

RSU 9 District Newsletter



A Message from the Superintendent

~ Christian M. Elkington ~

Thanks and Giving within RSU 9!

We are in between the truly American time of “thanks” and of “giving” as we reach the middle of December. In between two holidays that complement each other nicely giving us the opportunity to model for our children and each other two most important traits which define us individually and as a community in RSU 9!

I am proud to say that our RSU 9 schools, parents, students, and staff work quite closely with community organizations to support students and their families. Families whom we feel fortunate to count as both young and old Mt. Blue Cougars! It takes a TEAM to support multiple individuals and families, and we certainly have an extended TEAM in RSU 9! People and organizations giving assistance with food, clothing, heat, shelter, and a kind word as those of us with more or just enough give thanks for what we have and can share.

Food pantries, fundraisers, coat drives, and various other collection efforts are taking place and will continue to do so as we head to the school break. Last weekend’s Festival of Trees, along with other activities such as the parade, Fiddlers traveling around our community highlight not only our district’s strong participation and support of the family through “giving” and “thanks”, but also the importance of spreading good cheer and hope!

I feel it is important to remind us all of the above as we head towards the new year. Why? As your superintendent I am very concerned that we (including myself) don’t take enough time to think about what many of us do have, can be grateful for, and feel fortunate to be able to share in helping our neighbors. We can also be grateful for others who are able to step up and pitch in!

Presently, our nation’s culture and technology seem bent on reminding us of our ills and do not give at least equal time in reminding us of the good that many do. Some of us fall into the trap of repeating this unhelpful behavior. From my seat I feel it is key that each of us take the remainder of this holiday season to:

- Continue to model and emphasize with our young people and each other how fortunate we are with what we have
- Be thankful to those who are making the effort to help us with what we need
- Demonstrate the importance of “thanks” and giving” and the strength this focus delivers to our soul, “being”, and communities!

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Staff Recognition

October Professional Staff Member of the Month:

Gracie Libby - Music Teacher - CBS/CCHS

October Professional Staff Member of the Month:

Liz Tracy - Ed Tech III - CCHS



Upcoming Holiday Break

Monday, December 23rd
through
Wednesday, January 1st

Students will return on
Thursday, January 2nd

Please refer to the 24/25
Academic Calendar on our
district website!

Cannabis Use in Adolescence What Parents Need to Know

Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30pm via Zoom

Cannabis products sold today are 5x stronger than the cannabis of the 1970's. Youth cannabis use can alter brain development, and increase the risk of anxiety and severe mental illness. Join us to learn how cannabis use is impacting Maine youth and what parents can do to help.



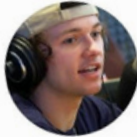
Amy Mayhew, MD, MPH
Child & Adolescent
Psychiatrist



Althea Turner, LMSW-CC,
Social Worker
So. Portland High School



Martha Jacques, LMSW
Principal
Biddeford High School



Jay Orser
Presenter
SEED

Register here via Zoom: bit.ly/MEYouthCannabisUse



There's LOTS of fun events happening in our 10 towns! Be sure to frequently check the [Promotional Flyers for Non RSU 9 Events page](#) on our district website!



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Tues., 01/14/2024
6:30pm | MBC Forum

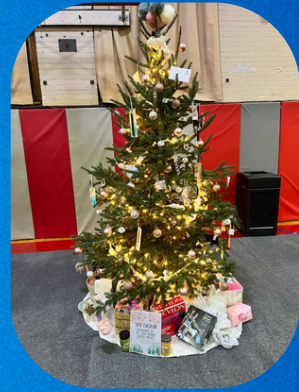


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RSU 9 Represents! Chester Greenwood Parade Festival of Trees



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The Franklin County Fiddlers visit the RSU 9 District Office along their travels throughout the community!



 Videos

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