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Upgraded turf field to be ready for first regular-season games



Aerial view of the upgraded multi-purpose field with new artificial turf, with Hampden Academy in the background.

First games: Field Hockey, Aug 30; Boys Soccer, Aug 31; Girls Soccer, Sept 4; Football, Sept 7

Installation of the upgraded Hampden Academy artificial turf is nearly complete, and the new field, which features purple end zones and coaches' sideline boxes, is expected to be ready for the first official games in all four sports.

The season-opening games are:

- Field hockey vs. Messalonskee, Thursday, Aug. 30, 4 p.m.
- Boys soccer vs. Cony, Friday, August 31, 6 p.m.
- Girls soccer vs. Skowhegan, Wednesday, Sept. 4, 6 p.m.
- Football vs. MDI, Friday, Sept. 7, 7 p.m.

HA Athletic Director Fred Lower said the installation of the new surface went smoothly, except that additional infill material had to be ordered to bring the turf to contract specifications.

The infill order has delayed the official completion date of the project. The infill material is currently being scheduled for delivery, and if trucking issues can be resolved, it is expected to arrive in time to allow the field to be used for all of the season-opening games.

Mr. Lower said the project manager, Cordjia Capital Project Group of Camden, monitored the installation schedule carefully and kept the district informed of any changes.

NET Sports Group of Saco, which put in the turf, had a professional and efficient crew and was very knowledgeable about the installation process.

Moulison Electric of Biddeford installed the lighting.

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RSU 22 Music Department wins Dale F. Huff Award for outstanding music program

The RSU 22 Music Department has been awarded the second annual 2018 Dale F. Huff Outstanding Music Program Award.

The award is given each year at the Maine Music Educators' Association Conference to recognize the school music program that best demonstrates its "commitment to a well-rounded, K-12 performing arts education for all students."

The award honors the late Dale F. Huff, who was band director and head of the music department at Stearns High School in Millinocket for many years.

RSU 22 music educators accepting the award were Heidi Corliss, vocal music, Hampden Academy, and elementary music, Smith School; Matthew Madore, elementary music,

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Drama Club to perform 'Radium Girls' Dec. 6-8

The Hampden Academy Drama Club will perform *Radium Girls*, a two-act play by D.W. Gregory, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Dec. 6-8, at the Performing Arts Center. Show time will be 7 p.m. and tickets will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

Radium Girls follows the true story of Grace Fryer, who worked for the US Radium Corporation in the 1920s, when radium was used both as a miracle cure and to paint luminous dials and watches.

When Grace and her friends begin to fall ill with a mysterious disease, they fight for

their day in court to demand compensation. Their chief adversary is their former employer, Arthur Roeder, who cannot bring himself to believe that his life's work could be related to the terrifying illness suffered by the dial-painters.

As the case goes on, Grace grows more and more determined to speak her truth, but finds herself battling not only the US Radium Corporation but also her own family and friends, who fear that her campaign for justice will backfire.

When the play premiered in 2000, it was

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Amid nationwide shortage of school bus drivers, RSU 22 drivers reflect on the job's rewards

"If not you, who?"

That's a question that people are asking when they talk about the need for more school bus drivers in RSU 22 and elsewhere in Maine.

"It's a crisis across the nation," says Melanie Michaud, manager of John T. Cyr & Sons' school bus operations next to Weatherbee School in Hampden.

"As we sit here, we're short of bus drivers for the fall," she says. "We're advertising for drivers and we're providing incentives for our own drivers to help us find people who would like to drive a school bus."

Melanie says she needs help recruiting and finding bus drivers, but says the job itself is awesome.

"You're the first person to greet a child in the morning, and the last person to smile at him in the after-



Bus driver Michael Lowe observes a new driver as she backs between a pair of traffic cones.

noon," she says. "If you're not the person who's going to do this, then who? Who's going to drive our children to and from school in this district?"

Several RSU 22 drivers agree with Melanie that driving a school

bus can be a very rewarding occupation, especially if you like children.

Vinnie Cormier, who has been driving for about 20 years, including the last 13 years in Hampden, goes so far as to say it's a highly

respectable occupation.

"When I drive, I always try to remember that parents are trusting me with their children," he says. "It's an awesome responsibility. I think the day I retire, that's when I'll fully realize what a noble profession I've been involved in—because parents rely on me to take their children to school."

Vinnie says when he tells people he drives a school bus, the most common reaction is that they couldn't imagine driving all those kids to school.

"It's really not that bad," he says. "We're lucky. New people who come into this profession receive train-

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RSU 22 taking proactive approach to a variety of safety issues

RSU 22 is taking a proactive role concerning a variety of safety issues, following the lead of a District Safety Committee chaired by Assistant Superintendent Regan Nickels and Wellness Coordinator Brittany Layman.

