



# RSU 9 News

## May 8, 2023



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### A message from Superintendent Elkington

We need to catch you up on a lot of wonderful things that have been happening in RSU 9 over the past few months. This is the first in a series of newsletters that will strive to do that. We're beginning with our art students. Please join me in congratulating the wonderful work RSU 9 students have completed!

### Mt. Blue High School Semester 1 Art Show



Semester 1 artists celebrated their growth and accomplishments with an art show in the library and the bulletin boards and display cases in the hallways. Student work from Introduction to Art, STEAM, Drawing, 2D Art, 3D Art, Ceramics, Advanced Art and AP Art & Design classes was shared and enjoyed by

students and staff.

We are happy to announce that the Mt. Blue Art Department will once again be partnering with UMF's Emery Gallery for our Annual Art Show, sharing art from both semesters. **The opening reception will take place from 2-4 pm on Saturday, May 13th.** Mark your calendars and plan to join us at the Emery Gallery!

### Downloadable Calendars for 2022-23

- [2022/23 - District School Calendar](#)
- [2022/23 - Blue/Gold Calendar](#)  
(MBHS/Foster Tech)

### Important Dates Coming Up!

**MAY 23 - ANNUAL BUDGET  
HEARING  
7:00 PM  
BJORN AUDITORIUM  
MT. BLUE CAMPUS  
129 SEAMON RD  
FARMINGTON**

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## Scholastic Art Award Winners - Maine 2023 Mt. Blue High School

The Scholastic Art Awards celebrated its 100th anniversary this year. It is a national program that recognizes excellence in visual arts and writing. In Maine this year, 50 schools representing 70 towns submitted over 800 works. Only a small percentage of students are recognized with Gold Key, Silver Key and Honorable Mention Awards. Twelve Mt. Blue artists submitted 25 artworks and 2 senior portfolios. Award winning artists were recognized at a ceremony at the Maine College of Art and Design in Portland on March 11th. There was a wide variety of excellent work and the following students (listed alphabetically) received awards.

### Student awards and honorable mentions:

**Liam Dorr (gr. 10)**

**Silver Key Award:**

**Sculpture- "Tartaglia Figure Sculpture"**



**Maelyn**

**Leighton (gr. 12)**

**Silver Key Award:**

**Ceramics & Glass- "Seafoam"**



**Molly Kearing (gr. 12)**

**Honorable Mention Award:**

**Mixed Media- "The Circle with No Beginning"**

**Summer Meeks (gr. 12) Honorable  
Mention Award:**

**Ceramics- "Father Nature"**



## Congratulations to School Nurse Janneke Strickland!

In January she became one of 30 Maine School Nurses to complete the National Certification in School Nursing. This certification validates specialized knowledge and expertise in school nursing, which is a subspecialty of public health nursing.

## Staff Members of the Month

Our professional and support staff  
members of the month for:

April

**SUPPORT STAFF**

**Leeanne Angell**

from Mallett

**PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

**Liz Leclair**

from Foster Tech Center

Click [here](#) for a list of all previous honorees.

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**Natasha Nichols (gr. 12) Honorable Mention Award:**  
**Drawing and Illustration- “Pill Head” Honorable Mention Award: Art Portfolio- “Mental Health Struggles”**

**Bridget Reusch (gr. 12)**  
**Honorable Mention Award:**  
**Ceramics & Glass- “Tree Tile”**



**Rosella York (gr. 11)**  
**Honorable Mention Award:**  
**Digital Art- “Cat”**



**Of special note:** Silver Key Award: **Kaidence Coolidge (gr. 12)**  
**Painting- “chlorophyll tears” This piece was selected by an independent jury to be displayed in the Maine Excellence in Arts Education exhibition** in the corridors of the Cross Office Building (behind the Statehouse) and the Commission’s offices at 193 State Street, kitty corner to the Statehouse and across from the Blaine House (the Governor’s Mansion). **Please go see Kaidence’s work on display through May 31, 2023**, any weekday between 9-5. There will be a closing reception on Wednesday, May 31st.

## RSU 9 is hiring!

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