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MIDDLE SCHOOL MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

On Saturday, May 18, 2023, Mrs. Dorothy Dawson and Mrs. Amy Clement accompanied 18 students from Wagner and Reeds Brook Middle Schools who gave up half of their weekend in order to join the Bates College Model UN conference. They joined approximately 40 other students from Lyman Moore Middle School and Greater Portland Christian School (GPCS).

RSU 22 students had already invested much time in researching the country for which they were delegates, studying multiple issues, writing position papers, and participating in our own mock Model UN Conference that brought Wagner and Reeds Brook middle school students together.



Frederic Walsh (left) and Leif Isenhour (right) (both RBMS 8) agree to be a voting block

Bates College and GPCS High School students moderated the caucuses for our students on one of 3 topics:

- 1) CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE: whether single-use plastics ought to be banned and how,
- 2) ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE: whether animal rights initiatives ought to use charismatic animals to gain attention or whether more attention ought to be paid to less cute and more vulnerable animals, and
- 3) for the more experienced students, a CRISIS COMMITTEE: where delegates argued strategies for an imagined collapse of the current world-wide banking systems. By the end of the day - after much politicking



Harrison Burnham (in jacket, Wagner 8) accepts compromise at the Bates College Middle School Model UN Conference

- all 3 committees were able to successfully adopt resolutions to address their scenarios! This was the first time in its 4 year history that all 3 groups in the Bates College Middle School Model United Nations Conference passed resolutions, another indicator of our students' dedication.
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HAMPDEN ACADEMY SALUTES THE CLASS OF 2023

On June 11, Hampden Academy celebrated commencement as 192 graduates donned their caps and gowns. The HA gym was full of excitement and pride as students, families, and staff gathered to honor the result of years of hard work. Valedictorian Corina Arimond and Salutatorian Madison Steigert delivered speeches filled with gratitude and hope, and amidst cheers and tears, diplomas were awarded, ending one chapter and beginning the next for our new alumni. Congratulations, Hampden Academy Class of 2023!



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Student
Success

Professional
Excellence

Community
Partnerships

Operational
Excellence

Dear RSU 22 Community,

Welcome back RSU 22! On behalf of our entire RSU 22 team, we are all very excited and ready for a great year. Last year I outlined our new 5-year strategic plan that consisted of four building blocks (**Student Success, Professional Excellence, Community Partnerships, and Operational Excellence**). This plan was developed collaboratively with input from community members, staff, students, parents, and the Board of Directors. This year, as we welcome the 2023-2024 school year, I am pleased to share with you our progress with RSU 22's Strategic Plan.

Student Success is the number one building block in the RSU 22 Strategic Plan. Under student success, our plan calls for a foundational focus. One obvious foundational skill is reading. Our team has reviewed our reading programming and determined that it is time for an update. The new reading program was selected by a team of volunteer staff who worked with the curriculum director to research, review and analyze many options, and programs that might better serve our students. In the end, the unanimous decision by the team, which was supported by the Education Committee, was to move forward with *Being a Reader*. We look forward to ongoing teacher and staff training in employing *Being a Reader* to integrity. Research shows it is leading students to success, and we trust it will do the same in RSU 22.

You may recall that we had a goal to increase Pre-K programming last year as called for in our strategic plan. That goal has been achieved in year one. Using mostly grant money, we moved from 2 half day programs to three full day programs at our Newburgh site. The full day Pre-K programs have been well received and they have already made a big difference in preparing our youngest learners for Kindergarten (and for life). Part of the recipe for success is the Pre K for ME model of instruction, which is play based. It is intended to support any preschool teacher in providing a rich, play-based, intentional curriculum that is aligned to Maine's Early Learning and Development Standards as well as the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework. Play is the way that children learn what no one else can teach them and boy are they playing and learning! This year, Kindergarten also adopted K for ME which extends the Pre K for ME model and supports Kindergarten students' learning and development in literacy and language, science and engineering, social studies, the arts, and social-emotional realms. This intense focus on revamping early learning is aligned with Strategic Plan goals. We are already noting the benefits in student growth. We look forward to these investments leading to continued and future student success.

At the middle school level the focus included the creation and implementation of common English Language Arts assessments. There is one per quarter, and they include the measurement of student critical thinking skills as outlined in the Strategic Plan.

Across the district, targeted supports were instituted such as individualized and small group tutoring as well as specific front loading of content in a model we call "Fast Track". The fast track model provides background knowledge prior to students learning content in the classroom. Once students have participated in a fast track round they engage in regular classroom lessons more deeply and take more away from the lessons with less reteaching. It is an example of innovation administrators and teaching staff brought to life to give certain students a needed boost. Fast Track programming was funded by ESSER-III funds.

Superintendent's Message

By **Nicholas Raymond, Superintendent of Schools**

Enrichment programming options for all students have also increased! The STEAM Club at Wagner is under way! Weatherbee Coders is up and running. Service Learning projects at Reeds Brook as well as eSports at Hampden Academy also serve as examples of fun ways staff are engaging learners beyond the school day.



Our first building block, Student Success, could only be celebrated when Professional Excellence, Community Partnerships, and Operational Excellence have also been prioritized, and as you will see, they have been.

As you will read in other Link 22 articles, we have hired two new outstanding veteran principals to lead RSU 22 Schools. Reg Ruhlin has been welcomed at Hampden Academy and began his transition into RSU 22 last spring. Angela Pratt joined RSU 22 as the new Wagner Principal this August. Both have a wealth of expertise and experience, and we look forward to their leadership. Numerous team members have been hired in various capacities across the district and will be highlighted in future editions of the Link 22. Their employment illustrates Professional Excellence right from the onset.

As part of professional excellence, we always focus on the continued growth of current team members. This means creating or procuring the best training for educators and includes professional development that we offer in district, regionally, statewide and nationally. The offerings are numerous and include an in-district book study offered by Curriculum Director, Jennifer Nickerson using the book ***Shifting the Balance***. Inservice days focused on the complete and correct use of restorative practices, the use of standardized test scores to inform instruction, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports and much more. The regional professional development offered every March through the long standing Penobscot River Educational Partnership (PREP) focused on how learning works, stress management and its impact on learning, and leadership skills.

McGraw and Wagner completed year two of the PBIS Cohort which includes ongoing training and coaching as well as summer training around advanced tiers of instruction. Smith, Wagner, and McGraw representatives all participated in this summer offering.

A cohort of RSU 22 leaders participated in a leadership credibility workshop based on the text *Leader Credibility* which focused on how to attain the qualities that all school leaders need: trustworthiness, competence, dynamism, immediacy, and forward-thinking. This cohort then presented what they learned to the full administrative team during summer training.

Building Block Three, Community Partnerships, has included many layers. First and foremost from Spring 2022 to Spring 2023 three community conversations have been held in various RSU 22 schools and the conversations will continue into the fall as we unpack suggestions, feedback, and potential impacts if RSU 22 chooses to restructure schools on any level.

Additionally, we have partnered with the United States Navy to start to grow toward a Naval Junior Reserves Officer Training Corps. Currently, we are in the Navy National Defense

Cadet Corps stage and look forward to the continued Navy partnership until we reach NJROTC status.

The RSU 22 Education Foundation is on the way back! It is growing in members and will soon be generating revenue to be able to again offer Teacher Mini-Grants. For those unfamiliar, the Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization of dedicated volunteers working in partnership with the RSU 22 Board of Directors to benefit our students, teachers, and schools. In past years they have sponsored many teacher mini-grants. We look forward to being able to highlight more of those grants in the upcoming months as the foundation generates revenue again and responds to teacher needs that are beyond the school budget. Thank you to those who have already donated to the Education Foundation!

Once a month last year starting in January, a community partner donated thank you prizes for those staff members whose names were drawn from nominees to be our RSU 22 Courageous Crew! Thank you again to Bangor Savings, Angelo's Pizza, R.H. Foster, Energy North, and Matt Haskell State Farm for your sponsorship! That program will be reinstated using the strategic plan core values. These values are perseverance, as well as the ability to be a critical thinker, problem solver, collaborator, and effective communicator. This year staff will again nominate each other when those traits are exhibited. Then one name will be drawn per school and prizes will be awarded by our local business partners. If you would like to become a monthly sponsor please contact the RSU 22 central office.

Operational Excellence was demonstrated in ongoing ways throughout the school year as exemplified by our continued efforts to keep our facilities clean, well maintained and safe for everyone to enjoy. The Hampden Academy 3rd floor expansion is opening to students this fall. Summer cleanings and painting have been completed. The multipurpose field retaining wall and Reeds Brook wall replacements are done, and new projectors at Wagner, Smith, and Reeds Brook, as well as new intercom systems at Smith and Hampden Academy have been wrapped up. A new snow removal contract for the Winterport schools is in place, and our team is committed to making sure that our facilities are ready and remain in top shape for students and staff this fall and throughout the year.

If you watched the budget process and presentations you are aware that we concluded this year with a surplus of funds due to very well managed finances, some unfilled positions where substitutes were used, and the procurements of grants to supplement the regular budget. As a result, RSU 22 has begun discussions on how to reduce our fund balance by utilizing it for some larger necessary projects and items as well as the possibility of returning some of it to the towns. We are focusing on managing our taxpayer dollars well so we can sustain excellent student programming with minimal tax increases. This fourth building block in the strategic plan is very important to the overall success of the district and steps have been taken to plan ahead now so that we can hopefully avoid sizable increases in the future related to infrastructure.

The journey toward excellence is long and never ending, but your RSU 22 team knows that excellence is what our students deserve. We are working hard to bring the strategic plan to life. I appreciate everyone's individual and collective efforts toward that end.

Nick Raymond
Superintendent of Schools

Curriculum Office Update

By Jennifer Nickerson, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

RSU 22 Summer Learning Programs

RSU 22's summer learning programs were a great success. The Special Education department sponsored its Extended School Year (ESY) program at Hampden Academy. This summer we were able to offer three additional summer learning opportunities.

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Federal Grant Update

Every school year RSU 22 receives funding as a result of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). We apply for this funding through an extensive process through the Maine Department of Education (DOE). In addition, every summer we are required to report to the DOE on our performance outcomes from the previous school year. RSU 22 qualifies for funding through the following three sources this year under this legislation:

1. Title IA: Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged
2. Title IIA: Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High Quality Teachers, Principals, and Other School Leaders

3. Title IVA: 21st Century Schools
Our aim each school year is to apply these dollars in an efficient and effective manner that improves teaching, increases achievement, and enhances the climate of our schools. As with every district in the state, each building recently completed a Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) and the district then submitted the RSU 22 Consolidated Plan. The findings of that assessment guided our approach for this coming school year, 2023-2024.

*Title IA: Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged

This year's allocation is \$357,434.56, which is a reduction of \$21,204.48 from last year. As we have done in the past, we transferred monies from Title IVA to Title IA to meet student needs which brings our project total to \$368,044.56. Title IA funds serve students at the Leroy H. Smith and Samuel L. Wagner schools. We will utilize these federal dollars to fund salaries and benefits for 2.5 literacy teachers and one literacy ed tech at the K-4 level. Our Grade 6-8 students are served by a half-time literacy teacher. We are looking at expanding our services to math this year. Both schools have also applied for Schoolwide Title IA status, which means that the teachers hired with these

funds can assist any student who demonstrates need and supplies or professional development can be provided to the whole staff with these funds. As required by statute, we also set aside some funding for supplies for homeless students.



Jennifer Nickerson

*Title IIA: Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals, and Other School Leaders

This year's allocation is \$104,364.98, which is an increase of \$18,266.13. This money is largely spent on professional development.