"We want parents and the public to know that we're paying very close attention to school safety," Mrs. Nickels says. "We're evaluating safety-related best practices and making sure we're using them in our schools."

In addition to the District Safety Committee, each school has a School Safety Committee, chaired by the principal, that includes teacher representatives, the school nurse, and the custodial and front office staffs.

The School Safety Committees have a standing agenda each month to discuss structural safety needs—playground equipment, doors, locks, etc.—and to ensure that safety protocols and policies are in place.

Mrs. Nickels emphasizes that

just having the right policies in place isn't sufficient.

"We need to ensure that our staff understands our safety priorities, and that we empower them to make decisions," she says. "Not every scenario is going to be written down for employees. They have to feel confident so they can do what needs to be done in an emergency."

The District Safety Committee has also been working through the central office to have the district's insurance company, Liberty Mutual, and the Maine Department of Labor come to RSU 22 to provide proactive audits of safety systems, buildings, and campuses.

"We're striving to take the recommendations and implement them during the coming year," Mrs. Nickels says. "Then we'll schedule further audits."

For example, at the district's request, Liberty Mutual provided a risk management audit and playground safety workshop.

"This wasn't something we were mandated to do," said Mrs. Nick-

els. "Rather, we wanted to take a proactive approach and involve our service teams, custodial teams, administrators, program directors, and maintenance crews, so we could have a comprehensive approach to safety."

Mrs. Layman said the District Safety Committee is also trying to make community connections, working with the Hampden Public Safety, which came in and reviewed all of RSU 22's incident-related protocols and policies.

"They'll help us during the next year to provide training for our staff, including some basic first aid training," she said. "Hampden Police and Fire are willing to work very closely with us."

A representative of the Maine State Police was also invited to talk with the committee to provide an outside perspective.

"Internally we can look at things all day long," she says. "But to get an outside perspective is really helpful."

Mrs. Nickels and Mrs. Layman

said the district committee has a number of tasks ahead, including development of a solid communications and media plan.

The committee will host a workshop during teacher management day before school starts to ensure that staff members are familiar with the district's safety goals and objectives. The workshop will also include presentations by outside safety experts.

The committee will also work on the safety response for community events that RSU 22 might host in district schools.

Ultimately, both Mrs. Nickels and Mrs. Layman want people to understand that RSU 22's emergency systems and its safety and security measures are frequently reviewed and evaluated, and that the district is working with outside entities to get opinions from beyond the walls of RSU 22.

"The public should feel confident that we have policies and protocols in place to keep our students safe," Mrs. Nickels says.

RSU 22 bus driver: 'It's a noble profession—parents rely on me to take their children to school'

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ing on how we deal with the kids. I always try to teach the kids on my bus that in order to have respect, you have to give respect. For the most part, that approach has worked really well for me."

Vinnie, who lives in Bangor, says he's gotten to know a lot of people in Hampden during the last 18 years.

"I feel like I'm part of Hampden," he says. "People are really kind to me, especially in the shop. It's a good group of people."

Michael Lowe, a former custodian at Smith and Weatherbee Schools who has been driving school buses since 2004, says he likes the students on his bus.

"They're interesting," he says. "Each and every one of them is different. They make me feel young."

He says one of the most fun parts of the job is when he goes to a store and sees one of his passengers.

"The little kids recognize me, and I become a celebrity," Michael says. "They announce me in the store—that's my bus driver, right there! It makes

you feel proud."

Michael says it's important to be consistent in how he deals with students on his bus.

"If you stay consistent, they'll stay consistent," he says.

He says it's also important for bus drivers to maintain a professional attitude towards the children, but not to the point where they think you don't like them,

"If you don't care for them, they're going to sense that," he says. "If they can't approach you, they're not going to let you know if they're being bullied. If they can't approach you, they're not going to let you know anything."

Madeline Lowe of Winterport, Michael's mother, started driving in 1993 but didn't plan to become a bus driver.

"My foster son, Leroy Mayhew, got me into driving when all I wanted to do was grow flowers for the flower shop," she said. "Once I started driving I found out that I enjoyed the kids. They became part of me. When you have the children on your bus, they're your children."

Lori Hart of Prospect started driving in 1987 when her son was born with disabilities and she needed a part-time job that would allow her to be home with him during school vacations. Driving a school bus also gave her time between bus runs to schedule doctors appointments, etc.

She also wanted to be able to join her son when he went on field trips. "As a bus driver, I could be there," she said.

