



# RSU 9 News

## November 18, 2022



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### A message from Superintendent Elkington

A day for America's parents, grandparents, and caring adults to be recognized! Since 1994 National Parental Involvement Day (3rd Thursday of November) celebrates parents and guardians who make a difference in ensuring that more of our students receive extra support. Please join me in honoring those who volunteer at school or home, supporting student success within RSU 9. Getting involved in your child's education has been shown to dramatically increase the chances of academic success. This annual day of recognition serves as not only a celebration of those currently involved in RSU 9 but is also a reminder that you too can make a difference. As we reopen our schools to those with time to assist us, please check with your student's teacher or the office in their school to see how you can help.



### Costume Fun Run at Cascade Brook School

Over 100 students participated in the afterschool Costume Fun Run on Nina's Woods Trail behind the school in late October.



Special thanks go out to Cascade Brook School staff for making this a safe and super fun activity for our students to enjoy what is literally in our very own backyard!

### Downloadable Calendars for 2022-23

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

### Important Dates Coming Up!

- Nov. 22, 2022 - RSU 9 [Board of Directors Meeting](#) - 6:30pm - The Forum, MBC
- Nov. 23, 2022 - No School
- Nov. 24, 2022 - Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov. 25, 2022 - No School
- Dec. 13, 2022 - RSU 9 [Board of Directors Meeting](#) - 6:30pm - The Forum, MBC

### Promotional Flyers

Check out our [dedicated district webpage](#) that shares non-RSU 9-sponsored events.

- [Christmas Show](#) - Farm. Rec.
- [After School \(grades 2-5\)](#) - Farm. Rec.
- [After School \(grades 6-12\)](#) - Farm. Rec.
- [Farmington Area Ski Team](#) - Titcomb
- [Prep Basketball](#) - Farm. Rec.
- [Junior Pro Basketball](#) - Farm. Rec.

### 2022-23 School Safety Letter

Please [click here](#) to read the 2022-23 school safety letter notifying families of general information related to RSU 9's emergency preparedness efforts. This letter is also available on your school websites.

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## Summer giveaways for early completion of back-to-school paperwork

There was a push over the summer for families to complete the 2022-23



Economic Status Form before the start of the school year. Families who completed the form were entered into a raffle for one of these amazing prizes: a children's bike; 4-pack of day passes to Titcomb; 4-pack of movie



passes to Narrow Gauge Cinemas; \$50 Hannaford gift card; \$50 local restaurant gift certificate; and the grand prize of an iPad.



The proud winners of the four children's bikes and helmets are David H., 6th grade at Mt. Blue Middle School; Jayla M., 1st grade at W.G. Mallett School; Riley M., 1st grade at Cape Cod Hill School; and



Ariel R., 5th grade at Academy Hill School.

Congratulations to all of the bike and helmet winners, ride safe!

Stay tuned, more raffle winners will be announced very soon.

## Fit Girls celebrates a successful fall program!

Girls from three of our elementary schools participated in the 12th season of the Fit Girls program; 53 girls, or 39 percent of all 4th and 5th-grade girls. The program is fortunate to have coaches, who are also teachers in each of the schools, assisting with this program.



Fit Girls is fully funded by grants and donations and remains true to its mission of offering a no-cost program for participants; even new running shoes and books are free.

Registration for the 12th season will be open this spring. Stay tuned for details, or watch the [Fit Girls webpage](#). Fit Girls non-profit is small but makes a big impact on our students, thank you!



## Farmington Rotary Festival of Trees

RSU 9 Central Office proudly supports Farmington Rotary's Festival of Trees. Come check out and possibly bid on our "Snow Day" themed tree at this year's event.



The overwhelming support from our communities at the November 8, 2022 referendum will enable RSU 9 to offer career and technical education opportunities to our students at Mt. Blue Middle School.

Thank you for your support!



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## Prime Time Reading Night returns to Mallett

Thank you to all, especially Kenny Brechner, owner of [DDG Booksellers](#), who made the return of 'Jammie Night' a huge success.



Prior to the three-year pandemic break, Prime Time Reading Night had been held for over 20 consecutive years. You can read more about this fantastic, family-friendly



community event on [Kenny Brechner's blog](#).