We support:

- Teachers as they strive to become National Board Certification

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RSU 22 Teachers Continue to Achieve National Board Certification



Lindsey Davis

Lindsey Davis has been a Grade 1 Teacher in RSU 22 at Smith School for ten years, with fourteen years total as a classroom teacher. After graduating college with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education from Central Connecticut State University, Lindsey taught Kindergarten and Grade 3 students in Washington, D.C. and Alexandria, Virginia. Then she returned to her home state of Maine to teach Kindergarten at Frankfort Elementary for one year. Lindsey has worked with the Maine Department of Education on the MOOSE platform and the MoMEntum K-3 Literacy Pilot. Lindsey is an avid technology integrator, and loves to work with students learning to read and write. She is a wife, and mom to three children. The National Board Certification process was challenging, yet powerful. Lindsey was encouraged to make learning visible for students, make connections, and analyze her work with children.

"A teacher is a compass that activates the magnets of curiosity, knowledge, and wisdom in the pupils. - Ever Garrison



Dorothy Dawson-Hall

Dorothy was raised in Southwestern Ontario. After college, she went to teach English in Japan for 2 years. Dorothy returned to Canada and became a lawyer but realized that she wanted to teach. She began her American teaching career in RSU 34 (Old Town) as an Ed Tech in the GT program when she married a Mainer. During which time she achieved her teacher certification, became a mom, and continued in the district as a Gifted Education Specialist. She joined RSU 22 as a teacher and then transferred into the GT Directorship. She is currently completing a M.Sc. in Educational Leadership through the USM. After 3 years of hard work, through teaching during COVID, compiling data, editing video clips, meeting unyielding deadlines, and looking for better evidence of great teaching, Dorothy did not achieve certification on her first attempt by only 2 points! She was very disappointed until she learned that only 40% of teachers are certified on their first attempt. The RSU 22 instructional coach encouraged her to keep going. She resubmitted one of the four components and did a better job of showing evidence. Dorothy achieved certification on her second attempt. She would encourage all teachers considering certification to take the plunge. It is an opportunity for you to celebrate your great teaching!



Kimberly Mitchell

Kim was born in Aroostook County, Maine but raised in Connecticut. Her family moved to Hampden in 1977 and she graduated from Hampden Academy. While she enjoyed careers as a Dental Hygienist and Radiologic Technologist for 18 years, teaching was her true passion. She graduated from the University of Maine with a teaching degree with high hopes of teaching middle school Math and Science. A temporary substitute teaching position in a Special Education classroom altered her course and she has loved the opportunity to work with amazing students and families ever since. In 2011, she received a Master's degree in Special Education from the University of Maine and she has taught in RSU 22 for 15 years. She lives in Orono with her husband and 4 labs and is a new crazy chicken lady, aspiring beekeeper, candle maker, and lover of Country Gold at camp on Saturday nights with her family. Kim earned her National Board Teacher Certification in Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood.

MESSAGE FROM HAMPDEN ACADEMY PRINCIPAL

By Reg Ruhlin, Principal
Hampden Academy

Dear RSU 22 Community:

I'm excited to introduce myself as the new principal of Hampden Academy and humbled to be chosen to lead this amazing school.

I have deep roots in the greater Bangor area - my parents graduated from Bangor High School way back in the day, then moved to Brewer to raise their family (I'm the third of six). My wife, Jen, and I relocated back to the area in 2005, and we have two daughters: Kate, who will be a junior at UMass-Amherst this fall, and Eliza, a rising tenth grader at Bangor High.

I come to RSU 22 with 29 years of experience as an educator in mostly high school settings. Prior to education, I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from UMaine and practiced engineering in the Portland area for several years. I had a natural inclination toward math/science, so when I decided to become an educator I landed on math and loved my time in the classroom, teaching a full range of classes from Pre-algebra to AP Calculus. Most recently, I had the privilege of serving as principal at Orono High School for five years and as of June 30 wrapped up two years as superintendent for School Union 93 (five districts on the Blue Hill peninsula).

I'm beyond thrilled to return to the principalship. When telling my friends and family about this opportunity, their typical response is, "Reg, finally. This is what you've loved, and you're a natural." And I agree. I'm excited to get started. I visited HA once a week during May with the informal objective of observing the school in action, getting a feel for the climate and culture, and beginning the process of getting to know people. I roamed the hallways, poked my head into classrooms, and hopefully became a familiar face before the year ended. I appreciated the warm welcome!

I hope everyone is having a fun and healthy summer vacation, and I'm looking forward to the first day of school.

Go Broncos!
Reg Ruhlin



Hampden Academy Announces a New Athletic Director

Barry Terrill has been named the new Athletic Director at Hampden Academy. Barry has been working in education for 18 years. He has worked at Orono High School, Mattanawcook Academy, Washington Academy and Bucksport Middle School prior to coming to RSU 22 in Hampden.



He has been an Ed Tech, Teacher, and an Athletic Administrator over the course of his career. He has also been a varsity football and basketball coach for 15 years before becoming an athletic administrator four years ago. Over the past four years, he has been the AD at Bucksport Middle School for two years, and for RSU 67 in Lincoln for two years.

Barry grew up in Orono and attended Orono High School prior to attending the University of Maine in Orono where he completed a double major in History and Kinesiology and Physical Education. He completed his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from St. Joseph's College in Maine in 2022.

He lives in Old Town with his wife Mathy and their two children.

Health, Wellness and Safety Update

Brittany Layman, RN

I am excited for the 2023-2024 school year and the health services team is eager to get started! This year will bring efforts to promote health and well-being across the district for our students and staff.

Health

RSU 22 is excited to welcome a seasoned school nurse to our team! Genevieve Marier will be joining the Weatherbee School and will be the primary point of contact for health concerns. She has many years of experience in the US and Canada and has been a substitute nurse in the district for over 5 years. Each of the school buildings has access to a nurse everyday and below you will find the contact information for your child's nurse!

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 Nick Oyler (RBMS)--noyler@rsu22.us
 Genevieve Marier (Weatherbee)--gmarier@rsu22.us
 Natasha Adams (McGraw)--nadams@rsu22.us
 Brittany Layman (Newburgh)--blayman@rsu22.us

Wellness

Student and employee wellness is a strong focus in RSU 22. When our students and staff are healthy and well, we know they are ready to learn. We are excited to have a robust farm and sea to school program that we are expanding across the district. This year will bring new menu items such as fish tots made with fish caught off the Maine coast and marinara sauce created from school garden tomatoes. We want to expand our classroom connections to local agriculture and school gardens! If you are interested in helping make those connections, please reach out to Brittany Layman at blayman@rsu22.us.

Safety

School safety is of the utmost importance and is a daily focus for all of our faculty and staff. We work with community stakeholders to create safety plans that meet the needs of our students. This year we will continue to update our emergency operations plan and partner with Hampden Public Safety, Newburgh Fire, Winterport EMS and Frankfort Fire. Please look for important communication regarding school safety via email, text message, and social media. For you to receive the most up to date information it is important that contact information is updated through your child's school.

HAMPDEN ACADEMY HOSTS ITS FIRST CHESS TOURNAMENT

On October 8, 2022, Hampden Academy hosted its first-ever chess Tournament. The "National Chess Day" Tournament at HA hosted 85 players from around Maine and kicked off the 2022-23 Interscholastic Chess Season. We were very glad to have the opportunity to host and to share our exceptional facilities with the Maine chess community. Hampden Academy also hosted the 2023 State of Maine Girls' and Women's State Championship Tournament this past March. It was a big step for RSU #22 Chess to host a state championship tournament. Further, we were well represented. Lilly Tripp placed sixth at the 2023 State of Maine Girls' and Women's Championship. Joshua Lorenzo placed 5th at the 2023 State of Maine Individual Scholastic Championship Tournament. The Chess Lounge remains a fixture in the HA Library, a space dedicated to playing chess, and we will continue to meet each Monday right after school in the HA Library Garage, from the first week of school in the Fall to the last week of school in June.



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APRIL VACATION SPENT IN ITALY

Over April vacation, 75 HA travelers, including students, family members, and teachers took a trip to Italy. The trip started in the Naples region before they visited Rome. The focus of the trip was on the ancient world, visiting ancient ruins at Paestum (Old Greek colony), Pompeii, and Ostia (Rome's port). Students also visited Capri, the vacation spot of Roman emperors and all of the ancient parts of Rome. Along with those ancient sites, they also explored the Amalfi Coast, Naples, and Vatican City. One of the benefits of the trip was active learning (more than just museum visits!). Students learned how to make gnocchi (potato pasta), trained as ancient Roman soldiers, and reenacted ancient Roman cultural practices (e.g., recreated an ancient Roman funeral). They also had practicing archaeologists leading them through different ancient sites. Rome was celebrating its birthday when they were there, so there were parades and mock gladiator fights in the Circus Maximus that some were able to watch. The highlight of the trip for many was the island of Capri, just off the coast of Naples. Many of the travelers also took a boat tour around the island.



Hampden Academy Music Groups Perform in New York City

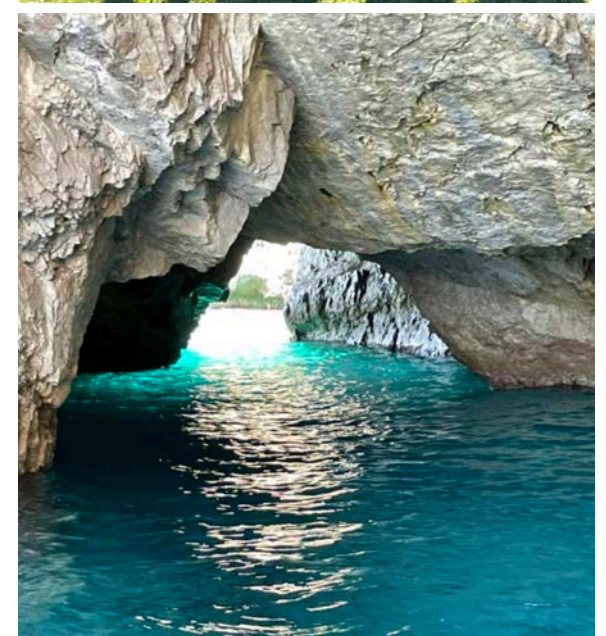
On March 23rd, the Hampden Academy performing ensembles boarded 2 buses bound for New York City to perform in the Worldstrides Heritage Music Festival. On Friday, the Band, Chamber Singers, and Combined HA Choirs performed at the beautiful Riverside Church on the upper West side of Manhattan for nationally known adjudicators. They were scored on rubrics which included tone, musicianship, balance/blend, dynamics, and other technical factors. The band received a silver rating, and the choirs received gold ratings. One of the highlights was to see a Broadway show. Half of the students saw *Wicked* and the other half saw *The Lion King*! The students also experienced Ellen's Stardust Diner, shopping in Times Square, the 9/11 Memorial, Rockefeller Center, the American Museum of Natural History, Dave and Buster's, and a dinner/dance cruise past the Statue of Liberty before returning home tired and happy on March 26th.



Hampden Academy Band



Hampden Academy Choir



Waldo County Bounty Share Table

Leroy H. Smith School

By: Kathy Kittridge, Director of School Nutrition

Winterport Give & Take Site Is Now Open for 2023 Season

The Give & Take Program by Waldo County Bounty offers a place where gardeners can give homegrown produce, and anyone lacking access to fresh foods can take it at no cost. Many home gardeners know what it is like to have zucchini and cucumbers growing out of their ears. Now there's a place where you can take your extra produce, and it will be used and appreciated!