In 2003, Lori took some time off and became a phlebotomist, working 12 hours a day in a hospital. After several years, however, she realized that her life was better when she drove a school bus, so she gave up phlebotomy and went back to driving a school bus.

"I've been driving ever since," she says.

Lori says she tries to interact with the kids on her bus.

"When I have down time—when we're at Smith School waiting to drop off kids in the morning, I get out of my seat and sit down with various students and chat with them about what they've done during the day or what they're going to do this weekend. One girl gave me a special lucky rock, which I've kept."

How important is the bus driver to RSU 22 students? Very important, says Melanie.

"The bus driver is the first person the kids see when they go to school, and the last person they see when they go home," she says. "The driver is someone who looks out for kids' safety and teaches them the correct way to ride the school bus and generally be safe."

In a way, she says, bus drivers are a father or mother figure on the bus, and most of them recognize that.

"Sometimes you have to use your mommy or daddy voice because things aren't going well, and you have 50 kids sitting behind you, but you can't turn around because you



A John T. Cyr & Sons school bus is being used as an advertising billboard to attract new drivers.



Bus driver Vinnie Cormier



Bus drivers Madeline Lowe and Lori Hart.

have to look at the road and watch out for other drivers," she says. "Sometimes you have to get a little strict. I wish parents would understand this."

Melanie says recruiting bus drivers has become more difficult in recent years. Bus driver shortages this school year specifically are proving to be a considerable challenge. RSU 22 is currently short eight drivers.

Since it takes 10-12 weeks to train a bus driver, time has run out for the beginning of the year. Assistant Superintendent Regan Nickels shared that if the much-needed driver positions for the current bus runs are not filled, the bus company and district will be implementing temporary solutions to address the shortages and will contact families affected.



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Curriculum Office Update

By Mary Giard, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, RSU 22

2018-2019 Title IA, Title IIA and Title IVA Federal Applications under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

In years past, school districts across America received financial support under the No Child Left Behind system that was developed during the George W. Bush era. The monies were dedicated to various subgroup categories, which, in turn, supported students and teachers in many ways. Every Student Succeeds Act is the new federal program. RSU 22 has traditionally received support for two categories: Title IA and Title IIA. Title IA, in RSU 22, supports our two Winterport schools. Extra reading and math support is funded through our Title IA allocation. The 2018-2019 projects include: additional literacy support for students needing assistance during the school day, after school tutoring for Title IA eligible students from Wagner and Smith, a part-time math tutor for Wagner school and funding for a Winterport summer school in 2019.

Title IIA allocations are provided for educator professional development. Our application for this year's funding includes several projects: Educa-

tor Effectiveness, Technology Professional Development, Leadership Development, New Teacher mentor support, Guidance Counselor's regional conference attendance, and STEM Robotics support for K-5.

Title IVA monies have been introduced into the ESSA allocations. These funds are dedicated to three areas – safe and healthy students, well-rounded education and technology. For 2018-2019, we are allocating funds for health and well being training and events, purchasing robots to introduce computer science and robotics into the K-5 curriculum and funds to help high school students who may be unable to pay for advanced placement assessments.

A copy of the 2018-2019 application may be viewed at the Superintendent's office.



Mary Giard

RSU 22's State Testing Results for eMPowerME, MEA Science and the SAT

Our students' test results from Spring 2018 will be available sometime in October 2018. The 2018 reports will provide individual student information from the spring tests. Assessments were administered at grades 3-8 and grade 11.

Reformatting of Standards for Grades K-8

By late August 2018, English Language Arts and mathematics standards will be uploaded in family friendly language on the RSU 22 Website. Please click on Resources and scroll down to Curriculum. Information will be available at the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

RSU 22 Music Department wins Dale F. Huff Award for outstanding music program

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Weatherbee School, and show choir director, Reeds Brook Middle School; Rebecca Mallory, Reeds Brook Middle School; Patrick Michaud, instrumental music, Hampden Academy, and elementary music, Smith School; and Dana Ross, Wagner Middle School.

The award was presented by former RSU 22 music educator Jerry Bates, who played a key role in developing the music program at Hampden Academy and RSU 22 (then SAD 22). Mr. Bates was a high school classmate of Mr. Huff in Guilford.

"The success that we enjoy today is due to the seeds that were planted by Mr. Bates," says HA

instrumental music teacher Pat Michaud.

The purpose of this award is to honor a K-12 music program that demonstrates excellence in all facets of music education and performing arts—choral music, instrumental music, and classroom instruction.

"The Huff Award isn't intended to honor a single performance group or activity," Mr. Michaud said. "It



From left: retired RSU 22 music educator Jerry Bates and active music educators Matthew Madore, Heidi Corliss, Dana Ross, Pat Michaud, and Rebecca Mallory.

recognizes the overall excellence of a K-12 program."

