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RSU 9 District News



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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 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 [here](#) 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, 11/28/23](#)

[District Calendar of Events](#)

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Events](#)

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Volunteering?

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on our website, for more
information!

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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.



The interior then will be started which will entail heating, plumbing and electrical. The project should be completed in early summer for an August 2024 grand opening.

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Congratulations to the 2023-2024

Mt. Blue High School National Honor Society Inductees

First Year Inductees

Cole Baker	Keyra Cushman	Meadow Kerbo	Chloe Roberts
Preston Ball	Karalyn Daggett	Lucy-Anne Knowles	Maurice Romanyszyn
Abigail Bartlett	Dasani Dupree	Nolan Leso	Summer Sawyer
Alissa Butterfield	Bailey Farnham	Henri McCourt	Grayson Rhett Sexton-Burchfield
Piper Casey	Stephen Galkowski	Nora McCourt	Azalea Shanti
Allison Casavant	Abriana Griffin	Natalee Orr	Kaden Smith
Noah Civiello	Destiny Hensley	Megan Pinkham	Brielle Tinker
Addie Colello	Sadie Irish	Riley Pratt	Emma Turcotte
Madilyn Cote	Maya Kellett	Chase Ranger	Colton Welch



Second Year Members

Levi Bogar	Gracie Ross
Lucinda Carroll	Evans Sterling
Abigail Goodspeed	Charles Stevens
Autumn Hensley	Finley Ward
Evangeline Hutchins	Mikayla Wilcox
Ariah Kalchik	Mason Willett
Natalie McCarthy	Kathleen Yeaton
Noah Prescott	



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

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

