A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

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As we enter the final full week of the school year, I want to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to a very special group, our graduating seniors, and to share some important info.

A Message to Our Seniors:

To the graduating Class of 2024, congratulations! Four years ago, you entered MBC as freshmen, navigating a new school. You built friendships, participated in sports and clubs, balanced schoolwork with jobs, and contributed to your community. You have been compassionate friends, and engaged without community. RSU 9 is proud of each and every one of you. We have no doubt you will find success and make a positive impact on the world. Our world needs your talent, your passion, and your commitment to making it a better place.

On behalf of the Mt. Blue school district, we wish the very best in your future endeavors.

Important Update

Last Day of School and Schedule Changes for RSU 9

Please be advised of some important updates to the RSU 9 school calendar:

• The last day of school for RSU 9 is Tuesday, June 18th. This will be an early release day.

• Early Release Details (Tuesday, June 18th):
  ○ Students in grades 6-12 will be dismissed at 11:30 AM.
  ○ Students in grades K-5 will be dismissed at 12:30 PM.

• Please adjust your schedules accordingly.

• There will be NO Late Arrival Wednesday (LAW) this week (June 12th).

Budget Voting Day, Tuesday, June 11th. Check with your local town office for polling hours.

We wish all our students, families and staff a fun and safe summer!

Here are a few friendly reminders to ensure your summer is filled with both fun and safety:

• Sun Safety: Remember to protect yourself from the sun by wearing sunscreen

• Stay Hydrated

• Water Safety: If you're spending time near pools, lakes, or beaches, always follow safety guidelines and swim in areas with lifeguards on duty.

• Summer is a great opportunity to continue learning and exploring new interests. Visit libraries, museums, or explore the wonders of nature in your own backyard.

• Read for Fun: Make reading a part of your summer routine! Pick up a book on a topic you enjoy, or try a new genre.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer vacation. We look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready to learn when school resumes on August 28th!
FREE SUMMER MEALS

School will soon be out for the summer but the great food keeps on coming! RSU 9 Foodservice is happy to announce this year's summer meals program! We will be operating meal service delivery routes with a variety of stops as well as meals for summer school programs. All meals are free to any child age 18 and under whether they are enrolled in RSU 9 schools or not. A breakfast for the next day will be available on all meal delivery routes. Parents/guardians may pick up meals for children under their care. Any questions about the summer meals program can be directed to foodservice@mtbluersd.org

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The following stops have been established to provide free meals for children 18 and under this summer. Boxed lunches will be served and a breakfast for the next morning will be available. Parents/Guardians may pick up meals for children.

**Farmington/New Sharon Mobile Meal Route**
- Monday-Friday: June 24th-August 2nd (no meal service July 4th)
  - 12:15-11:25: Sandy River Farm Supply, 20 Farm. Ave, W. Skowhegan
  - 12:30-11:40: Church of Christ, Crossell Rd, Farmington Falls
  - 12:45-11:55: Kid's Place, 449 Farmington Falls Rd, Farmington
  - 12:00-12:10: Sherwood Apartments, 882 High St, Farmington
  - 12:10-12:20: Ram's Market, 114 Franklin Ave, Farmington
  - 12:20-12:30: Sawtelle Lane, Corner of High and Sawtelle
  - 12:35-12:45: Hypefield Field, 300 Main St, Farmington

**Wilton Mobile Meal Route**
- Monday-Friday: June 24th-August 2nd (no meal service July 4th)
  - 11:35-11:45: Farmaci, Apartments, 60 US Rt 2, Wilton
  - 11:30-11:40: Baca Park, 10 Lake Rd, Wilton
  - 11:40-11:50: Franklin Savings, 402 Main St, Wilton
  - 12:00-12:20: Kineton Park, 51 High St, Wilton
  - 12:25-12:35: Bishop Park, 133 Main St, East Wilton

**Summer School, Mallett School & Mt. Blue High**
- Monday-Thurs: July 1st-August 1st
- No summer school July 4th, 17th & 24th
- Breakfast 7:30-9:00, Lunch 11:45-12:30

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email us at foodservice@mtbluersd.org or call 207-798-3561 ext. 4729

**SENIOR WALK**

Cheered on by wide-eyed youngsters, the seniors become heroes, inspiring the little ones to dream of their own graduation day someday. It's also a time of emotional reunions. Teachers beam with pride as they see their former students all grown up, perhaps even catching a glimpse of the shy child they once knew blossoming into a confident young adult. It's a full-circle moment that reminds everyone of the journey through education and the exciting possibilities that lie ahead.

On Wednesday, June 5th, the Mt. Blue High School Senior class of 2024 participated in a heartwarming tradition known as the "Senior Walk." Graduating high school students don their caps and gowns for a nostalgic visit to their elementary schools. This victory lap through familiar halls is a chance for them to celebrate their achievements with the younger generation.

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