This is the second year that the Dale Huff award has been presented

at the Maine Music Educators Association's spring conference. The first award was presented to the Brunswick School Department in 2017.

Upgraded turf field to be ready for first regular-season games

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They removed five 50' wooden light poles and replaced them with four

70' metal poles. Instead of cutting up the wooden poles to make them easier to transport, they left them

at full length and transported them to the Reeds Brook Trail System, where they will be used in construction of a bridge system.

The new LED lights will be brighter, while us-

ing less electricity and requiring less maintenance. They will also provide better coverage of the field, with more even lighting and fewer dark areas.

Sargent Corporation, which did the ground work for the original turf field 14 years ago, did the ground work for both NET Sports and Moulison. As usual, the Sargent crews did phenomenal work.

The football field remains at the standard dimensions of 53 yards wide and 100 yards long (120 yards long including the two 10-yard end zones).

The soccer field retained its former width of 70 yards, but its length was extended by 10 yards to 120 yards long, making the soccer end lines the same as the back of the football end zones. "That will improve the turf's appearance and cut down on the confusion of multiple lines on the playing field," said Mr. Lower.

The upgrade also included new football goalposts.

Formal dedication of the new field is expected later this fall.



Learning about water movement.

Hampden Academy Child Development Class Nursery School

The Hampden Academy Child Development classes will be conducting their annual nursery school, starting in October.

Applications are now available for 3-5 year olds, Pre-K.

For more information, please email Terry Deane at tdeane@rsu22.us, or call the high school, 862-3791.

HA Drama Club to perform 'Radium Girls' Dec. 6, 7, 8

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"the best new play in New Jersey professional theatre" and has been performed more than 800 times since. It's a riveting story of courage, hope, and determination that examines the commercialization of science and medicine while probing the lines between corporate responsibility and individual morality.

Radium Girls features more than 30 speaking roles and numerous crowd scenes. There will be an informational meeting for all students interesting in auditioning or working backstage on September 4.

Jenn Guare, Drama Club advisor and English teacher at HA, said *Radium Girls* was selected as this year's fall play for two reasons.

"First, the story is compelling and deeply relevant," Ms. Guare says. "Despite the 1920s-1930s setting, we think that the characters and themes will resonate with our audiences. Second, it provides a wide variety of opportunities for our students, both on-stage and backstage. We are looking forward to the challenge of bringing to life these characters and their campaign for justice and truth."



"Radium Girls" playbook.

Welcome 2018-19 School Year

I am absolutely excited for the new school year to begin! It has been a wonderful summer balanced between great experiences with family & friends and much needed time in the building at HA. Having a year behind me now, with so many more familiar faces, I love the comfort it brings in continuing to grow as a school community. Like anything, we face our challenges, struggles and obstacles, but as long as we identify them and keep working together to overcome them, we will continue to rise together.

One of the things I want to emphasize is the importance of a shared experience at Hampden Academy. Our students, staff, parents and community play such vital roles in building a culture that is inclusive and supportive for all people. Owning that, EVERY DAY,

is something we need to continually focus on. We are an amazing mix of different skills, abilities, interests, strengths and challenges. That is to be embraced and celebrated as we work through all the things that come at us in the course of a school year. This happens with an open mind and listening ear, thoughtful communication and an optimistic view. We all have the opportunity to improve someone else's day, so make the choice to be positive, encouraging and supportive. This will help us build a culture that is second to none!

As our thoughts turn back to the daily schedules, homework, extra-curricular activities and school events, I hope that you have a chance to enjoy all that Hampden Academy has to offer. Our clubs and activities list is very diverse and these folks are always

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Bill Tracy, Principal
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looking to grow their groups; try something out and if it's not your thing, try something else. Your involvement in school activities is directly tied to your engagement and success at HA. I can't emphasize enough how important it is to be open minded and build your support groups in these groups and in the classroom. We have a phenomenal faculty of people ready and willing to be a positive part of your 4 years of high school. Thank you all for your continued

involvement and support. I look forward to what this school year will bring and the potential that is in each and every one of you! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Email is the easiest way to get at me: btracy@rsu22.us, but if you want to follow us on Facebook you can find us here www.facebook.com/HABroncos/ or look me up on Twitter @CWTracy00.

Best Wishes,
C. William "Bill" Tracy
HA Principal

HA juniors, seniors urged to think about internship possibilities

If you're a junior or senior and have some space in your schedule, Principal Bill Tracy would like to help you think about your future after Hampden Academy.

He'd like to get more students involved in some sort of internship activity that would help them determine whether they're on the right path—or whether they should look at other options.