The Winterport Give & Take site is open for anyone who would like to donate or pick up produce. You do not need to leave anything to take the fresh produce. The program aims to improve access to fresh foods for all people.

This year, we request that people who donate fruits and vegetables record their donation in a notebook at the table. For the health and safety of our community, please only donate homegrown fruits and vegetables, seeds, seedlings, or gleaned farm produce. Please do not leave store-bought food, home canned goods, badly bruised or near-rotting produce, or fallen apples or other produce collected from the ground. Additionally, do not leave meat, eggs, cash, clothing, or other household items.

Each year, Waldo County Bounty hosts 15+ Give & Take sites across Waldo County with the help of local volunteers. If you would like to learn more about the Give & Take Program or sign up to volunteer, visit waldocountybounty.org.



About Waldo County Bounty

A hunger relief organization founded in response to the pandemic, Waldo County Bounty works to ensure that everyone has access to fresh, nutritious food by collaborating with local farmers, organizations, and community members towards an equitable food system. Waldo County Bounty gleans and buys food from farms for food pantries—a win-win for local farms and hunger relief agencies—and it provides material and educational support to home gardeners. In 2022, Waldo County Bounty distributed 42,000 pounds of fresh, nutritious foods in Waldo County. For more information, visit waldocountybounty.org and like and follow Waldo County Bounty on Facebook and Instagram.

Free Meals for all Students during the 2023-24 School Year

Breakfast and Lunch will continue to be offered at no charge through the upcoming school year.

However, it is important to note that we still need to receive free and reduced meal applications for school funding and if you qualify you may be eligible for other state benefits.

Applications can be filled out on the

RSU 22 website in the the resources section. There is an easy and confidential online option, printable copies or look for one in your child's return to school information.

Free Meals offered are breakfast and lunch combo meals which include entree choices, sides, vegetables, fruits, and milk. Daily and Alternate meal combos are also free. Menus are posted on the School Nutrition section of the website in resources.

Meals are free but individual items (a la carte) are sold separately.

A la carte includes milk to go with home lunch (.55), Middle and High School offerings such as bottled beverages, snacks or if menu items are purchased separately such as an extra serving of an item.

If a student brings a home lunch but would like milk, fruit and a vegetable (salad bar), they can get those together for free as long as they take the three items.

Payment for a la carte items can be made online at myschoolbucks.com or by bringing in cash or check (payable to RSU 22 Food Service). Please be sure to label payments with the student's name.

School Meal Balances

If a student has a positive balance on their account it can be used for a la carte purchases, transferred to another account, donated to another student or refunded.

Contact Kathy Kittridge if you would like to transfer, donate or receive a refund.

Menu for the First Day of School



Hamburgers, Fries, Salad & Fruit Bar, Milk

Menu posted on the RSU 22 website in the Resources section under School Nutrition.

Questions about the School Nutrition Program?

Contact Kathy Kittridge at 862- 3543 or email kkittridge@rsu22.us

Fill Out Your School Meal Benefit Form Online Today!



SCAN OR CLICK ME!



It's important for ALL FAMILIES to fill out the form even though school meals are free for everyone this year.

It helps your school and community!

Household income helps to determine state and federal funding to support your school's educational, nutrition, and enrichment programs.

You could get extra money for groceries!

Eligible families can receive grocery benefits through the Pandemic EBT program. Learn more at feedkids.me

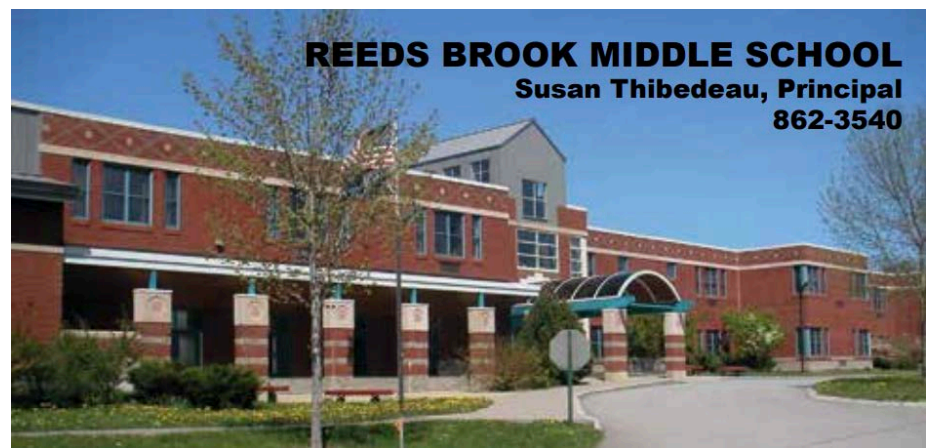
It's quick, private, and online!

Fill out the form at nlappscloud.com today. Contact your school nutrition department with any questions.



Reeds Brook Teacher Becomes Tech Ambassador

We would like to congratulate Chris Beckwith for his two-year appointment as a Technology Ambassador for the Maine Department of Education. The Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI) Ambassadors function as distinguished educators working with districts state-wide to promote tech learning in schools. These positions are set up as an exchange agreement between the Department of Education and RSU 22. As a MLTI Ambassador, Mr. Beckwith will provide professional learning to MLTI schools and educators. He will work closely with Digital Learning Specialists and other MLTI Ambassadors to create and deliver professional learning sessions, connect and work with educators and administrators at MLTI schools, and act as a representative and advocate of MLTI and connected initiatives. Reeds Brook will miss Mr. Beckwith during his two years as an MLTI ambassador but are eager to see all the ways he shares his expertise and knowledge with others.



REEDS BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL
Susan Thibedeau, Principal
862-3540

Welcome all Reeds Brook Families and Students!

By Susan Thibedeau, Reeds Brook Principal

The 2023-24 school year promises to be another great year at Reeds Brook! Building from our efforts last year to increase connection and engagement, we will continue to focus on belonging. Every year, I am impressed with our middle schoolers – their desire to learn fuels their intellectual and social development. The Reeds Brook staff work together to create a supportive environment that challenges all students to achieve individual success, making our school’s mission come alive in classrooms. Reeds Brook is truly a great place to learn and grow!

We continue to foster the attitude “Attendance Matters.” Regular attendance is linked to high student achievement. When absent, students miss opportunities for peer learning experiences and teacher instruction. We encourage all students to come to school every day!

The first day of school is August 30, 2023 for all middle school students. We are excited to see our 7th and 8th graders again and to meet our 6th graders. All students should report to their homeroom upon arrival to school on the first day – homeroom information will be available upon entering school. Schedules will be given to students in their homerooms. The school will provide supplies for students.

For our 6th grade families, we are hosting a 6th Grade Parent Night on Monday, August 28 at 5:00 pm, so please join us to learn more about your student’s transition to middle school. More information will follow about this meeting. If sixth graders would like to drop by the school and find their homeroom and locker, the sixth grade wing will be accessible on Friday, August 25 from 9:00 to 11:00 am for students with last names starting A-L and from 12:00 - 2:00 pm for students with last names starting K-Z. If you cannot make your assigned time, it is fine to come earlier or later. There will also be plenty of time on the first day to learn about locker use.

Thank you to our families for all their support! We look forward to a great year of working together.

RBMS END OF YEAR FIELD TRIPS



6th Grade Field Trip

6th graders extended their Farm and Sea to School and the Maine Dairy Council Adopt-a-Cow programs with a visit to the Page Farm Museum at the University of Maine and Heath Miller’s dairy farm: On the same field trip, they also visited the University of Maine Hudson Museum to learn more about Wabanaki history. As you can see the calves were a huge hit!



7th Grade Field Trip

7th graders released salmon that they raised from eggs in their Science classroom. Their trip to Souadabscook Stream included both fish release and learning stations about salmon in Maine. Students demonstrated their learning from this unit by creating booklets that provided information about the Atlantic salmon.



8th Grade Field Trip

8th graders end the year with a trip to a Portland Sea Dogs game and Portland Head Light. Despite the soggy weather, everyone had a great time! Thanks to the Reeds Brook Family Group who gave all students awesome t-shirts to wear on their last time together as 8th graders!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 1)

Several of our students won AWARDS for their preparation and participation: Rising Tiger: Harrison Burnham (Wagner 8); Team Player: Lucas Fachiol (RBMS 8); Excellence in Parliamentary Protocol: Frederic Walsh (RBMS 8) and Sylvia Ruge (Wagner 6); Excellence in Verbal Persuasion: Samantha Libby (RBMS 7); and Best Background Paper: Eli Marquis (RBMS 6).

After working hard all day, students enjoyed an ice cream together in a spirit of collegiality, spirits not dampened by the heavy rain. This was our second year attending the Bates MUNC, and there is much momentum among the students to grow our own Hampden Academy Model UN team.



RBMS students strategize - Owen Barnes (right), Allyson Clement (left) and Samantha Libby (center).



Gus Gustafson (Wagner 7) and Sylvia Ruge (Wagner 6) consider other delegates' rebuttals to their proposal to clean up plastics on beaches worldwide



Zachary Valentine, center, and Eli Marquis, behind (both RBMS 6) listen to and prepare responses to delegates' proposals



Community Partners for Inspired Education



The RSU 22 Education Foundation was established in August 2009, taking inspiration from endowment funds set up by universities nationwide.

The goal was to establish an organization that would become an integral and enduring part of the school district's educational structure.

The Foundation began to take shape slowly, with the initiation of fundraisers and the implementation of a program allowing teachers to apply for "mini-grants" to enhance classroom learning and inspire students.

As part of these formative years, a website was set up to spread awareness of the Education Foundation's purpose. Additionally, temporary funding enabled the hiring of a part-time coordinator to oversee activities. At one point before the pandemic, the RSU 22 Education Foundation operated as a self-funded entity, accomplishing all its goals with an all-volunteer board. The Foundation is now working towards reinstating this model, striving to become an integral part of the educational structure of the school district and continue its impact for generations to come.

The former board of directors reflected the diversity of the communities it serves, comprising retired military, civil service personnel, business owners in various fields, accountants, architects, a columnist, and educators from primary school to university levels. All members shared the common aspiration of inspiring young learners. As some members left the Education Foundation Board, new members were welcomed. Special appreciation was extended to Peter Witt for his active role in sustaining the Foundation until its recent revival.

Today, the new board of the RSU 22 Education Foundation is prepared for a relaunch, committed to continually supporting RSU 22 Schools.

The Foundation plans to reintroduce mini-grants this year, providing opportunities for contributions towards the educational enhancement of students.

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RSU 22 Investigates Possible School Restructuring

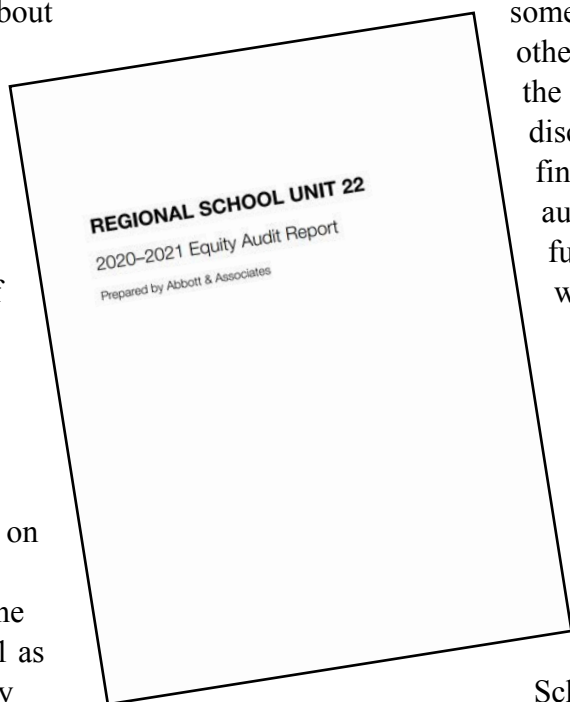
If you have read the Equity Audit published in June 2021 (available on our website) or have participated in any of the three community conversations that followed, you are aware that RSU 22 is facilitating discussions about improving school experience and outcomes through potentially restructuring schools.