## RSU 9 welcomes new staff

Please join us in welcoming the following new and/or returning staff members to the RSU 9 community! We are so happy to have you on our team.

Staff Person Name	Position	Location
Debra Hiltz Tori Lands Gracie Libby Isaac Libby Katie Morrissey Samantha Archard Mike Henshaw	Elementary Art English Language Learner (ELL) K-8 Music, Band Chorus Tier I IT Tech Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) Permanent Sub - Special Ed Permanent Sub - Special Ed	District
Sarah Messer Michele Hill	Receptionist / Clerical Support Accounts Payable Specialist	Central Office
Rebecca Casey Janice Ciszkowski Sara Couture Eryn Laliberte	Food Service Worker Food Service Worker Food Service Worker Food Service Worker	Food Service
Kelly Gleason Amanda Murray Dawn Oliveri Ronnianne West Pamela Wood	Administrative Assistant Transportation Aide Bus Driver Transportation Aide Transportation Aide	Bus Garage
Cassidy Marsh	English	Adult Education
Johanna Bartlett Sofie Mattens Kate Whitmore	Resource Room Social Worker Grade 5	Academy Hill School
Sarah Bunker	Ed Tech	Cape Cod Hill

## Staff Members of the Month

Our professional and support staff members of the month for September and October are listed below.

	Staff	Support Staff
September	Rodney Spiller, Forestry & Woodharvesting Instructor, Foster Career and Technical Education Center	Justin Fitch, Districtwide Maintenance Crew
October	Hilary Gibson, Resource Room Teacher, Mt. Blue Middle School	Gearry Judkins, Ed Tech III in the Adaptive Skills Program, Mt. Blue High School



## 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.

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Lydia Gauthier Diane Guimond Hunter Harrington Alyssa Newhall Emma Olson Elizabeth Tracy	Ed Tech Ed Tech Grade 3 Resource Room Teacher After School Program Coordinator	School
Tiffany Bellefleur Hilary Cote Darlene Dyke Harley Grover Leah Stevens Ashley Turcotte Jillian Vanier	Ed Tech Day Treatment Teacher Ed Tech / Telehealth Grade 4 Physical Education Ed Tech/Adaptive Skills Ed Tech	Cascade Brook School
Janelle Rackliff Travis Tierney Dana Wiswell	CTE Explorations Instructor Outdoor Leadership Instructor Firefighter/EMT Instructor	Foster Career and Technical Education Center
Catherine Melville	Ed Tech	G.D. Cushing School
Rebecca Abbott Bessa Axelrod Joshua Carey Sharon Doray Sonya Fickett Ewan Good Jessica Gray Rebecca Long Nicholas Luker Catherine O'Donnell Cyndi Pratt Kristen Schrepper Megan Scribner Craig Smith	Ed Tech Adaptive Skills/Ed Tech Mathematics Ed Tech Ed Tech World Language - French School Nurse English Weekend Custodian English Student Activities Director Science Librarian Resource Room	Mt. Blue High School
Natalie Bates Stephanie Bolduc Karen Compton Cori Galante Austin Garrett Sherrie Hansen Katrina Ladd Caitlyn Lamoureux Erin Reeve Cameron Sennick Adam Smith	G/T Teacher School Secretary Social Worker Mathematics Ed Tech English language arts Social Worker Ed Tech Custodian Science Librarian	Mt. Blue Middle School
Caitlyn Bogar Emily Bouchard Gracie Foss Jocsa Jordan Kassandra Lincoln Heather McDonald Margo McIntosh Janet Thompson Kami Thompson	Ed Tech Kindergarten Kindergarten Ed Tech Grade 1 Ed Tech Ed Tech Ed Tech Ed Tech	W.G. Mallett School

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## News from the RSU 9 Board of Directors



Two student representatives have joined the RSU 9 Board of Directors in recent months. Abigail Goodspeed, a junior at Mt. Blue High School, and Elizabeth 'Ella' Mayhew, a senior at Mt. Blue High School. Although the students do not have voting authority, their voice and perspective are welcome in the discussions and decisions facing the Board.

Pictured here are Board Chair Carol Coles, Board Member Dee Robinson, and the Mt. Blue High School mascot 'Cougar' on staff opening day in August.

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