I love to see them learn and grow. I get excited when my students are successful!

Q: If you weren't a teacher what would you be and why?

A: If I wasn't a teacher, I would be a veterinarian because I love animals.

Q: How did you and Mrs. Silva become best friends?

A: We met while working at Davenport's while we were both going to school at RIC for teaching. We realized we were in some classes together and she has been one of my best friends ever since.

Q: If you could be a superhero, who would you be and why?

A: My superhero was always my mom! She is smart, ran a successful business and is always there when I need her. I always wanted to be just like her.



## MRS. CONWAY

By Eva Abu Raya

Q: What is the best part of your job?

A: I get to work with kids.

Q: If you had another job,



## CAN I HAVE A WORD MRS. SANFORD ?

By Melanie Isasis

I interviewed Mrs. Sanford because she is my teacher and she is sweet. She always tries to find a way to make boring things fun. and she is an awesome teacher!

Q: Why did you want to become a teacher?

A: I've always had a passion for working with children

Q: Who inspired you to become a teacher?

what would it be?

A: A Zoologist

Q: What kind of students do you like?

A: Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn students !

Q: How many years have you been at B.F. Norton?

A: 2 years.

Q: What is the most frustrating part of your job?

A: Not enough time to get everything done in a school day.

Q: What is your favorite animal?

A: My second grade teacher, Mrs. Santa Anna

Q: How old were you when you started teaching? How old were you when you starting teaching here at B.F. Norton?

A: I started teaching at 24 years old and I came to B.F. Norton when I was 30.

Q: What were your favorite subjects when you were little?

A: I've always enjoyed Math and English.

Q: Were you a good student?

A: I always tried my best in school.

Q: If you were a superhero, who would you be and why?

A: My superhero is my father because I admire him for his work ethic and compassion. He made me feel safe as a child.

A: Dolphin

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Yellow

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Pizza

Q: Any closing thoughts you would like to share with our readers, Mrs. Conway?

A: I love being a B.F.N. Jaguar! So many people at our school are friendly and helpful. The students here are very hard workers.



## MRS. MEIJA

By Melanie Isasis

Why did you become a teacher?

I think I was always interested in teaching. When I realized that we needed more Spanish speaking teachers to help support the growing Spanish population within RI, I knew I wanted to become a teacher. My goal was to help new students with the transition they go through when they first arrive to the United States. I remember how hard it was for me when I first came to this country as a 13 year old and how frightened I was that none of my teachers looked like me or spoke my language. I just wanted to be part of making a difference. I wanted to be part of the solution and advocate for students and parents who feel as though they don't have a voice.

Who inspired you to teach?

Ummmm. Many things inspired me to teach. My own experiences as a child, being a teacher assistant, my mother who is a teacher, and other teach-

ers I worked with while working in the Providence School Department.

What is your favorite part about teaching and why? That moment when a student says "Oh I get it, that makes sense now!" and the student is able to do his/her work alone. That's my favorite part about teaching because in some way I helped that student learn something new.

How old where you when you started teaching? I was 29 years old .

How long have you been teaching? I'm on my sixth year of teaching.

How did you feel when you got this job? I was thrilled!!! I was jumping all around my house. Called my husband, mom, and sisters to tell them the good news. I could not wait to celebrate with my family.

If you were a super hero who would you be and why?

I think I would be Wonder woman. I love that she is a strong, independent, and smart woman who is able to hold her own along side the boy superheroes like superman. Not to mention she can defend herself.

Mrs. Mejia is so funny. Every time I see her I feel happy because she is so nice.



## THE PIG RACE

By Katlynn Joseph & Casey Holland

As a result of our fall fundraising efforts, BF Norton had pig races on Friday, April 17 for Kindergarten through Fifth Grade in the school gymnasium. There were two parts to the event, a pig fashion show and a pig race. The fashion show winner would win an ice cream party and the race winners would win a pizza party. Third fourth and fifth grades had their own assembly and then kindergarten first grade and second grade had their own assembly. The best dressed pig for the third through fifth grade was named Jig from Mrs. Conway's class. We think that Jig won because he was our school mascot. We had four races and the pig who won each race was put aside for the final race at the end. After every pig had a chance to race, there were four pigs at the final race from Mrs. Silva, Mrs.