The RSU 22 Board of Directors ordered an Equity Audit in 2020 which was completed in the Spring of 2021 and culminated with a presentation to the board on June 16th of that year. It was also highlighted in the Link 22 in February 2021 as part of the ongoing equity efforts. The audit process included a survey for all parents and guardians, interviews with families, community, staff and students. Equity Audit findings included the need to investigate a possible restructure of schools so that the structure and system offers comparable opportunities. The report is very detailed and can be found online, but principal findings from page 5 offer this summary:

1. SECTION 6. SCHOOL FACILITIES, RESOURCING, AND BUSING PRINCIPAL FINDINGS
 1. 6.1 Many disparities and inequities in school facilities or resourcing are well-known to administrators, staff, and community members.
 2. 6.2 Structural features of the school system pose significant barriers to educational equity.
 3. 6.3 Some community members perceive structural inequities in RSU 22 to be intentional inequity. Some community members are uninformed about structural disparities in school resourcing.

A Community BBQ was hosted at McGraw School on Saturday, June 18, 2022. This first Community Conversation was the result of requests through the community relations committee to have discussions on topics that concerned parents. The topics of conversation were generated from a survey sent in advance so that the board would know what the community wanted to discuss. A facilitator volunteered his time and the community led the conversation.

A common theme emerged that afternoon was around inequities between schools. Many examples were offered from those in attendance regarding specific examples of inequities. While some could be explained or otherwise addressed during the conversation, the discussion did reinforce the findings from the equity audit and indicate that further follow up was warranted.



Feedback around the productivity of the first community conversation was very positive and as a result, a second Community Conversation was held at Wagner Middle School on Tuesday, October

15th. This conversation targeted the topics that were brought up at the June Community Conversation. The topics also ended up being what the equity audit mentioned. Those topics were broken into two categories. The first category was education. Education was broken down into two subcategories, Experience and Content/Curriculum. Basically, within learning (Education) the community wanted to talk about what was taught (Content/Curriculum) and how it was taught (Experience). The second category included all extra curricular activities and co-curricular activities. Extra and co-curricular activities include the extensions of programming beyond the school day. Extracurricular activities are not tied to the curriculum and co-curricular activities extend or complement the curriculum so that we have a coordinated approach to create more robust "whole child" educational experiences.

The goal of this second conversation was to gather insight and feedback on all four of the topics without being rushed. Those engaged in the conversation on October 15th worked through discussing the educational experience as well as the content/curriculum. That left extra and co-curriculum to be addressed.

This conversation continued at Reeds Brook Middle School on Wednesday, February 1, 2023. Those present revisited the topics and questions that were previously discussed because not everyone had attended all previous discussions. There was a short review of how we came to those points of conversation and it became clear through questions that RSU22 needed to get some details to our teams so that we could present real restructure possibilities. Parents were asking for details that had not yet been discussed because RSU 22 was still in the

fact finding and listening stages. As a result of feedback from that meeting, an ad hoc restructure committee was created by the board. This ad hoc committee determined that possible scenarios needed to be outlined in order for parents to have the details that they really needed to weigh in.

Four possible scenarios will be presented to staff this fall. One of the scenarios is to change nothing while the opposite is to restructure as early as the elementary level. As school comes back into session, these scenarios will be shared with staff during various meetings. This will allow staff to weigh in, offer fresh eyes, and give critical feedback from their perspectives. A survey will also be crafted for staff so that we make sure everyone who can not attend meetings still has a voice. Their multiple perspectives and feedback will offer insights as to what scenarios will ultimately be presented to the community as possible restructure scenarios at the next Community Conversation. The goal of the ad hoc committee is to conduct a community conversation in the fall once we have reflected on and adjusted based on staff insights. At the upcoming community conversation later this fall, stakeholders could rotate through stations and hear about each possible scenario, ask questions, and provide feedback. Parents and guardians would then be asked to complete a survey because not everyone is able to attend evening conversations. Based on all the information gathered through this process, the board would establish which scenarios, if any, would be pursued. If you have ideas or questions throughout this process please reach out to your child's principal.

Our Mission, as regularly shared and posted is:

RSU 22 is committed to the optimal learning of all students. To achieve our mission we are further committed to:
 ...fostering and modeling a love of learning
 ...developing self-reliant, creative, and responsible citizens
 ...providing the necessary resources
 ...creating a community of respect and caring

To really live this mission, uphold the strategic plan that was developed by everyone, and truly create optimal learning for all students as called for in our mission, we are obligated to regularly investigate how we could improve programming. Our students deserve nothing less. Your RSU 22 Leadership greatly appreciates your participation in the process. Please watch for community conversation notices, surveys or other details as they become available.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead, Educator

Angela Pratt named Principal at Samuel L. Wagner Middle School



Angela Pratt is the new principal at Samuel L. Wagner Middle School. Mrs. Pratt has 37 years of experience in education; 5 years of experience as an administrator. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Farmington and a MSEd through the University of New England. Mrs. Pratt has worked in Districts both throughout Maine as well as in Florida, including 16 years as a teacher at Weatherbee School in Hampden. Throughout her career, she has always made decisions that are student centered and provide all learners with instruction that meets their academic needs. Mrs. Pratt is a firm believer that strong relationships with all stakeholders create a collaborative and meaningful learning environment for students. Working with middle school students for the past 5 years, she has learned that they have a great sense of humor, love their friends and want to see relevance in what they are learning. She looks forward to working with students, families, and staff at Wagner Middle School and is already feeling that Wagner Pride!



She grew up in Aroostook County where she developed a love of skiing and boating. During her first year of teaching in Medway, Mrs. Pratt lived in Millinocket. She then moved to Auburn where she taught for 3 years. Living in Sanford, FL Mrs. Pratt taught grade 5 one year before moving back to Maine to be closer to family. She taught in RSU 3 for 9 years and then transitioned to RSU 22 where she taught for 16 years. She has worked as the principal at the Glenburn School for the past 5 years.

Mrs. Pratt resides with her husband of 36 years in Hampden. Her daughter, son-in-law and grandson live in Windham and her son and his girlfriend live in Portland, OR.

Samuel L. Wagner Middle School End of Year Activities

Wagner Middle School ended the year in style with many activities to keep students engaged!

- End of year concert for band and chorus hosted at Hampden Academy in the Performing Arts Center
- Welcoming fourth graders to Wagner led by fifth and sixth graders
- Disc Golf field trip for the entire school -- fifth and sixth in the morning and seventh and eighth in the afternoon
- Combined jazz band concert exchange with Caravel, performing there in the morning and at Wagner in the afternoon
- Indoor field day for fifth grade led by Mr. Walling -- cornhole, cup stacking, towel volleyball, and scooter relay



Welcoming fourth graders to SWMS



Samuel L. Wagner Choir



Disc Golf Field Trip



Disc Golf Field Trip



Samuel L. Wagner Band



Exchange concert with Caravel



Indoor field day for fifth grade



Welcoming fourth graders to SWMS



GEORGE B. WEATHERBEE SCHOOL
Jennifer Cyr, Principal
862-3254

THE WEATHERBEE WAY WINNERS

The 2022-2023 Weatherbee Way winners were selected based on their modelings of CATS (Caring, Always Responsible and Respectful, Truthful and Safe). We strive to reinforce these behaviors each and every day as a way of being known as the Weatherbee Way.



First row (grade 3 left to right): Wade Patterson, Jack Joyce, Emmelynn Hafford, Poppy Treworgy, Josie O'Connor, Parke Strong, Cooper Kenniston, Stella Harrington, and Orin Wentworth.
Second row (grades 4-5 left to right): Gabriella Connelly, Ridge Tweedie, Logan Malaney, Noah Gould, Ella Smith, Chloe Alberico, Lacey Barnett, Asher Coffey, Blaise Allen, Danielle Sargent, Maxwell Ballard, Ben Wilcox, Ellie Biter, Jett Miller, Quinn Worster, Avery Zhang, Lila Tweworgy, and Jemma LaChance.

40 Book Challenge Winners

Each year, Weatherbee students are challenged to read 40 books. We applaud these students for earning this wonderful distinction!



From front left: Harper Thompson, Blaze Allen, Hudson Rich, Ian Kolvoord, McKinley Walker, and Quinn Worster
From back left: Erika Snyder, Grace Hallett, Bryson Smith, Mason Chamberland, and Danielle Sargent.

Bikes for Books Winners

Each year, students compete in the Bikes for Books Challenge sponsored by our local Masonic Lodge. Thank you again to Edward Gonnella and the Lodge for their support of our community and literacy. We greatly appreciate it and our students were thrilled to earn their new bikes!



From Left to Right: Kenley Mantz, Isaac Pelletier, Emi Snyder, Danielle Sargent, Spyros Pouloupoulos, and Grace Hallett.

Grade 5 Celebration at the Old Town Orono YMCA



Weatherbee fifth graders had a jam packed class celebration at the OTO YMCA. Students got to choose from a variety of activities including spin classes, the climbing wall, field house competitions (gymnastics and team events), zumba, swimming and more. Thank you to our grade 5 teachers and parent volunteers for making this 2nd annual trip such a memorable experience. Good luck to our students as they move on to Reeds Brook Middle School.



WEATHERBEE CONCERTS



Third graders performed their chorus concert and featured speaking parts. Belle Smith speaking.



Fourth graders recorder concert. Students can choose to pursue band in their fifth grade year.



Fifth graders performed their chorus and band concert on the last day of school.

Annual Family BBQ

Thank you to our amazing food service team and Hampden Public Safety for hosting our family barbecue. We had a fantastic lunch and an even better turn out.

While the weather wasn't what we'd hoped for, our indoor field day was nonetheless a dynamic program for our grade 3, grade 4, and grade 5 students. Each homeroom rotated through stations that included crafts, trivia, and team challenges. Special thanks to the Hampden Academy National Honor Society students as well as our amazing parent volunteers who made the day a smashing success. We love our volunteers!!



Welcome Back!

By Dawn Moore
Leroy H. Smith School Principal

It has been a busy summer at Smith School. We are looking forward to another fantastic year. We would like to welcome our new staff: Ms. Trask, 2nd Grade Teacher; Ms. Belka, Music Teacher; Mr. Krummel, Special Education Teacher, and Ms. Melendez, Social Worker. We are very excited to have them join our team!

Smith School has a new look when you enter the building. Our interior walls have been painted (the entrance a “bee” yellow) and give the school a very cheery look! A big thank you to all who put countless hours into making our school special.

Our focus this year remains on providing a well-rounded education that not only emphasizes academic excellence but also fosters the development of character, critical thinking skills, and empathy. We will be enhancing our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System) to support all students. We will continue to engage with the community through various initiatives, events, and outreach programs by providing more family offerings/events. We will continue to nurture each individual's potential, as we prepare them to face the future with confidence and compassion.

Welcome to all new families attending Smith School and welcome back to all others! School begins for grades 1-4 on Wednesday, August 30. Pre-K and Kindergarten students begin on Tuesday, September 5. Smith School will be holding an Open House for grades 1-4 on Monday, August 28 from 5:00-5:30. Kindergarten Open House will be held Monday, August 28 from 4:00-5:00. Hope to see you there!



