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RSU 9 DISTRICT NEWS



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Christian Elkington

This is the time of year when winter weather starts to take a toll on school attendance. Snow, rain, and ice (ugh) can make it hard to get your child to school. With the holidays it is also easier for illnesses such as colds, flu, fevers, earaches and Covid-19 to try and get at us.

These absences, even if excused, break the routine of daily attendance. I can't state enough how students feel more connected and engaged in their learning and with our staff by being here every day! It is essential that we continue to work together to do all we can to keep your child healthy and in school this winter. Some tips that might help you include:

1. Develop back up plans for getting your child to school by arranging for rides. If you can't get them to the bus stop or drop them off at school.
2. If your child gets sick, talk to your child's medical provider or our school nurse for advice.
3. Stomach pain and headaches can be signs of anxiety and may not be reasons or keeping a child home. If you feel that anxiety or stress is playing a role, talk to your child's teacher, the school nurse, school counselor, social worker or your medical provider about how best to support your child.
4. Continue to encourage your child to wash their hands before and after eating and after using the restroom.
5. Avoid sharing cups and utensils with other individuals.
6. Dress your child for the cold weather. Fresh air is very important but so is maintaining a correct body temperature outside. If you need help with winter clothing for your child, PLEASE either call the school principal (if not available just leave a message for them to get back to you) or the school's counselor or social worker, if you have a working relationship with them. We know it can be hard to ask so be assured WE WILL keep requests confidential! Please go to this [link](#) for other deas, and thanks again for working with us!



Orchestra

The students in the orchestra program in grades 7-12 put on their seasonal concert on Nov. 30 in the Bjorn Auditorium. The concert featured excellent performances by the MS 7/8 Orchestra, The Franklin County Fiddlers, and the MBHS Orchestra. Selections included: "Mother Ginger" from the Nutcracker Ballet, "White Christmas", the Nordic Fiddle tune: "Slängspolska Från Vrigstad", "Sweet Petite Winter Suite" and "Big Sky Country". The program was a celebration of music and community and included a slideshow also featuring the graduating seniors.

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?

[School Board Meeting, 12/12/23](#)

[District Calendar of Events](#)

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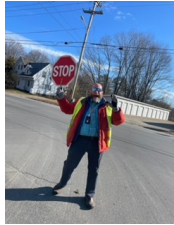
Interested in
Volunteering?

Check out the [Volunteer Page](#) on our website, for more information!

Fill out a [Volunteer Registration Form](#)



ANNUAL ACADEMY HILL SCHOOL FOOD PASS



AHS students and staff were asked to bring in nonperishable items during the first two weeks of November to be donated to the Wilton Area Food Pantry. On November 15, students and teachers walked to the Methodist Church on Main Street in Wilton, where the Food Pantry is located, to drop off an amazing 795 items donated by students, staff and community members. It was a true TEAM effort with all AHS staff participating. Many thanks to Hannaford for the donation of bags and an extra big thank you to everyone who donated.



Kennebec Valley Business Education League (KVBEL) Meet

In November, Mt. Blue/FCTEC business students participated in the fall KVBEL meet, which is a competition between Mt. Blue/FCTEC, Madison, and Skowhegan High Schools. We are very proud of our students who participated and congratulate them on their success!

Fall Meet Results:

Accounting

- Tied 1st Place - Finley Ward
- Tied 1st Place - Reese Harris
- 2nd Place - Lily Hanley
- Tied 3rd Place - Allison Casavant
- Tied 3rd Place - Max Dexter

Business Math

- Tied 1st Place - Gabrielle Seaburg
- 2nd Place - Autumn Hensley
- 3rd Place - Allison Casavant

Business Terminology

- Tied 2nd Place - Lily Hanley
- Tied 2nd Place - Reese Harris

Computer Knowledge

- 2nd Place - Finley Ward
- 3rd Place - Reid Beauchamp

Personal Finance

- Tied 3rd Place - Derek Collins
- Tied 3rd Place - Jullian Merrill

Payroll Skills

- 2nd Place - Kaden Reeve
- 3rd Place - Leyani Robinson



Staff Recognition

District Office Staff



On Chester Greenwood Day, this past Saturday, the District Office Staff served hot cocoa and cookies, provided by the Employability Skills Program at Foster CTE!



The District Office Staff also sponsored a tree, at the Festival of Trees, which sold for \$850! All proceeds went to community programs sponsored by Farmington Rotary.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

LATE ARRIVAL WEDNESDAY

December 13th

EARLY RELEASE

December 21st

NO SCHOOL

December 22nd thru January 1st
Holiday Break

