



RSU 9 News

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Working together to provide high-quality educational opportunities for all

A message from Superintendent Elkington

School year 2022-2023 has been a year of two important firsts. It was the inaugural year for the Outdoor Leadership Program at Foster CTE and the first Annual Special Olympics Western Maine Bocce Tournament was held at RSU 9. Both provide exciting new opportunities for our students. Additionally, not a first, but an ongoing example of the success our students have in using their interests and talents in the greater world - The Blue Crew, our RSU 9 Robotics Team, has had another very successful year! We look forward to their continued efforts at reaching for the stars!

Outdoor Leadership Program

During the Outdoor Leadership Program's (OLP) first year at Foster CTE students engaged in multiple hands-on outdoor, experiential, and Project Based Learning (PBL) opportunities designed to prepare them to work as educators, instructors, or facilitators in parks, recreational facilities, camps, and other outdoor settings. Students built Nordic ski pulks, learned mountain bike maintenance, carved their own canoe paddles with the Maine Local Living School, learned ski operations at Saddleback Mountain, and earned multiple certifications relating to the industry. The largest PBL project students engaged in was creating the classroom that will house the program in future years. RREV Award seed money was used to acquire a 30' diameter Yurt kit. Students from the OLP and Pre-Engineering program spent September until late December building the yurt. After participants passed hand tool safety training provided by the Building Trades instructor, they began with site



preparation work and created the base for the building followed by the construction of the yurt itself. The structural insulated floor was assembled in a day with help from visiting students from Day Mountain Middle School. The project will continue into the summer with addition of an ADA compliant ramp and completion of the deck. It has been

Downloadable Calendars for 2022-23

- [2022/23 District School Calendar](#)
- [2022/23 - Blue/Gold Calendar](#) (MBHS/Foster Tech)
- [2023/2024 District School Calendar](#)

Important Dates Coming Up!

JUNE 13 – BUDGET REFERENDUM

See polling hours by town below.

LAST LATE ARRIVAL WEDNESDAY June 7, 2023

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION June 11, 2023, 10 AM Mt. Blue Campus [2023 Senior Calendar](#)

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL June 16, 2023

Half day of school for all students and staff!

June 13, 2023 Referendum Voting Hours

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an amazing collaborative experience shared by instructors, students, and community members that will have lasting impacts. A Yurt Tour and Showing will happen in the fall where the gratitude to the many who helped the Outdoor Leadership and Pre-Engineering instructors make this dream a reality will be expressed. Special thanks to the Vining Family who donated materials for road building allowing the programs access to the site. Special thanks also to the Athletic Dept., Building Construction, Composites, Welding, and Forestry Programs, and the CTE Director for their generous supply of both equipment and expertise.

Let the Games Begin!

The first Annual Western Maine Bocce Tournament was held May 19th at Mt. Blue Campus with participants from SAD 58, SAD 52, and RSU 9. The students had a great



time competing and making new friends. The plan is to continue this next year and expand into some other opportunities as well. Many thanks and kudos go to teacher Laurel Dingley for connecting RSU 9 with the broader Special Olympics organization.



Blue Crew Robotic Team Success!

The Blue Crew robotics team had quite a successful season - competing in two New England district events and winning Team Spirit and Creativity awards. These awards, along with their robot's (named Marauder) performance,

qualified them for the New England District Championships where they won the Judges Award. On May 17th, the team attended the Hall of Flags

at the State House to promote FIRST Robotics with local legislators alongside other FIRST Robotics Competition and FIRST Lego League teams. The team is now looking forward to various community outreach events as well as competing in the offseason event, Summer Heat, at Falmouth High School. Please

look for them at local festivals where they will be raising money for their program with their root beer float stand. Many thanks go to the RSU 9 and RSU 73 communities for their support that has allowed and encouraged our robotics program to grow.



Chesterville	2:00pm – 8:00pm	Town Office 409 Dutch Gap Road
Farmington	7:00am – 8:00pm	Community Center 127 Middle Street
Industry	12:00pm – 7:00pm	Town Hall 1033 Industry Road
New Sharon	12:00pm – 7:00pm	Town Office 11 School Lane
New Vineyard	3:00pm – 7:00pm	Community Hall 20 Lake Street
Starks	12:00pm – 8:00pm	Community Center 57 Anson Road
Temple	12:00pm – 8:00pm	Town Hall 258 Temple Road
Vienna	2:00pm – 8:00pm	Community Room 16 Kimball Pond Road
Weld	4:00pm – 8:00pm	Town Office-Multi-Purpose Rm 23 Mill Street
Wilton	8:00am – 8:00pm	Town Office 158 Weld Road

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