LEROY H. SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Dawn Moore, Principal, 223-4282

Memorial Day Celebration



Smith School students honored over 30 Veterans on Friday, May 26th. Veterans from Winterport/Frankfort were invited to attend an assembly put on by the students at Smith School. Each grade level celebrated the Veteran’s service in their own special way. Poems were read, banners were created, and songs were sung. It was a great turnout and a wonderful acknowledgment of their service. Thank you to all who have served and currently serve.



Second Grade Field Trip



Second Graders visited Fort Knox and the Penobscot Narrows Observation Tower. The view from the top of the tower was amazing. The clear sky allowed us to see miles in all directions. Students toured the fort climbing lots of stairs, looked at cannons, visited the Officers sleeping quarters, and cooled down in the tunnels. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about a local landmark. A great time was had by all, the proof was their smiling faces!

Casella Contest Winners

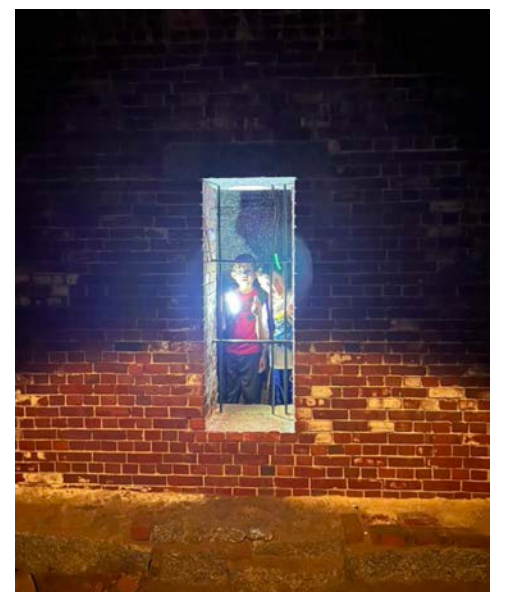
Smith School is proud to recognize our Casella Contest Winner and honorable mentions for the 2023 contest.

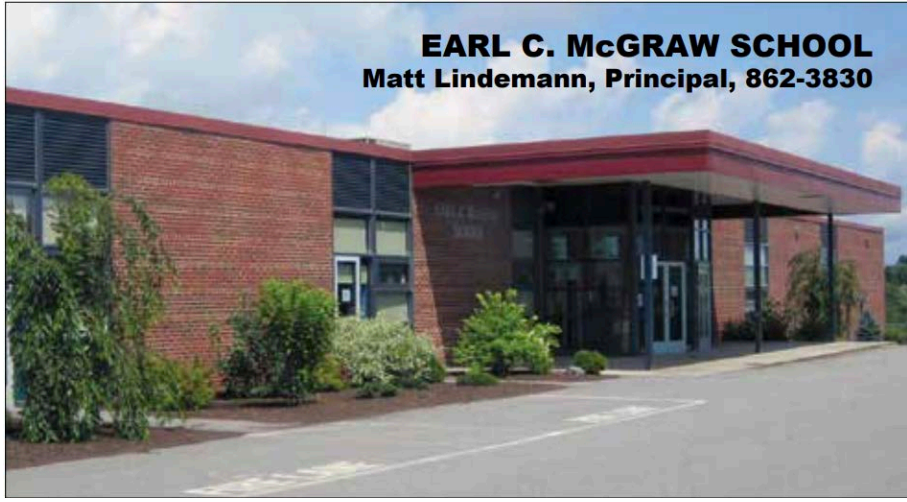
The Casella Calendar Art Contest is a program created to encourage third grade students and teachers to learn more about recycling. Since its inception, the program has grown to include our operating footprint in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, and now Connecticut. Over 1,800 entries were collected last year!

The purpose of the program is to encourage students to Recycle Better™ while learning ways to reduce, reuse and recycle as much as possible. Teachers and students are encouraged to discuss ways to reduce the amount of material taken to landfills by recycling or reusing and the impacts on the environment for future generations. After the discussion, students create their own drawing to illustrate what waste reduction, reuse, and recycling means to them.



Winning Entry: Laityn Stover
Honorable Mention: Peter Walters
Honorable Mention: Stella Davis
Honorable Mention: Ella Tate





EARL C. MCGRAW SCHOOL
 Matt Lindemann, Principal, 862-3830

Welcome to All McGraw Families and Students!

Dear McGraw Families,

On behalf of the staff of the Earl C. McGraw School, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! We are fortunate and grateful to learn and grow in a community that provides our school with an outpouring of support. From community members, families, volunteers, organizations, PTO, and many more who give their time and efforts to our students and staff, we thank you.

Our goal at McGraw is to meet the needs of our students to help them grow and achieve as learners, develop social skills, and engage as members of a school community. In order to achieve this goal, it is critical that teachers, families, and administrators communicate openly and frequently about the progress of our students. Working together, we can best support the growth of each student at McGraw.

At McGraw and in RSU 22, we encourage families and community members to get involved in our school. We love to share what we are doing within our walls and always need an extra hand. Please check our bi-weekly McGraw Minutes and stay in contact with your child's teacher on volunteer opportunities both during and outside of the school day. We encourage parents and caregivers to become and stay involved in their child's education. We are also fortunate to have a passionate and supportive Parent Teacher Organization that we collaborate with regularly for community building events.

We look forward to seeing your child when school resumes this fall and all of the excitement and adventures that a new school year brings!

Together, let's make it a great year!

Matt Lindemann, Principal

2023 Grade 2 Whitmore Scholarship Recipients

Each school year, two McGraw 2nd grade students are selected to receive the Whitmore Scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide equal support to the boy and girl from the graduating class of the Earl C. McGraw School deemed by the Hampden Kiwanis Club to be most worthy on the basis of character, scholarship, and leadership. This year, our two recipients were Bennett Aronowitz and Andi Hallett. We are proud of all they have accomplished at McGraw! We know that they and all of our 2nd graders will have a great 3rd grade year at Weatherbee!



Students at Earl C. McGraw enjoy a Field Day and BBQ Lunch

McGraw students, staff, families, and volunteers enjoyed a great Field Day experience during the last week of school. The rainy weather didn't deter us from embracing our Beach Day theme for an afternoon of fun activities.

The afternoon began with a BBQ lunch provided by our kitchen staff and served by our Hampden Public Safety Departments. Families were invited to eat lunch with their McGraw students during this fun day and we had a great turnout of McGraw families.

During the rest of the afternoon, students participated in activities like Seahorse Races, Beach Day Bingo, "Clean Up the Beach," and a book swap in our library. Thank you to our PE teacher, Ms. Berry, for planning this fun afternoon and to our PTO and parent volunteers for helping make it a fun filled day for all.



1st Grade Field Trips to Planetarium



McGraw 1st grade students visited the Versant Power Astronomy Center and Jordan Planetarium at the University of Maine as a spring field trip. The trip supported the first graders' science unit on the sun and stars. At the planetarium, students saw the "Secret of the Cardboard Rocket" show. In the show, two children take a magical trip through the solar system on their cardboard rocket. Both students and staff had a great time on the trip and learned a lot. We are grateful to the McGraw PTO for supporting this field trip.

Newburgh Pre-K Students Step Up

McGraw students and staff were thrilled to have Newburgh Pre-K students visit us on May 31st. This was a great opportunity for some of our incoming Kindergarten students to see our school and meet some of our staff members. The Pre-K students had a chance to play on our playground, visit Kindergarten classrooms, meet kindergarten teachers, hear about kindergarten from some of our current students, and listen to a story with Mrs. Witt in our library. Additionally, Pre-K students had a chance to visit our Book Fair and pick out a book to keep. We look forward to welcoming these students as kindergarteners this fall!



Curriculum Office Update

RSU 22 Summer Learning Programs

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For our K-2 students, a baggie of supplies was sent home with all students which included a learning bingo board and book for each student to keep. Students were challenged to complete all the activities this summer. Activities focused on five areas: reading, writing, phonics, math, and citizenship. Students in Grades 3-5 were encouraged to sign-up for a Virtual Summer School program through Google classroom. Two teachers provided weekly learning opportunities and provided feedback to students when assignments were completed. Students earned points based on their participation level each week. K-5 students celebrated their hard work with an ice cream social. We expanded summer programming to Grades 6-8 this year. The four weeks of in-person programming were designed around a summer camp style with theme weeks. The first two weeks were held at Reeds Brook Middle School with Week 1 focused on gardens and outdoor education. While students in Week 2 spent the week learning the history of our four towns. Weeks 3 and 4 were held at Wagner Middle School and focused on cooking and STEM activities, respectively. Transportation was provided from one school to the other for these four weeks. We were able to provide the additional K-8 opportunities to all students as a result of additional COVID-19 federal funding.

6-8 Summer Learning Program-Garden Week

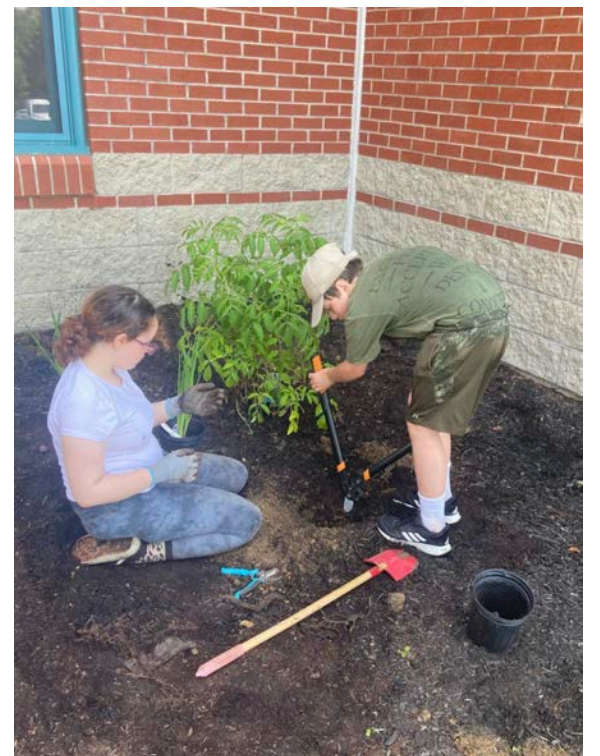
Students spent the week increasing their knowledge about gardening with many activities including learning about the parts of a plant, reading poems about nature, writing haiku poetry, making origami flowers, and graphing a garden based on the three sister plant concept. They also learned about the Seven Sisters of Wabanaki Agriculture. The students received a visit from Maine Search and Rescue Dogs, as well as spent at least one hour per day outside in the gardens and greenhouse with Brittany Layman. There was also a taste testing session from our kitchen staff at Reeds Brook Middle School.



Spending time with Ms. Layman learning about the three sisters.



Students investigated the parts of a flower and learned about genetics.



Students landscaping at Reeds Brook Middle School.



Taste testing new foods



Students were able to spend time outside working on literacy and math skills. This student is drafting his poetry.



