

NOVEMBER 17, 2023

# **RSU 9 District News**



Working together to provide high-quality educational opportunities for all

# A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Christian Elkington

With everyone working together, RSU 9 Student Attendance continues to show improvement over last year's numbers! After the first 37 student days of our school year, I am very happy to update that our average daily attendance has continued to improve at each of our schools as compared to last year's numbers. Our overall daily attendance average has increased from to 92.52% to 94.14%! This is an increase in over 1,300 extra days of school attended by our students this year! A 22% decrease in the number of days missed!

Our Chronic Absenteeism Rate for students has also improved with a reduction in students considered Chronically Absent (10% of total days missed), reducing from 620 students to 433 students. This number is still way too high, but we need to celebrate that we have a 30% reduction in the number of students overall. Each added day a student attends school is another opportunity for them to learn, share, be supported by our staff, their friends, and classmates!

Special thanks goes to our students for seeing the importance of attending school each day and to our parents and guardians for working with us to ensure that our students get to take advantage of the many opportunities afforded to them by the communities of RSU 9!







Yurt Update November 2023





First mentioned in the June 2, 2023 newsletter, the largest Project-Based Learning project undertaken at Foster CTE is a project where students are building the classroom that will house the program in future years - a 30' diameter Yurt. From September through late December 2022 students in the Outdoor Leadership Program and Pre-engineering program completed site preparation work and created the base for the building followed by the construction of the yurt itself. Over the summer, progress continued with new flooring, an ADA ramp, new front steps, railings on decks, the ramp and steps, three drainage ditches, an outdoor kitchen, and storage shed were built. The yurt is now used for daily Outdoor Leadership classes, Program Advisory Committee meetings, Trades 4 ME freshmen girls, and yoga (Yogurt...). And there is more to come!

# Downloadable Calendars

2023/2024 District School Calendar

2023/2024 Blue Gold Calendar

## Every Day in School Matters!

Excusable Absences

### **RSU 9 is hiring!**

Have you ever considered working for RSU 9?

Click <u>here</u> for a complete list of job openings, information about each position, and to apply.

What Else is Happening?

Lunch & Learn, 11/21/23 RSU 9 Adult Ed.

School Board Meeting, II/28/23

**District Calendar of Events** 

<u>Promotional Flyers for Non-School</u> <u>Events</u>

Information for Advertising Community Events

# Interested in Volunteering?

Check out the <u>Volunteer Page</u> on our website, for more information!

Fill out a <u>Volunteer Registration</u> Form



# **PROGRESS ON THE MBMS BJORN CENTER**

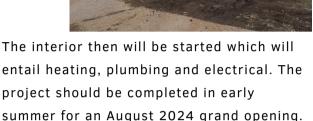


Construction of the Mt. Blue Middle School's Bjorn Center for Career and Technical Education is on

schedule.

Currently the building is being insulated and then the siding will be installed allowing the final brick work to be completed over the next few weeks.





Chloe Roberts

Summer Sawyer

Azalea Shanti

Kaden Smith

Brielle Tinker

Colton Welch

Emma Turcotte

Maurice Romanyshyn

Grayson Rhett Sexton-Burchfield

Congratulations to the 2023-2024

Meadow Kerbo

Henri McCourt

Nora McCourt

Megan Pinkham

Nolan Leso

Natalee Orr

**Riley Pratt** 

Chase Ranger

Lucy-Anne Knowles

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# IMPORTANT DATES TO **REMEMBER:**

#### LATE ARRIVAL WEDNESDAY

November 29th December 6th December 13th

#### **NO SCHOOL**

November 22nd - Vacation Day November 23rd - Thanksgiving Day November 24th - Vacation Day



# Mt. Blue High School National Honor Society Inductees



#### Cole Baker Kevra Cushman Preston Ball Abigail Bartlett Alissa Butterfield

Piper Casey

Noah Civiello

Addie Colello

Madilyn Cote

Allison Casavant

**First Year Inductees** 

Karalyn Daggett Dasani Dupree Bailey Farnham Stephen Galkowski Abriana Griffin **Destiny Hensley** Sadie Irish Maya Kellett

#### Second Year Members

Levi Bogar Lucinda Carroll Abigail Goodspeed Autumn Hensley **Evangeline Hutchins** Ariah Kalchik Natalie McCarthy Noah Prescott

Gracie Ross Evans Sterling **Charles Stevens** Finley Ward Mikayla Wilcox Mason Willett Kathleen Yeaton



# Staff Recognition

# Staff Members of the Month October 2023

Heidi Luce **Kindergarten Teacher** G.D. Cushing School

**Danielle Harris** Ed Tech III FCTEC

Click here for a list of all present and past honorees.



#### Shout out to Beth Tolman Food Service Worker - CCHS

"Beth started working in the district in the fall of 2000 at Cape Cod Hill School and In 2018 she took over as kitchen manager. Her fresh baked goodies are popular throughout the community but it's her legendary dinner rolls that are known far and wide. Beth is a shining example of what all our school lunch team members bring to the table each day. She works hard to ensure each student is greeted with a smile and receives a delicious and nutritious meal. "Miss Beth", as she is affectionately known by her students, is loved by all students who have passed through Cape Cod Hill over the last 23 years. Thank you Beth for all you do for our students, our schools, and our community!" - Chef Andy