"I'm a firm believer in 'anytime-anywhere' learning—the idea that students should be able to earn some of their high school credits by doing things that aren't within our four walls," Mr. Tracy says. "We have to be able to not just support these students, but find ways to encourage them to go in that direction."

HA has some very simple paperwork for developing an internship program. Basically, students propose an idea about where they might do an internship and what they might learn from it, and then they talk about a transportation plan.

"If you're interested in a particular field and can take school time to learn more about it, let's work together to figure out when, how, and what an internship might look like," Mr. Tracy says.

He said one student emailed him last spring saying she wanted to do research, as she had found an internship that was available during the coming year at the University of Maine.

"All we had to do was to make sure that one day in her schedule was pretty much open," Mr. Tracy said. "She'll earn high school credits based on the amount of time she spends at UMaine."

Last year, a student was working part-time at an auto repair shop in Hampden. Rather than just have him go to work, we asked him to fill out the internship paperwork and had him reflect on his experience. As a result, he received elective credit for his internship.

"It's not that he needed the credit," Mr. Tracy said. "But we wanted him to know that we were going to support him in that process. He wanted to become an auto mechanic. That's fantastic, and

we're happy to do anything we can to support that."

The possibilities are endless. A student might want to spend time working at Eastern Maine Health Care, at a day care center, or even

in one of our RSU 22 schools (if they wanted to learn more about teaching).

"We want students to start thinking about their future before they leave HA," Mr. Tracy says. "If you

have questions, talk to your guidance counselor, a teacher, or me about what options exist. If you have ideas about what you'd like to do, we can help with the logistics and scheduling."



R&B Project musicians perform as part of the Bangor Public Library's summer concert series.



R&B project performs in Bangor Public Library summer concert series

Hampden Academy's R&B Project performed at the Bangor Public Library on June 20 as part of the library's summer concert series.

R&B Project musicians were: Alex Ross, vocals; Alexandra Buzzini, vocals; Jaden Clewley, vocals; Jerdon Kiesman, tenor/soprano sax; Nick Gauthier, bari sax; AJ Todd,

trumpet; Audrie French, trombone; Nicholas Parker/Julia Hammond, piano; Bailey Mallory, bass guitar; Robert Brown, guitar; and Zach Scott, drums, along with director Pat Michaud, who also played trumpet.

Mr. Michaud said the R&B Project enjoyed a very appreciative and

enthusiastic audience.

"It was nice for the students to experience playing in a concert setting, where they have to play 15 to 20 songs, not just three or four.

It was the second year in a row that the group was invited to perform in the summer concert series.

4 HA jazz groups record performance for 'Friday Night Jazz with Rich Tozier'

Four Hampden Academy jazz groups spent a day at the MPBN recording studio at the University of Maine Bangor campus to record a performance for *Friday Night Jazz with Rich Tozier*, which aired on June 29.

The groups were the R&B Project, the Jazz Band, and Jazz Ensemble, directed by Pat Michaud, and the Jazz Combo, directed by Andy Laidman.

They were joined by guest artist Kris Berg, a composer and bassist from Texas, who wrote a special piece, "The Maine Attraction," which was premiered on the show.

The students enjoyed the experience of being in a recording studio, which was different from rehearsing or performing in an auditorium or practice room. "It was hard to hear the vocalists in the recording studio because the microphones were hooked up to the recording system, not to speakers in the studio," Pat said.

The performance of Berg's "The Maine Attraction" was dedicated to



The R&B Project records a piece at the MPBN recording studio for "Friday Night Jazz with Rich Tozier," which aired on June 29.

the Lafayette Hotels, which have been very generous to the HA music program, providing accommodations

to Mr. Berg, as well as other special guests who have performed with HA music groups.

Girls volleyball to start as club sport at HA this fall; volunteer coach Brittany Layman has 21 years of experience playing at the high school, college, and adult levels

Hampden Academy will offer volleyball this fall as a club sport for girls.

Vice Principal and Athletic Director Fred Lower said the team will be coached by Brittany Layman, Health and Wellness Coordinator for RSU 22 and school nurse for McGraw Elementary School, who has 21 years of experience playing at the high school, collegiate, and adult levels.

Mr. Lower said 26 HA students responded positively when he put feelers out about volleyball last spring, but that included only girls who were freshmen, sophomores, and juniors at the time. At step-up day, he said quite a few incoming freshmen also expressed interest.

Mr. Lower says school policy

dictates that the formation of a new varsity sport is at least a two-year process.

A new sport like volleyball starts as a club sport for two years. After the second year, the school reassesses the team's success as a club sport to see if it's ready for varsity status.

