

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!

RSU 9 District Office

Open House
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
w/ the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

227 Main Street
Farmington, ME

**Tuesday,
October 15th**

3pm - 5pm

All Are Welcome • Tours • Refreshments

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

- Helen Keller

We are in this together!



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!

Volunteer Information

Promotional Flyers for Non RSU 9 Events

Job Openings!



RSU 9
Facebook Page



RSU 9
Website

School Board of Directors Meeting

Tues., 10/8/24
6:45pm | MBC Forum

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SUBSTITUTE TRAINING



Come and Learn all the tips and tricks to being a good Substitute for all positions!

Sub Pay for RSU 9
Certified Teacher: \$175.00/day
Non-Certified: \$140.00/day
Ed Tech Pay: \$16.00/hour

Once you have taken this course, upon your first day of being a substitute, the district will also pay for your time at this training!

Where: Franklin County Adult Education
(129 Seamon Rd Suite A, Farmington, ME 04938)

When: Friday, October 11 9:00AM - 1:00PM

FOR MORE INFO : ☎ 778-3460

CLICK HERE
FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON FRANKLIN COUNTY
ADULT EDUCATION

FREE



October 19th
9am to 1pm



Winter Coats

Shorey Chapel
Industry Road
Industry, ME



& 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

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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 High School (MBHS)



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