Conway, Miss Larue and Mrs. Benevides classes. Mrs. Conway's pig and Mrs. Benevide's pig had gotten stuck together on the metal bar that separated the pigs so they did not end up winning. Mrs. Silva's and Miss Larue's pigs still had a chance of winning, Mrs. Silva's pig was winning, but Miss Larue's pig came back and won the race! This was a great race for all! Miss Larue's class won the pizza party and Mrs. Conway's class won in ice cream party. The winners for Kindergarten through Second Grade were Mrs. Mejia for the fashion show with her class pig named Chloe and Mrs. Simao's pig won the race with her class pig named Piggedy. We felt the whole event was very exciting and we were glad that all grades were able to participate. We hope everyone enjoyed the day as much as we did.

A GREAT TEACHER

By Alize Rodriguez

Do you know a great teacher? I know ONE... Mr. Thompson. I chose to interviewed Mr. Thompson because he is a very smart teacher, he is the most honest and he teaches my class so much information.

FIRST HIS PAST LIFE:

I asked Mr. Thompson questions about where he came from and his start in teaching.

He was born on April 29, 1970.  
He is 44 years old.  
He grew up in Keen, New Hampshire.  
He has been teaching for 13 years.  
He has been at B.F. Norton for 9 years.

NOW. HIS PRESENT LIFE:

I asked Mr. Thomson what helps him juggle the same subjects multiple times a day. He said, "Having a good plan helps with juggling the same subjects multiple times."

MY TIME AT THE SWEET HEART DANCE

By Deanna DaCosta

My time at the Sweetheart Dance was really memorable and even though this was my last year, it was my best year. The theme of



I asked him what he thought about the writing expo. He said, "I'm proud to see students showcase their hard work to everyone".

I asked him what he thought about the assistant super intendant coming into the classroom on the day of the writing expo. He said, "I'm very pleased with the assistant super intendant".

I also asked Mr. Thompson which super hero he wanted to be he said he wants to be the FLASH for a super hero but Mrs. Benivedes wants to him to be robin her sidekick.

I really admire Mr. Thompson as a teacher.

the Dance was Hollywood night and it was an extraordinary theme because I felt like a superstar and I really have a thing for Hollywood! The decorations were amazing because there was a red carpet which really tied in with

AN INSIDERS LOOK: MRS. BENEVIDES

By Deanna DaCosta & Alison Nash

Mrs. Benevides is one of our favorite teachers and we think she is the best math and science teacher we've ever had. So we are going to tell you a little bit about Mrs. Benevides just in case you have her next year. Mrs. Benevides says that she doesn't have a least favorite part of her job because she loves it and her students are respectful

the Hollywood theme! Also, the music that they played was enjoyable. They played Taylor Swift songs and everybody was cheering and let me tell you it was very loud! I've been attending the Sweet Heart Dance since kindergarten with some of the friends I had since then and am still friends with now. My friends are so funny and they made my time there even better. I think my hair and my dress were nice too. My

every day. The reason why she wanted to become a math and science teacher is because when growing up as a child, those were her favorite subjects. Her birthday is October 2nd. She has been teaching for 11 years; that's a long time! One of the hardest lessons she taught us is word problems with fractions.

Fun Facts:  
Mrs. Benevideas gets REALLY excited in math when people grasp on to what she says.  
When asked what superhero she would want to be, Mrs. Benevides said Batman because she wants to ride the bat mobile!  
So, I hope this tells you more about Mrs .Benevides. She is one of the best math teachers I had at Bernard F. Norton and we were very lucky to have her.

dress was black and white with a sash hanging in the middle. I got my hair done at Zaks hair salon, and it was very, very curly. I felt very elegant. The picture frame favor we got at the end was great and I think the picture we took was fabulous! My time at the Sweet Heart Dance was awesome. At the end of the night I was so tired, but overall it was an amazing experience.

WHO IS MISS GLEE ?

By Melanie Isisias & Brianna Grenier

We decided to write about Miss Glee because she is awesome, kind and sweet. To sum it up, she is the best!