From 2001 to 2005, Mrs. Layman played Division I volleyball for the University of Maine under coaches Sue Medley and Lynn Atherly. She was a captain and all-conference selection for two years.

Mrs. Layman says her experience was unique, in that she was a Maine resident who walked on and eventually earned a scholarship.

"I was a position player and

excelled in the front row as a middle blocker," she said. "After my time in college, I have continued to play and improve. I play in adult tournaments throughout the state and New England. I also enjoy playing beach volleyball but my heart is with traditional indoor."

She says volleyball is a wonderful sport that is very different from the game that students learn in physical education classes or play on the lawn.

"It is the ultimate team sport as players are dependent on each other for success," she says. "The game is high energy, strategic, and hard hitting. Athletes will learn the basic principles of the game—passing, serving, and hitting. As we learn those skills,

we will start working on position play and strategy. This season will be skill development and I hope that we can highlight our success with intrasquad games and exhibition matches with other new programs."

Mrs. Layman says she is very excited to bring volleyball to Hampden Academy and Central Maine.

"It couldn't be done without the support of a few local colleges," she said, adding that two local colleges have donated net systems, pads, and balls, and have been incredibly generous.

"It is my goal that our athletes will wake up every day wanting to play this game," she says. "After 21 years, I am happy to say that is still how I wake up every day."



The band in "Disaster!" was on stage, not in the pit, and reacted during earthquakes.



Alex Ross, Mikayla Patel, Jack Burrige, and Sydney Phillips, all seniors, perform a musical number from "Disaster!"

HATT's 'Disaster!'—toe-tapping music, great special effects, many other highlights

When Director Rob Kissinger was asked about the highlights of the Hampden Area Theatre Troupe's production of *Disaster!*, he spoke without hesitation:

"Three performances without a disaster," he said.

"The kids did an outstanding job," he said. "It was a challenge for them—they only had 3½ weeks to put everything together for a full Broadway production. That's a lot to do, but they rose to the challenge."

The show, a mash-up of the classic 1970s disaster movies put together as a giant comedy, was on stage at the Hampden Academy Performing Arts Center Thursday through Saturday, July 12-14.

The cast included five HA seniors—Alex Ross, Jack Burrige, Mikayla Patel, Sydnie Phillips, and Josie Lawrence. Several of them have been doing summer theater at HA since they were in middle school, so *Disaster!* was their sixth summer production.

Other cast members were Emi Verhar, Grayson Koelbl, Sarah Gass, Denali Eyles, Lilly Keeley, Yosmauri Guzman, Anji Gulliver, Ellie Prescott, and Gracie Demchak.

The band members, who performed on stage, not in the pit, were Mike Ross (father of Alex Ross), Rob Brown, Logan Christian, Zach Scott, and Nick Parker

Tech support was provided by Andrew Tilley, lights; Isaac Anderson, sound; and Reba Sands, artwork. Angolia Gulliver choreographed the tap sequence.

Mikayla Burrige assisted Mr. Kissinger with the stage direction and choreographed the dance sequences.



The cast of "Disaster!"

Mr. Kissinger identified a number of other highlights that helped make the show memorable and enjoyable:

- The toe-tapping 1970's music was definitely a highlight

"A lot of older folks—people older than age 12—recognized the songs, and a lot of audience members started humming the tunes even before the cast started singing," Mr. Kissinger said. "There was a lot of toe-tapping, even by the kids. And during the first week of rehearsal,

the kids were all singing these songs on their lunch break."

- The band—Dr. Funkenstein and the Barracudas—included a parent and two band members who had never been in a theatrical production before.

"We put the band up on the stage, not in the pit," Mr. Kissinger said. "They were part of the show. When the ship was rocked by an earthquake, they all reacted. And when the script had the ship spin-

ning over, they got right into it."

- The special effects were phenomenal. "The script required us to drop a chandelier on a girl's head three nights in a row," Mr. Kissinger said. "It's pretty remarkable that we were able to pinpoint that in all three shows."

- There were 12 major roles, which meant that some of the younger actors, particularly sophomores, had the opportunity to have lead roles. The entire cast rose to the occasion.

- Half of the characters were men but there were only two guys in the cast, which meant that several girls had to play male roles. Mr. Kissinger said Sydnie Phillips did very well

playing Ted, one of the lead characters, while Emi Verhar, who played an old man named Maury, was "just phenomenal."

- Freshman (sophomore to be) Lilly Keeley played Ben and Lisa, 12-year-old twins. Mr. Kissinger said Lilly put a lot of work into playing twins who looked alike but were still different characters.

- Finally, Mr. Kissinger said Denali Eyles and Sarah Gass "blew the crowd away" with their vocal work.