Taste testing at RBMS

Curriculum Office

Update

Federal Grant Update

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- Teachers with various professional development experiences and opportunities across the region, state, and country
- Technology professional development
- Increasing Teacher Leadership in academic and social emotional arenas
- Increasing the Effectiveness of the Teachers in their Content Areas
- Book studies participation
- Attending conferences and workshops (virtually if necessary) and visiting other educators to learn more about their craft
- Increasing Recruitment/Retention Efforts
- Supporting new RSU 22 staff

*Title IVA: 21st Century Schools

This year's allocation is \$40,609.93, which is an increase of \$3,679.07. As allowed by statute, we have transferred \$10,610 of this allocation into Title IA. This will help us to better close the gap of the reduced allocation in Title IA. Bringing the Title IVA balance below \$30,000 also allows us greater flexibility in using the funds to meet the identified student needs. We will use these funds to support:

- Technology improvements and professional development
- PBIS and Restorative Practices work
- Interdisciplinary curriculum work
- School safety initiatives

*Title VB: Rural Schools

This year RSU 22 did not qualify for this funding. Last year's allocation was \$24,285.81. These monies would have funded the Student Support and Academic Achievement project. Sending in your child's free/reduced lunch applications AND the economic status forms are what contributes to our identification of being eligible for rural school funding. **Please be sure to complete these forms this year, even though all students are able to get meals at no charge.**

Our application is located in the superintendent's office. For any questions, please contact Jennifer Nickerson, (207) 862-3255 or jnickerson@rsu22.us.

6-8 Summer Learning Program-Cooking Week

Georgia Parker, from the Waldo County SNAP-ed program, worked with the students each day to introduce new foods and teach them new skills. Students made homemade guacamole, salsa, smoothies, and learned about smart food choices with My Plate demonstrations. We are fortunate to have this strong community partnership with our Smith and Wagner schools all year long.



Each student that was there received a set of cookware to take home with them and continue practicing their skills with their families!



Students learned proper cutting techniques.

6-8 Summer Learning Program-STEM Week

This week included activities focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Students faced many challenges such as building the tallest tower possible with spaghetti and marshmallows, building a solar oven and cooking English muffin pizzas in it, and dropping an egg without breaking it. Some of the items the students made during the week were oobleck, bouncy balls, and lava lamps.



Ready to eat meal from student built solar oven.



Exploring fundamental electrical circuits.

SCHOOL HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Hampden Academy 89 Western Ave., Hampden, ME 04444	REG RUHLIN Principal	Grades 9-12 8:00 a.m.-2:02 p.m.	Main Office 862-3971 Guidance Office 862-4111 Athletic Office 862-3985
Earl C. McGraw 20 Main Road North Hampden, ME 04444	MATT LINDEMANN Principal	Grades K-2 8:50 a.m.-3 p.m.	Main Office 862-3830
Newburgh Early Childhood Center 2220 Western Ave, Newburgh, ME 04444	DAWN MOORE Pre-K Administrator	Pre-K (Mon-Fri) 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Main Office 234-2781
Reeds Brook Middle School 28A Main Road South, Hampden, ME 04444	SUSAN THIBEDEAU Principal	Grades 6-8 7:40 a.m.-2 p.m.	Main Office 862-3540
Leroy H. Smith School 319 South Main St., Winterport, ME 04496	DAWN MOORE Principal	Grades Pre-K-4 7:50 a.m.-2 p.m.	Main Office 223-4282
Samuel L. Wagner Middle School 19 Williams Way, Winterport, ME 04496	ANGELA PRATT Principal	Grades 5-8 7:35 a.m.-2:08 p.m.	Main Office 223-4309
George B. Weatherbee School 22 Main Road North, Hampden, ME 04444	JENNIFER CYR Principal	Grades 3-5 8:50 a.m.-3 p.m.	Main Office 862-3254

SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS

Attention individuals who attended RSU 22 schools and whose birthday is before December 31, 1997: The district is in the process of destroying special education records for students who will turn 26 years old as of December 31, 2023. If you have any interest in obtaining these records before they are destroyed, please contact the Office of Special Education at 862-2774 before December 31, 2023.

Notification for Building Occupants

All RSU 22 schools have been inspected for the presence of asbestos-containing materials. A written plan for the management of these materials has been developed. This plan is available for inspection at the Superintendent's Office located at 24 Main Road North, Hampden, during regular office hours. Copies may be made on request at a cost of 20 cents per page.

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Bill Booth, Director of Facilities

The following information is a requirement to adhere to the school district's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program:

I am writing about subjects that can affect children's health in school and your right to know.

Pest Control. Because pesticides pose risks, the school uses alternative approaches rather than merely applying pesticides. Control of insects, rodents, and weeds at our schools focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable place for pests to live and breed. Through maintenance and cleaning, we will reduce or eliminate available food and water sources and hiding places for the pests. We will also routinely monitor the school areas to detect pest problems and prevent pests from becoming established. Some techniques we will use include pest monitoring, sanitation, pest exclusion, proper food storage, pest removal and—as a last resort—pesticides. This approach is often called Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

Pesticide Use. Sometimes pesticide use may be necessary to control a pest problem. When that happens, the school will use the lowest risk products available. If higher risk pesticides must be used, notices will be posted at application sites and parents, guardians and staff have a right to know.

Your Right to Know. Parents, legal guardians, and school staff will be notified of specific pesticide applications made at the school. Notification will be given at least five days before planned pesticide applications. Pesticide application notices will also be posted in school and on school grounds. Notification need not be given for pesticide applications recognized by law that pose little or no risk of exposure to children or staff.

The school also keeps records of prior pesticide applications and information about the pesticides used. You may review these records, a copy of the school's Integrated Pest management Policy, and the Pesticides in School regulation (CMR 01-026 Chapter 27) by contacting our IPM coordinator, Bill Booth, at the Superintendent's Office, 862-3255.

If you have any questions, please contact me. For further information about pests, pesticides and your right to know, call the Board of Pesticides Control at 207-287-2731 or visit the Maine School IPM web site at www.thinkfirstspraylast.org/schoolipm.

RSU 22 Telephone Numbers

Superintendent's Office	862-3255
Superintendent Nicholas Raymond	
Asst. Superintendent Christine Boone	
Curriculum Office – Jennifer Nickerson	862-0843
Special Services - Lynne Wells	862-2774
School Food Service - Kathy Kittridge	862-3543
Adult Education Office	862-6422
Technology Systems Coordinator	862-3335
Hampden Academy Main Office	862-3791
Guidance Office	862-4111
Athletic Office	862-3985
Alternative Education	862-6429
Earl C. McGraw School	862-3830
Newburgh Early Childhood Center	234-2781
Reeds Brook Middle School	862-3540
Leroy H. Smith School	223-4282
Samuel L. Wagner Middle School	223-4309
George B. Weatherbee School	862-3254
Transportation: John T. Cyr & Sons	862-3984
Dustin Ireland	862-2054 (fax)

CHILD FIND INFORMATION

The purpose of this notification is to ensure that RSU 22 is in compliance with Chapter 101, Maine Special Education regulations, Section 4.7A.

“Child find responsibilities for private school/home schooled students - each school administrative unit must locate, identify and evaluate all private school students, including religiously-affiliated school students, and home schooled students who have disabilities residing in the jurisdiction of the unit in accordance with § 4.2, Resident Students.”

It is the stated intention of the district to provide any eligible special education student for whom it has a responsibility, a “genuine opportunity for equitable participation” in available special education programs.

If, for whatever reason, you feel that your child may be adversely affected by a specific learning problem, please contact the Office of Special Education. Every effort will be made to respond to the concerns of the parent and to proceed with the development of support for the child. Parents of students who are being home schooled should be aware that the district understands its ongoing responsibility for providing special education services to all children within the district.

If there are questions regarding this notification, please contact the Office of Special Education at 862-2774. The Office of Special Education is open between the hours of 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday with the exception of federal holidays.

Lynne Wells, Director of Special Services, has been appointed as the homeless liaison for RSU 22. It is the responsibility of RSU 22 to notify the citizens/parents of the district on an annual basis that educational services are available to students classified as homeless. If you need further information to determine the rights available to homeless students in our district, please contact Ms. Wells at 862-2774.

RSU #22: 2023-24 School Calendar

August

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School Year

178* Student Days
 1 Management Day
 1 Teacher Preparation Day
 4 Inservice Days
 1 Teacher Comp Day
 (* 3 storm days included)

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1 45 days	8/30/23-12/1/23 61 days
2 43 days	12/4/23-3/8/24 57 days
3 44 days	3/11/24-6/11/24 60 days
4 46 days	
178	178

H=Holiday, V=Vacation Day
ED=Early Dismissal
I=Teacher Inservice Day, No School

Approved 4.26.23

August 14 Fall Sports August 23, 24, 25 Teacher Orientation (8/23 Sped only) August 25 Educational Technicians start date August 28 Management Day/Staff Inservice day August 29 Teacher Prep August 30 Partial Attendance (Gr 1-9 students) August 31 Partial Attendance (Gr 1-12 students) August 31 UTC First Day September 5 Full Attendance (PreK and K - First Day) November 22 Teacher Comp Time (no school) 11/9, 12/8, 2/16, 4/12, 5/24, 6/11 Early Dismissal 8/28, 10/6, 1/12, 3/15, 6/12 Inservice - no school June 9 Hampden Academy Graduation	
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Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The United States Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, P 93-380, as amended by PL 93-568 (FERPA) requires that formal notice be given to the public that individual pupil records containing a variety of information regarding pupils are maintained by RSU 22. It is the policy of RSU 22 to protect the confidential nature of pupil records and no information is released to non-school parties. Certain records are destroyed when no longer needed to provide educational services to a pupil. However, a permanent record of a pupil's name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed shall be maintained by RSU 22 without time limitation. Parents/guardians of pupils in attendance in RSU 22 schools have the following rights:

1. You may inspect and review any of your child's records.
2. You may receive copies of the records for a minimal duplication charge.
3. You may have someone at your child's school explain or interpret any item in your child's records that you do not understand.
4. You may ask for an amendment of any record on the grounds that it is inaccurate, misleading or violates privacy rights.
5. You may refuse consent for the disclosure of personally identifiable information related to your child to anyone other than school officials or persons acting in an official capacity for the Maine Department of Education of the US Department of Education.

More detailed information can be obtained on our website: www.RSU22.us.



Bus Drivers Wanted

John T. Cyr & Sons Inc.

We are looking for people who love working with children. This is a great opportunity to earn extra income at a part time job and having a very important responsibility in the community, keeping our children safe as they go back and forth to school.

We work with people to get their qualifications to drive a school bus, and we also accept those who already have their qualifications.

If you are interested and have a great driving record, please call

949-0597

and ask for Melanie

ED TECHS WANTED

Educational Technician I -

\$16.30 - \$20.42/hour

Educational Technician II -

\$17.19 - \$22.12/hour

Educational Technician III -

\$18.08 - \$23.82/hour

- **35 hours per week during the school year;**
- Health insurance - BCBS Standard 1000 (full year) : 100% paid for single coverage, 75% paid for family coverage**

Ed Techs work primarily in two areas. In special education, Ed Techs work in small group settings and 1:1 with individual special education students. Ed Tech generalists assist the teaching staff by working in the Library, in reading rooms (helping with reading instruction), providing intervention in small groups, and doing lunch duty.

Maine Certification, CHRC required. Ed Techs must have at least 2 years of college; additional credit hours are required for Ed Tech II's and Ed Tech III's.

To apply, fill out a non-teaching application and submit it to the Superintendent of Schools. Applications can be found on the RSU 22 website, www.rsu22.us.



Join our School Nutrition Team!

Food Service staff members needed to assist with helping to grow our farm to school and from scratch cooking program.

Duties include - cooking, food prep, customer service, and other kitchen duties.

Wagner Middle School - School Year position, 8:45-12:45 daily

Part time temporary 1-2 year positions based on grant funding.

