



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Working Together for a Thriving School Community:

Together, as a united front – parents, teachers, staff, and students – we can develop a safer and more productive learning environment where all students feel respected and empowered to reach their full potential. By addressing conflict constructively and prioritizing attendance, we can foster a community where learning flourishes.

Thank you for your continued partnership in making RSU 9 a place where every student can thrive.

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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KV BUSINESS LEAGUE RESULTS 2024 COMPETITION BETWEEN SKOWHEGAN HS, MADISON HS & MT. BLUE HS/FOSTER TECH

Accounting I

- 2nd, Allison Casavant
- 2nd, Ruth Gusler (Mt. Abram)

Business Math

- 1st, Autumn Hensley
- 3rd, Aspen Mitchell (Mt. Abram)

Business Terminology

- 1st, Starlynn Sweetser
- 1st, Lily Hanley
- 1st, Aspen Mitchell (Mt. Abram)
- 2nd, Mason Willett
- 3rd, Sovanny Sin

Computer Knowledge

- 1st, Trent Beaudoin
- 3rd, Reese Harris

Internet Trivia

- 1st, Noah Brown
- 1st, Ruth Gusler (Mt. Abram)
- 1st, Trent Beaudoin
- 2nd, Lily Hanley
- 2nd, Shannon Connolly
- 2nd, Reese Harris

Payroll Skills

- 2nd, Starlynn Sweetser
- 3rd, Carrissa Kingsbury (Mt. Abram)

Personal Finance

- 2nd, Autumn Hensley

IMPORTANT DATES

April Vacation - NO SCHOOL

Monday-Friday, 4/15/-4/19/2024

Late Arrival Wednesday (LAW)

Wednesday, 4/24/24

School Board/Budget Meetings

Tuesday, 4/23/24

Budget Review & Adoption

[RSU 9 District Budget Page](#)

STEM PILOT PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Check out the March Edition of the STEM Pilot Project Newsletter!

Featured on Page 3 of the newsletter is Cushing School's, Lisa Gagnon's Kindergarten class, enjoying some fun fine-motor activities!

LINKS:

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HAVE A WONDERFUL APRIL VACATION!



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If you'd like to join the fight against food insecurity and support students, visit the [RSU 9 Community Food Pantry's Facebook Page](#) to learn more about volunteering or donating.

RSU 9 Community Food Pantry
Farmington Community Center
(enter right side of basement,
open pantry days and by
appointment only)



RSU 9 COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY: NOURISHING BODIES AND BUILDING COMMUNITY

The RSU 9 Community Food Pantry in Farmington is a shining example of how collaboration and community spirit can make a real difference in people's lives. Focused on tackling food insecurity, the pantry offers a welcoming environment and essential services to families with children in any RSU 9 school. Led by the dedicated Kristen Wroble, a team of volunteers ensures the pantry runs smoothly and fulfills its mission.

Every month, families can pick up pre-filled bags with shelf-stable items, fresh produce, and staples for their refrigerators and freezers.



The tireless dedication of volunteers is the backbone of the pantry. Community members, local businesses, retired teachers, and the Tyngtown Ladies of Wilton all play crucial roles in keeping the pantry running smoothly. Adding another layer of heart to the operation, Special Education Teacher Shane Dudash brings his class from Mt. Blue High School (MBHS) to the pantry twice a month. These enthusiastic students lend a helping hand, filling backpacks and loading them onto their minibus for delivery to RSU 9 schools, along with the teacher/nurse snacks.

The Anita's Hope Backpack Program provides anonymous access to weekend meals and snacks for students. This program, coordinated with school nurses, ensures students have nutritious food over weekends when regular school meals aren't available. To meet this need, volunteers dedicate themselves to filling 170 backpacks twice per month, providing a total of 340 backpacks filled with weekend meals and snacks for students in need.

Anita's Hope Backpack Program For Fridays March 22nd & April 5th	
Academy Hill /Cushing Schools	68
Cape Cod Hill School.	20
Cascade Brook School	12
Mallaett School	40
Mt.Blue Middle School	30
Total	170



The RSU 9 Community Food Pantry's success hinges on collaboration. The food received from the Good Shepherd Food Bank currently comes at no cost to the Pantry, because their affiliation with RSU 9 covers the required insurance requirement and nonprofit status, which allows the food received from their partnership with the Good Shepherd Food Bank to remain free. This allows them to use donations from individuals and businesses to purchase single-serve meals & snacks (for the backpack program), and teacher/nurse snacks for our district schools. The Pantry's location in basement of the Farmington Recreation & Community Center also eliminates rent costs, meaning donations are going directly toward the purchase of food!



The pantry recognizes the importance of basic necessities as well. They offer students essential hygiene products like toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, body wash, and feminine hygiene supplies. Additionally, schools within RSU 9 receive a stock of snacks for nurses and teachers to distribute to students who might need them during the school day.