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## MAY 2024 BOARD REPORT

### Mt Blue Art Show

The MBHS annual art show, Artful Antics, will run from May 16th to June 1st at the Emery Art Gallery at UMF. There will be an opening celebration on May 16th from 5-7. Please come and meet the artists and view their work.



### CULTURE OF RESPECT

As part of our ongoing efforts to create a safe and inclusive school, we reviewed our campus code, emphasizing its importance in maintaining a positive learning environment. We focused on helping students differentiate between bullying and conflict, utilizing engaging activities such as the Bullying vs. Conflict Venn Diagram. Through feedback and reflection sessions, we sought to gather insights while reinforcing the significance of respect and conflict resolution. Ultimately, our goal was to ensure that students understand the principles of our campus code, promoting a safe and supportive atmosphere conducive to learning.



### Protective Factors

1. Sense of Belonging- Getting students involved in clubs, organizations, and sports.
2. Empathy - Embedded SEL activities, BARR.
3. Parent Monitoring - Regular parent communication.
4. Social support - Small group social work, School counselors



### ARTFUL ANTICS Mt. Blue High School Art Show

Curated by Pam Chernesky & Kim Jacques

May 16 - June 1, 2024

Opening Reception: May 16, 5:00-7:00pm

### EVERY DAY IN SCHOOL MATTERS

Our latest attendance data through April continues to be impressive. The year-to-date average daily attendance is an impressive 90.6%, marking a 4% increase from this time last year. Notably, our chronic absenteeism numbers have decreased to 29%, down from 39% last year. This signifies a significant improvement in our efforts to ensure students are present and engaged in their learning. These positive trends are a testament to the dedication of our students, staff, and families. We remain committed to improving regular attendance and supporting every student's academic success. This summer, we will look at the systems we have in place and evaluate how we can strengthen and improve them.



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### FIDDLER'S INVITED TO STATEHOUSE

The Franklin County Fiddlers were honored by an invitation to perform in the Maine State House Hall of Flags on Wednesday, March 20, for the Maine Alliance for Arts Education's Arts Education Advocacy Day. Select groups from across our State were invited to perform. The fiddlers shared their performance with the extraordinary Camden Hills Chamber Choir, renowned vocal group Pincintu, and more.

The Fiddlers then performed at the Maine Veterans' Home on Hero's Way in Augusta. They performed various world fiddle music, along with a special arrangement of "An Armed Forces Tribute," which showcases and recognizes each branch of our armed forces in song. Even a client at the Maine Veterans' Home stood up impromptu to sing "God Bless America," and Mr. Muise accompanied him! The fiddlers were very well received at both performances - and were excellent ambassadors as musicians and representatives from our Mt. Blue community.



### BARR SHINES

I am delighted to share the latest accomplishments of our ninth-grade students at Mt. Blue. Their impressive academic advancements, along with their display of respect, kindness, and teamwork, are enhancing the school atmosphere. The BARR program plays a vital role in nurturing their development and enhancing their educational experience. Notably, in March, both newspapers and the Department of Education (DOE) acknowledged our school's dedication to ninth-grade achievement. The DOE's visit to the school was followed by features in the Sun Journal and Daily Bulldog, highlighting MBHS.



### SPECIAL OLYMPICS UNIFIED SCHOOL

On Friday March 29th, Laurel Dingley took students to the Special Olympics Maine Youth Summit to join several schools in activities related to bringing inclusion to their schools with the goal of becoming a recognized Special Olympics Unified Champion school. Students learned several strategies on how to include others in everyday activities. There were about 300 students from around the state. Mt. Blue's Unified Schools Club will host a school-wide inclusion poster contest to raise awareness of what inclusion means, followed by a pledge day to support inclusion. If you Google "National ChampionBanner Schools," you will find more information.



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