Hampden Academy JCL awaits spirit at the Spring Convention on May 24 at Camp Meechuwana in Winthrop. The HAJCL placed first among the large schools in spirit at the convention.



Zoe Ellingwood, Jordan Lockard, Andrew Tilley, and Jared Deans lead the spirit procession while Aidan Babbitt encourages the JCL in the chariot.

Eliot Small elected President, Maine JCL, for 2018-19, Aidan Babbitt 1st VP; HAJCL places 1st in academics at Spring Convention

The Hampden Academy Junior Classical League had a banner spring and summer in 2018.

At the Spring Convention, which was held May 23-24 at Winthrop, HA's Eliot Small was elected president of the Maine Junior Classical League for 2018-19. Aidan Babbitt will be Eliot's first vice president in charge of publicity and membership, and Noah Burby will be the parliamentarian. All three

are rising seniors in AP Latin. Hampden holds three of the seven student officers for next year!

With 13 schools in attendance, Hampden Academy earned 1st place overall in academics, the first time any school other than Camden Hills has done so since at least 2002. HA was also the largest school in attendance with 60 student delegates.

Andrew Hill came in 2nd place in the academic sweeps (out of 315 students), while Garrett Donovan came in 8th place academically.

HA students earned a total of 78 academic ribbons at the convention, more than any other school. These included four first place awards won by Andrew Hill, two by Garrett Donovan, and one each by Molly Swalec, Aidan Babbitt, Chelsea El-Hajj, and Jared Deans, for a total of 10 first place awards.

Four HA students—Andrew Hill, Molly Swalec, Noah Burby, and Audrie French—attended the National Convention, which was held July 21-28 at Miami University in Oxford, OH.

Andrew Hill, who was attending his first national convention, was the most successful, placing 1st nationally in Open Certamen (Novice Division), 8th in Ancient Geography, 10th in Latin Grammar, 10th in Reading Comprehension, 13th in Academic Heptathlon, 17th in Roman History, and 20th in Roman Life (top 20 on National tests is quite an accomplishment). In addition to this, he earned 3rd place in Sight Latin (Latin 1).

Molly Swalec, attending her 3rd convention, came in 18th in Latin Derivatives, and her Jewelry submission earned a 10th place.

Noah Burby, also attending for the 3rd time, came in 15th in Latin Derivatives. He was also Maine's delegate to attend all of the political meetings (regarding elections and constitutional amendments).

Audrie French, attending her second convention, came in 16th in Latin Deriva-



Robin McMahan (L) and Molly Swalec (R), dressed as Persephone and Hades, earned first place in the costume contest at the Spring Convention.



The Maine delegation at the National Convention at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Attending from Hampden were Audrie French, Noah Burby, Molly Swalec, and Andrew Hill.

tives and was a big leader in the state delegation.

Hampden Academy won 3rd place in the Publicity Contest.



Literature of the Sea students on the Margaret Todd, a four-masted schooner out of Bar Harbor.

HA 'Literature of the Sea' class takes learning . . . out to sea

This past May, Hampden Academy English Department's Literature of the Sea Class had the unique opportunity to take their learning on the road... and out to sea.

In conjunction with their study of Rudyard Kipling's *Captains Courageous*, a novel about dory fishing from a schooner on the Grand Banks, students in Mr. Sam Manhart's class set sail aboard the four-masted schooner Margaret Todd from Bar Harbor. Students helped to raise the vessel's 4000 square feet of sails and then enjoyed the 10-knot cruise around Frenchman's Bay on a brisk Spring morning.

Accompanying the group were English Department Chair Rob Kissinger and Hampden Academy Principal Bill Tracy. Generous support for this field trip was provided by Tibbets Family Fund and the RSU 22 Educational Association.

Wagner Pride Pack: 'Fall Thriller' set for Oct. 19; 3rd Annual Christmas Festival coming Dec. 8

The Pride Pack—Wagner Middle School's volunteer parent-teacher organization—would like to welcome all of our students and their families to Wagner for the 2018-19 school year.

Pride Pack's first event will be the Fall Thriller which will happen on October 19th and will be for the whole school...we will have a costume contest, dancing, games and other fun activities for the students.

Pride Pack hosts several other fun events for students and their families throughout the year, including an Indoor Mini-Golf Tournament, a scrap-booking event, and more.

