RSU 9 District Newsletter

October 4, 2024

Message from the Superintendent ~ Christian M. Elkington



As we reflect on the first month of the school year, I am filled with a sense of pride and optimism for the positive efforts that our students and staff make each day!

Our students are demonstrating a strong commitment to their learning and a significant focus in their academic pursuits. The enthusiasm and concern demonstrated by our staff inspires my belief that through a "TEAM" effort, RSU 9 will continue to improve what we do for our students and families. I appreciate staff's commitment to creating a positive and supportive learning environment for all!

I want to express my sincere gratitude to our families for your continued support and partnership with our schools and staff. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable. I encourage you to stay engaged and connected to our schools and teachers in support of all children. As we move forward, please know RSU 9 remains committed to providing high-quality educational opportunities that help prepare our students for future growth and success. I look forward to another month of growth, learning, and achievement in RSU 9!

Please join us for the grand opening of the RSU 9 District Office!

The former Holman Mission
House, located at 227 Main Street
in Farmington, has been
transformed into a centralized
and welcoming space for staff
and community members.

Our event will kick off with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, followed by an Open House with tours and refreshments!

The District Office now houses the Superintendent's Office, Office of Finance, Special Services Offices, and Office of School Nutrition. The building has been preserved with most of its original architecture. We encourage community members to attend!



"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much."

- Helen Keller

We are in this together! $\star\star\star\star\star=$

As our country approaches the November 6th election, it's essential that we, the ten communities of RSU 9, foster a supportive and respectful environment for all! Given the heightened emotions and uncertainty surrounding this election, our students will look to us, families, community members, and school staff, for support. It's imperative that we demonstrate patience, understanding, and respect for everyone, regardless of their age, beliefs, or political affiliations. I trust in our staff's professionalism to help students navigate this challenging time, as we avoid expressing personal political opinions. Your school's role is to provide opportunities for respectful discussion and debate on current topics within an instructional framework that is age, class, or course appropriate.

RSU 9 is governed by two policies which make our expectations for staff clear:

- GBIA Staff Participation in Political Activities 9-27-2022.pdf
- IMB-Teaching-About-Controversial-and-Sensitive-Issues.pdf

If families have any questions about how this election is being handled by staff at school, please contact your child's teacher(s) or their principal. Thank you!











October 19th 9am to 1pm

Shorey Chapel

Industry Road

Industry, ME

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Winter Coats

& Lots More

This past summer, RSU 9 School Nurses worked with Mr. Dunlap and members of the Shorey Chapel Children's Ministry who donated a large amount of much needed clothing and shoes to several of our schools.

See the above info for the winter coat and clothing event they are hosting this month!

Cape Cod Hill School (CCHS)



CCHS Community School Coordinators Recognition at the Hall of Flags at the State House



"Touch A Truck" event sponsored by CCHS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)



Summer Enrichment
Program @ CCHS

Annual Fall Festival Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports Celebration @ Cascade Brook School (CBS)









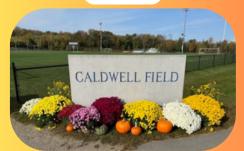




Carnival Style Activities:

- Face Painting (Picnic table in field)
- Animals (Goats, Pigs, Rabbit, etc.) (Lower parking lot)
- Co-Op Activity (Apples and Dip Snack) (Outside Art Room @ Table)
- Football Hula Hoop Toss (Far backstop)
- Soccer Beat the Goalie (Soccer goal closest to swings)
- Field Hockey (Field near hill)
- Pumpkin Toss Game (Edge of grass near basketball hoop)
- Cornhole (Basketball court)
- Music/Dancing (Basketball court)
- Jump Ropes/Hula Hoops (Basketball Court)
- Gaga (Gaga pit in field)
- Paint a Pumpkin (near art room)
- Guess the.... weight of Pumpkin & how much in candy jar? (Gazebo)
- Photo Booth (by gardens)
- Sea Glass Pins (in the Library)
- Sack Races (Far field)
- Obstacle Course (Center grass in parking lot)
- Minecraft Knockdown (Garden lesson area)
- Scavenger Hunt (All over)

Mt. Blue Highs School (MBHS)



Riverside Florist donated this beautiful display of mums ahead of MBHS Homecoming festivities!