For further information contact Kathy Kittridge kkittridge@rsu22.us

Or to apply email your non-teaching application to mmccaw@rsu22.us

Employment applications can be found on the district website rsu22.us

RSU 22 needs you!!!

Do you have a free day here and there? Want to make a difference in the lives of students and teachers? Every school in RSU 22 could use more guest teachers!

Yes, that means substitutes! Support an individual child or small group, serve a meal or teach a class. The rewards of making a child smile can be yours.

For more information call Marie McCaw at 862-3255 or go to <https://www.maine.gov/doe/substitute>. An application can also be found on the RSU 22 website at RSU22.us

We look forward to hearing from YOU!

**Superintendent of Schools, RSU 22
24 Main Road North, Hampden, ME 04444**

207-862-3255

RSU 22 - 2023-24 School Bus Schedules

Hampden

6-12 students, AM & PM buses

Hampden 6-12 students have the same bus number in the morning as they do in the afternoon. Please have students outside ready and waiting for the bus 5 minutes before the bus arrives.

Run #22

Starts at 6:40 from the corner of Meadow Road and Route 69 headed towards Kennebec Road, including end of Piper Woods Road to the Hampden/Winterport town line on Route 69, end of Rae Way, end of Woods Road, left on Kennebec Road to Newburgh town line, including end of Merchant Road from Box 1420 Kennebec Road to Box 202, turn right on Emerald Drive, right on Wessnette Drive, right on Monroe Road to town line, end of Norway Drive, end of Liberty Lane, drop students at RBMS, drop students at HA.

Run #23

Starts at 6:45 at the corner of Route 1A and Coldbrook Road to Hermon town line, including Old Coldbrook Road, left on Coldbrook Road from Route 1A to Route 202, including end of Laskey Lane, then to Main Trail, right on Emerson Drive, left on Ruth Avenue, end of Jay Way, end of Cool Brook Lane, left on Lindsey Way, right on Papermill Road, left on Emerson Mill Road, end of Ledgewood Drive, right on Manning Mill Road, drop students at RBMS, drop students at HA.

Run #26

Starts at 6:50 Back Winterport Road from Baker Road, Kennebec Road Box 204 to 1, Main Road South 1A Box 1 to Winterport town line, right on Gee Highland Ridge, right on Foster Avenue, Rawley Drive, Clark Circle, end of Perkins Road, end of Kincaid Road, right on Hopkins Road, right on Pleasant Street, left on Cross Street, left on Summer Street, end of Ferry Street, end of Swan Avenue, end of Orient Avenue, drop students at RBMS, drop students at HA.

Run #36

Starts at 6:45 at 1 Main Road North to Bangor town line, end of Elm Street East and West, end of Dudley Street, Old County Road, end of Mountain View, end of Ball Park Road, end of Patterson Road, end of Wheeldon Heights, left on Perry, left on Coolidge Avenue, end of the following roads Northern Avenue, Hamel Avenue, Triangle Road, Kelly Lane, Gaftway Street, School House Road, Marina Road, Hillside Drive, (Summit Dr.) right on Francis Drive, left on Sophie Lane, end of Riverview, (Marion Drive), end of Carver Road, right on Daisey Lane, end of the following roads: Horseshoe Lane, George Street, William Street, left on Charles Street, left on Sunset Avenue, ends of Linden, Stoney Brook, and West Brook, drop students at RBMS, drop students at HA.

Run #31

Starts at 6:30 Patterson Road, Meadow Road, Gray Stone Creek Road, Ichabod Lane, Rt. 69 from Meadow Road to the intersection blinking light in Newburgh, Rt. 9 Western Avenue, left on Butternut Lane/Acorn Lane to Sawyer Road, right on Sawyer Road, left on Canaan Road, drop students at RBMS, drop students at HA.

Run #34

Starts at 6:30 right on Miller Road, left on Fowler Road, right on Shaw Hill Road, right on Bog Road, right on Pond Road, right on North County to town line, end of Stetson Drive, right on Route 9, right on Deer Hill Lane, (Route 9 between Deer Hill Lane and Sawyer Road will be Newburgh's Bus #33), end of Goodell Farm Road, right on Aarons Way, left on Dunton Circle, right on Silver Drift Lane, right on John's Way, right on Bowen Drive, drop students at RBMS & HA.

Run #29

Starts at 6:45 Mayo Road, Rt. 9 Western Avenue, up to and including Hughes Blvd., Town Farm Road, end of Country Meadows, Griffin Avenue, end of Jewel Drive, Sidney Blvd., end of Wilbur Drive, Evergreen Drive, Surrey Lane, Constitution Avenue, end of Independence Avenue (Liberty Avenue), end of Dewey Street, straight on Cottage Street, left on Canoe Club Road, end of Rowell Road, drop students at RBMS, drop students at HA.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

No through traffic will be allowed on the road behind Weatherbee School to McGraw School during the school day. BUSES ONLY.

No through traffic allowed on the road in front of Reeds Brook Middle School from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Parents can use the back parking lot (gym entrance) to drop off and pick up their students.

K-5 students, AM & PM buses

Hampden K-5 students have the same bus number in the morning as they do in the afternoon.

Run #22

Starts at 7:50 from Piperwoods Road on Route 69 to Hampden/Winterport town line, including right on Rae Way, end of Hampden Woods Road, left on Kennebec Road, to Hampden/Newburgh town line including end of Merchant Road, Kennebec Road to Meadow Road including right on Emerald Drive and right on Wessnette Drive.

Run #23

Starts at 7:50 at the corner of Route 1A and Coldbrook Road to Hermon town line, including Old Coldbrook Road, left on Coldbrook Road from Route 1A to Route 202, including a left on Laskey Lane, then to Main Trail, right on Emerson Drive, left on Ruth Avenue, right on Jay Way, end of Cool Brook Lane, left on Lindsey Way, right on Papermill Road, left on Emerson Mill Road, end of Ledgewood Drive, right on Manning Mill Road.

Run #24

Start at 7:50 at 445 Main Road North to Bangor town line, including Mountain View Road, including Hunting Lane, end of Kelly Lane, end of Gaftway Street, end of Marina Road, end of Hillside Drive (Summit Avenue), left on School House Lane, Old County Road, end of Ballfield Road, left on Triangle Road, right on Hamel Avenue, right on Perry Road, left on Coolidge Avenue, left on Patterson Street, left on Wheeldon Heights, Northern Avenue Ext., to the end of Old County Road.

Run #25

Starts at 7:50 on Patterson Road, left on Meadow Road, Gray Stone Creek Road, left on Ichabod Lane, right on Meadow Road, end of Gray Stone Creek Road, right on Route 69 from Meadow Road to the intersection blinking light in Newburgh, including end of Babcock Lane, left on Butternut Lane, left on Acorn Drive, right on Route 9 Western Avenue Hampden town line to Box 1102.

Run #26

Starts at 7:55 at 1 Main Road South to Winterport town line, including end of Orient Avenue, end of Swan Avenue, right on Pleasant Street, right on Cross Street, left on Summer Street, end of Ferry Road, left on Hopkins Road, right on Gee Way, right on Foster Avenue, right on Rawley Drive, right on Clark Circle, end of Perkins Drive, end of Kincaid Road (Hatch Lane).

Run #29

Starts at 7:50 corner of Main Road, left on Route 9 Box 1 to Hughes Blvd., including end of Dewey Street, left on Constitution Avenue, left on Independence Avenue, left on Liberty Avenue, right on Evergreen, right on Surry Lane, right on Sidney Blvd., end of Wilbur Drive, right on Griffin Avenue, end of Jewell Drive, left on Hughes Blvd., right on Town Farm Road, end of Country Meadow Drive.

Run #31

Starts at 7:50 Route 9 from Hughes Blvd. to Sawyer Road Box 372 to Box 1088, including left on Bowen Drive, left on John's Way, right on Dunton Circle, right on Silver Drift Lane, left on Aarons Way, end of Goodell Farm Road, left on Sawyer Road, left on Canaan Road.

Run #34

Starts at 7:35 Deer Hill Lane, left on Shaw Hill Road, right on Stetson Drive, right on Miller Road, left on Fowler Road, right on Shaw Hill Road, right on Bog Road, right on Pond Road, right on North County to town line, right on Shaw Hill Road, right on Mayo Road, drop students at McGraw & Weatherbee.

Run #35

Starts at 7:50 at 1 Kennebec Road to Monroe Road, including left on Monroe Road, left on Norway Drive, right on Back Winterport Road to Hampden town line, right on Baker Road, including end of Partridge Road and Libbey Lane.

Run #36

Starts at 7:50 at 1 Main Road North to Box 440, right on Elm Street East, including left on Daisey Lane, left on Horseshoe Lane, left on Charles Street to Edgewood Dr., left on Stoneybrook Road, left on Linden Street, right on Williams Street, right on George Street, left on Sunset Avenue, right on Westbrook Terrace, end of Chickadee Lane, right on Sunrise Avenue, end of Carver Road, right on Riverview Road, left on Marion Dr., left on Francis Dr., left on Sophie Lane, Main Road North, including end of Dudley Street (Short Wharf Road), end of Elm Street West, left on Canoe Club Road, left on VFW Road, end of Rowell Dr., left on Cottage Street.

Frankfort

FRANKFORT K-12. Please have students outside ready and waiting for the bus 5 minutes before the bus arrives.

K-12 students, AM buses

Run #20

Starts at 6:45 on Swanville Road, end of Parker Lane, left on Town Hill Rd 6:53, end of Atwood Drive, right on Marsh Stream Road 7:00, end of Rob Lane, straight on Hamm Road 7:05, end of Moore Lane. Drop students at Wagner 7:23 then Smith School and then continue to HA and drop HA students.

Run #40

Starts at 6:40 on Black Hill Road, end of Lake Road, left on North Searsport Road 6:50, right on White Orchard Road, end of Staples Road, end of Candy Lane, left on Loggin Road (upper part) 6:57 turn and finish Loggin Road (lower part) 7:03. Drop students at Wagner 7:23 then Smith School and then continue to HA and drop HA students.

Run #41

Starts at 6:45 end of Averill Road, straight on Route 1A Bangor Road, right on Mount Waldo Road, left on Old Belfast Road 6:48 (upper part), turn and finish Old Belfast Road (lower part) 6:53, right on West Hill Road 6:58, right on Old Stage Road 7:03, right on Tyler Lane 7:10, right on Treat point Road 7:15. Drop students at Wagner 7:23 then Smith School and then continue to HA and drop HA students.

K-8 Smith and Wagner students, PM buses

Run #20

Starts on Treat Point Road, left on Old Stage Road, right on Tyler Lane, right on West Hill Road, drop at end of Hamm Road end of Loggin Road. Right on Swanville Road, end of Parker Lane, left on Town Hill Road, end of Atwood Drive, right on Marsh Stream Road, end of Rob Lane, straight on Hamm Road, end of Moore Lane.

Run #40

Starts at the end of Averill Street, straight on Route 1A, right on Mount Waldo Road, left on Old Belfast Road (upper part), turn and finish Old Belfast Road (lower part), left on Loggin Road, turn at end, right on North Searsport Road, end of Candy Lane, end of Staples Road, left on White Orchard, right on Black Hill Road, end of Lake Road.

9-12 Hampden Academy students, PM bus

Run #41

Starts left Treat Point Road, right on Old Stage Road, right on Tyler Lane, right on Old Belfast Road, left on Mount Waldo Road, left on Loggin Road, right on Hamm road, turn at Danforth Lane on right, straight on Marsh Stream Road, end of Rob Lane, left on Town Hill Road, straight on Black Hill Road, end of Lake Road, left on North Searsport.