What is your life like singing?  
It is a lot of fun. I have the opportunity to sing for people in nursing homes and at fairs. I also enjoy working with young kids for Chorus.

What is it like teaching kids?  
It's like herding cats. Someone once said, "A dog comes when you call it. A cat takes the message and gets back to you. Maybe." Imagine a field full of cats, and trying to round them all up and getting them to all go where you want them to go. A room full of kids at the end of a long school day, full of energy and enthusiasm is not unlike that!

Do you like your singing career?

DAVID ROTTENBERY

By Briana Grenier

On April 13, 2015 an author named David Ira Rottenberry came into our school to read us a story called "Gwendolyn The Graceful Pig". He brought in dancers to 'perform' the story. It is about two pigs named Gwendolyn and Omar who learn how to



Very much.

When did you know you wanted to be a chorus teacher?  
In high school

What happened in high school to inspire you to pursue teaching chorus?  
I was not naturally talented at music. In high school, my piano teacher told my mother I had no musical ability and she was wasting her money. My chorus teacher asked me to just pretend to sing during concerts so I wouldn't throw everybody off. I believe



dance. The story tells that teaching pigs to dance is hard but not impossible. Gwendolyn, who always wanted to learn how to dance, got her friend Omar, who dreamed of

that if the love of something is in you, the ability is in there too, and you just have to work at it and you'll bring it out. So I worked at it. I practiced, a LOT. And I got good enough at it to actually become a professional guitarist and singer. I want every kid who loves music to bring it out - and I will do anything and everything to help!

How did you learn to be such a good singer?  
It takes a lot of practice.

What is your favorite song and what do you like about

playing football, to join her in taking dance classes. After Gwendolyn and Omar finally learned to dance Omar did not show up for class because he had joined the football team! When it came time for them to perform in a big show, Gwendolyn was nervous that Omar would not come but then Omar did show up and he and

it?  
Right now, my favorite song is "That's Amore" (Love) - "When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie, that's Amore..." It makes everybody smile, including me.

How do you get inspired to write songs?  
It just happens. I think of something, and it hits me that there should be a song about it. Sometimes the words come first, and sometimes the melody comes first, but it usually comes together very quickly. Then it takes me anywhere from a week to a year to polish and tweak it and fix it to the point where I think it's ready.

What do you like most about your singing career?  
Making people smile and feel good.

How do you want to be remembered?  
As someone who knows how to make people happy.

Gwendolyn did a dance together. Then, they each got a big medal and everyone from the class danced in joy and they all lived happily ever after! At the end of the performance, the dancers all talked about themselves and the kids asked the author and the dancers some questions. It was a very nice performance!



# The Norton News: Session III

By Jennifer Bernardo

As we close this last session of Journalism Club I would like to thank our fabulous last session students for their enthusiasm and energy. Each group of students have been unique and original in their ideas for each edition. I would also like to thank Deb Rude, Kristen Marshall, Diane Bennett and Mr. DiManna for supporting our field trip to town hall. It was an amazing opportunity for our students! Finally, nothing like this happens without parent power! Thank you to Terri Klucznik for always lending a hand and help-



THE NORTON NEWSPAPER - Session III - From left to right, Bottom Row: Allison Nash, Deanna DaCosta, Eva Abu-Raya, Alize Rodriguez, Top Row: Melanie Isasis, Aminata Gueye, and Briana Grenier.

ing out whenever she can. [You need all the help you can get instructing young journalists!] Terri has also worked very hard designing our yearbook for the

past few years. Her dedication to producing these fabulous keepsakes that are loved by our students is inspiring. Terri moves up to middle school next

year and I Thank her for all her hard work here at BF! Terri, you will be missed. A very special Thank You goes out to Suzanne Knowles. If she had not offered to assist with this program I would never have gotten it off the ground. The reason the paper looks so good is because of her talent. Everything from our school clothes to our fliers and newsletters are all designed by her. My appreciation for her time and talent can not be adequately expressed. As she also moves up to middle school next year she will be missed but her work here will be appreciated for years to come!

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Created By Jack Bernardo

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COOKOUT  
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ICE CREAM  
LEMONADE  
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