PARENTS OF K-4 STUDENTS

Please make sure the bus driver sees you when we drop your child off.

If you wish to have your child dropped off without someone physically present at your child's bus stop, you must sign a permission form indicating this. The form is included in your child's packet of forms, which will be sent home from their school during the first week.

This form is only for students in Grades K-4. NOT for Head Start or Pre-K.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

RSU 22 contracts with John T. Cyr & Sons, Inc. for transportation services. The transportation of students to and from school is a joint effort between the school district and John T. Cyr & Sons, Inc. You may contact John T. Cyr & Sons, Inc. at 862-3984 to discuss bussing issues if the need should arise. However, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 862-3255 with any comments or concerns.

RSU 22 - 2023-24 School Bus Schedules

Winterport

K-8 students, AM & PM buses 9-12 (HA) students, AM buses

Note: Winterport K-8 students have the same bus number in the morning as they do in the afternoon. Please have students outside ready and waiting for the bus 5 minutes before the bus arrives.

Run #24

Starts at 6:40 K-12 at Baker Road and Route 1A, left on Moyses Road, left on Back Winterport Road, right on Twining Road, left on Twining Lane, right on Coles Corner Road, left on Cove Road, right on Vero's Way, end of Cedarwood Drive, end of Comikev Lane, left on Old Cove Road, right on Cove Road, left on Coles Corner Road, left on Staples Road, left on Coles Corner Road, end of Artic Lane, end of Irish Lane, right on Rob Clark Road. Drop Smith students, drop Wagner students, continue to HA and drop HA students.

Run #25

Starts at 6:40 K-12 at the end of North Road Dixmont town line, end of Perkins Road, left on Clark Road, including end of Brown Lane, end of Windy Hill Road, then right on Rancourt Road, right on Boston Road, end of Meadow Lane, end of Chickadee Lane, left on Airport Road, left on Oak Street, right on Elm Street. Drop Smith students, drop Wagner students, continue to HA and drop HA students.

Run #27

Starts at 6:40 K-12 on Goshen Road, end closest to Stream Road, all of Goshen Road, including end of Joshua Lane, right on Haley Road, right on Monroe Road, all of Monroe Road (including Blueberry Hill and Sunken Bridge Road) to a left on Marine Street, right on Merchant Street, right on Holmes Street, including end of Mechanic Street and Parsonage Street. Drop Smith students, drop Wagner students, continue to HA and drop HA students.

Run #28

Starts at 6:45 K-8 ONLY, Route 1A North Winterport line to School Street, including end of Landing Lane, left on Old County Road, left on Riverview Heights, end of Perry Drive, end of Garden Drive, end of Birch Drive, left on Upper Oak Point (K-12), right on Hackett Road, end of Lower Oak Point, end of Penobscot Lane, end of Seabreeze Lane, right on B. Johnson Lane, including end of Taylor Lane, end of Roxy Lane, end of Sky View Lane, end of Memorial Drive, end of Merrill Street, end of School Street, right on Wig Street, left on Park Drive. Drop Smith students, drop Wagner students, continue to HA and drop HA students.

Run #32

Starts at 6:45 K-12 corner of Kendall Road and Stream Road, straight on Stream Road, right on Goshen Road, right on Kendall Road, left on Stream Road, including end of Fisher Road, right on Tibbets Bridge Road, right on Stream Road, including end of Pineview Drive (Mylon Lane and Spruce Drive), end of Hasey Lane, end of Elderberry Lane, end of Apple Hill Road, town line Winterport, South Alley Road to Mountain View Drive to Fox Run Road. Drop Smith students, drop Wagner students, continue to HA and drop HA students.

Run #35

Starts at 6:40 K-12 on Meadow Road (Coles Corner Road end), end of Proctor Lane, right on Lebanon Road to Winterport town line, left on Town Farm Road, right on Lebanon Road including end of Harmony Lane, end of Beaver Road, end of Bass Lane, straight on Lebanon Road, end of Cushing Street left on Route 1A, to a right on Washington Street, including Dean Street and Silver Lane, end of Willow Street, end of Lincoln Street, end of Water Street, left on Route 1A to Mt. View Drive, including end of Ferry Street, end of Kaler Street, end of Sampson Street, end of Church Street, end of Steamboat Avenue. Drop Smith students, drop Wagner students, continue to HA and drop HA students.

Reminders for students:

- If you must cross the road getting off the bus, stand 10 big steps in front of the bus on the side of the road, watch for the driver's signal (THUMBS UP), look both ways, and listen for oncoming traffic.
- ALL TIMES (e.g., pens, pencils, toys, games, papers, skateboards, athletic equipment, musical instruments, etc.) must be in a fully enclosed bag.

Attention parents of Winterport students, Grades 9-12 on Route 1A AM BUS RUNS 7:25 AM:

After bus unloads at Wagner and Smith, Hampden Academy students who live on Route 1A North, including all the side roads except for Upper Oak Point, will take the following buses designated for their area:

Bus #20

P/U 7:20 Route 1A Main Road Box 497 to Box #331 including Holmes Street, Mechanic Street, Marine Street. Pick up locations will be on Main Road.

Bus #27

P/U Route 1A Main Road from Seabreeze Lane, B. Johnson Lane, Taylor Lane, Roxy Lane, Penobscot Lane. Pick up locations will be on Main Road.

Bus #28

P/U Route 1A Main Road from Memorial Drive to Skyview Lane. Pick up locations will be on Main Road.

Bus #35

P/U on Route 1A Main Road from Box 1378 to the Winterport Town Line Box #1660 including the following roads – Garden Drive, Cedarwood Drive, Perry Drive, Riverview Heights, Old County Road. Pick up locations will be on Main Road.

Bus #40

P/U Route 1A from Smith School to Box #909 on the Main Road including ends of all the following roads – Whig Street, Steamboat, Church Street, Sampson Street, Kaler Street, Ferry Street, Cushing Street, Commercial Street, Lebanon Road, Dean Street, Washington Street, School Street, Merrill Street. Pick up locations will be on Main Street.

Bus #41

P/U on Route 1A Main Road from Lower Oak Point to Birch Drive – Hackett Road. Pick up locations will be on Main Road.

PM buses

Run #25HA

Leaves Hampden Academy 2:05 Route 1A North after B. Johnson Lane to Route 1A South Winterport town line, including end of Penobscot Lane, end of Seabreeze Lane, end of Sky View Lane, end of Memorial Drive, end of Cushing Street, end of Elm Street, end of Lebanon Street, end of Wig Street, end of Merrill Street, end of School Street, end of Washington Street, end of Dean Street, end of Commercial Street, end of Ferry Street, end of Kaler Street, end of Sampson Street, end of Church Street, end of Steamboat Street, end of Marine Street, end of Holmes Street, including Silver Lane, Water Street, Lincoln Street, Mechanic Street, Parsonage Street, right on Mt. View, right on Fox Run, right on Stream Road, end of Elderberry Street, end of Hasey Lane, end of Pineview Drive, (Mylon Lane/Spruce Drive), end of Fisher Road, end of Tibbets Bridge, right on Kendall, Goshen Road, Haley Road, Monroe Road, (Winterport side of Route 69), Clark Road, end of Joshua Lane, end of Windy Hill, end of Brown Lane, end of Rabbit Hill, end of North Road, end of Perkins Road.

Run #37

Leaves Hampden Academy 2:05, Route 1A North from Winterport town line to and including B. Johnson Lane, including end of Landing Road, Old County Road, Riverview Heights, end of Perry Road, end of Garden Drive, end of Birch Drive, left on Upper Oak Point, end of Hackett Road, end of Lower Oak Point, Baker Road from Route 1A, including end of Moyes Road, Back Winterport Road from Hampden town line to the end of Coles Corner Road, including Twinning Cove Road, end of Comikev Lane, end of Cedarwood Lane, end of Veros Way, end of Staples Road, end of Schoolhouse Lane, end of Rob Clark Road, Route 69 from Route 1A Winterport to Hampden town line, including Airport Road, Boston Road, Meadow Road, Town Farm Road, including end of Alderwood Drive, end of Beaver Road, end of Harmony Lane, end of Bass Lane, end of Rancourt Road, end of Meadow Lane, end of Chickadee Lane, end of Proctor Lane, Monroe Road from the Winterport/Hampden town line, right on Route 69 to the Winterport/Hampden town line.

REMINDER: IT'S THE LAW

Maine state law prohibits any vehicle (emergency or other) to pass a school bus with its red lights flashing on any road, in any parking lot, or in any school yard.

Newburgh

Newburgh K-12 students have the same bus number in the morning as they do in the afternoon. Please have students outside ready and waiting for the bus 5 minutes before the bus arrives.

6-12 students, AM & PM buses

Run #21

Starts at 6:40 on Chapman Road (Western Avenue end), end of Flynn Road, right on Kennebec Road to Christmas Tree Farm, end of Dahlia Farm Road, end of Grant Road, right on Littlefield Road to Box 310, right on Severance Road, right on Kennebec Road to town line, end of Babcock Road. Drop students at RBMS continue to HA and drop HA students.

Run #30

Starts at 6:40 on Lindsay Road (Route 9 Western Avenue end), end of Bates Road, left on North Road to box 1223, end of Kenniston Road, straight on North County Road, left on Route 69 to intersection of the blinking light on Route 69 and Route 9. Drop students at RBMS continue to HA and drop HA students.

Run #33

Starts at 6:40 on Mudget Road (Kennebec Road end), end of Frank West Road, end of Croxford Road, left on Route 9, end of Thurlow Road, right on Miles Road, end of Red School House Road, right on Route 9 to Dixmont town line, end of Kennard Road, all of Route 9 to Hampden line, including Hampden students on Route 9 (Western Avenue) between Deer Hill Lane and Sawyer Road. Drop students at RBMS continue to HA and drop HA students.

K-5 students, AM & PM buses

Run #21

Starts at 7:40 on Chapman Road (Western Avenue end), end of Flynn Road, right on Kennebec Road to Christmas Tree Farm, end of Dahlia Farm Road, right on Littlefield Road to Box 310, right on Severance Road, right on Kennebec Road to town line, end of Babcock Road. Drop students at Weatherbee continue to McGraw and drop McGraw students.

Run #30

Starts at 7:40 on Lindsay Road (Route 9 Western Avenue end), end of Bates Road, left on North Road to Box 1223, end of Kenniston Road, straight on North County Road, left on Route 69 to intersection of the blinking light on Route 69 and Route 9. Drop students at Weatherbee continue to McGraw and drop McGraw students.

Run #33

Starts at 7:40 on Mudget Road (Kennebec Road end), end of Frank West Road, end of Croxford Road, left on Route 9, end of Thurlow Road, right on Miles Road, end of Red School House Road, right on Route 9, to Dixmont town line, end of Kennard Road, making a stop at Newburgh School and all of Route 9 to Hampden line. Drop students at Weatherbee continue to McGraw and drop McGraw students.

Attention parents of Newburgh students:

Newburgh students who live on Route 69 from Route 9 to the top of the hill to the Hampden town line will take the following buses: Bus 31 HA and RBMS and Bus 25 Weatherbee and McGraw school.

Pre-K Bus Routes to the Newburgh Pre-K Center

The bus routes for Pre-K students (both Hampden and Newburgh) are still being established by Cyr Bus and will be provided to parents once they are finalized.

Bus Rules

These FIVE rules are posted in every bus:

1. Follow all drivers' instructions.
2. At railroad crossings, thank you for being silent.
3. Stay seated until your stop.
4. Use inside classroom voices and keep your hands to yourself.
5. Tell the driver if you are being bullied.