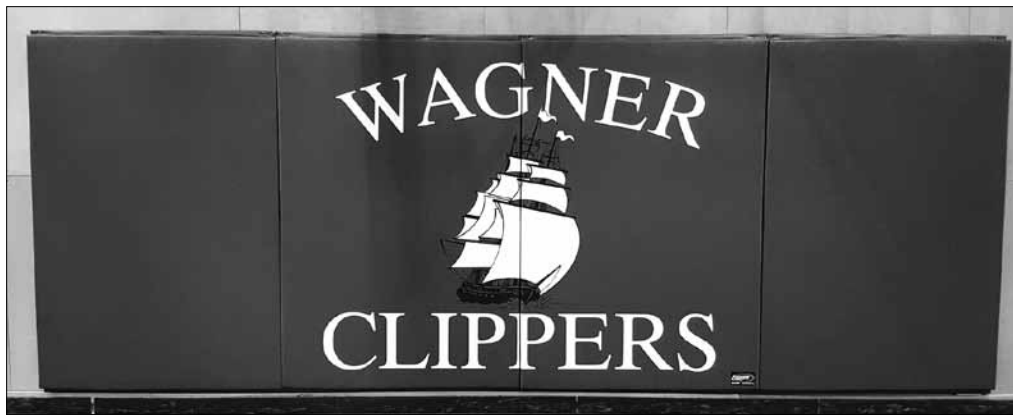
We are very excited to announce our 3rd Annual Christmas Festival, which will be held on December 8th this year. Proceeds will again benefit the Student Pantry, as well as other school programs. If any Wagner student or their family needs supplies

from the pantry, please reach out to any Wagner staff member or email the guidance counselor, Charla Lowell, at clowell@rsu22.us.

Pride Pack works to support the students and staff at Wagner by providing funds for things like field trips, special school programs, the Wagner Student Pantry, snacks for the homework club, uniforms for Wagner athletics, a teacher supplies wish list, the Wagner music program, and much more.

Please "Like" Wagner Pride Pack on Facebook to get notifications of everything that is going on. Information and updates about Pride Pack events are also posted on the school's Facebook page and website.

Also, be sure to find our new Facebook page as a go-to source of information about Box Tops for Education and Coke Rewards for Schools.



NEW WALL PADS FOR WAGNER—Wagner Middle School has new wall pads in the gym, thanks to Nate McLaughlin and the Hampden Broncos Basketball Club, which purchased the pads. The new pads replaced old wall pads, which did not display the school's clipper ship logo. The old pads had been in place for years—and they weren't real wall pads, just floor mats that were hung on the wall. Principal Richard Glencross said the new wall pads are "a real nice enhancement for the gym." He said the basketball club provided the wall pads, but the school paid for the Wagner logo to be painted on them.



Bobby stands in front of the completed shed.

HA senior Bobby Dudley erects storage shed for Wagner Middle School as Eagle Scout Project

Bobby Dudley, a senior at Hampden Academy this fall, erected a storage shed for Wagner Middle School for his Eagle Scout project, which involved a combined 315 hours of volunteer work from Troop 41, friends and family.

Generous donations from local businesses for the materials totaled over \$2,100. The shed, which was completed in May, will be used for Music Department storage.



Volunteers stand on the completed deck for the storage shed.



Volunteers install the decking.

WAGNER MIDDLE SCHOOL Richard Glencross, Principal, 223-4309



Principal's Message: Welcome to 2018-19

Dear Wagner Students and Families,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer. The Wagner Staff and I look forward to welcoming students back to school and a special welcome goes out to students who will be attending Wagner for the very first time. This year we have a new member of our teaching staff. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Tourtillotte as our new resource room teacher. In addition, we have several staff members joining us in a new role in 2018-19. These include: Mr. Lobo (Spanish) and Mr. Corneil (Educational Technician). Moving forward, our record of educational excellence and our tradition of respect and pride in one's self will continue to guide us in the coming school year.

I would like to take this opportunity and extend an invitation to students to participate in a team sport. In order to try out and participate in team sports at Wagner, an RSU22 interscholastic sports physical must be completed annually. Forms can be found on our school website (wagner.rsu22.us). Fifth graders are welcome to participate in cross-country, chess, b-team basketball, and track and field, as well as other extra curricular activities such as the school play, library helpers, or art club.

Our parent group, Wagner Pride Pack, is selling Wagner merchandise (t-shirts, hats, bags, etc.) again this year. An order form can be found on the Pride Pack page of our school website.

Below are some important dates to help you organize your back to school calendar:

- **August 27:** 6th Grade Parent/Student Night, 6:30 to 7:30pm
- **August 28:** 5th Grade Open House, 6:30 to 7:30pm
- **August 30:** First Day of School
- **September 3:** Labor Day Holiday (no school)

We are fortunate to live in Maine in the summer. Please enjoy what time is left. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns about the upcoming school year, do not hesitate to contact me.

—Sincerely,
Richard Glencross, Principal



The McGraw-Weatherbee four square courts after eight hours of painting and three gallons of paint.



The old four square courts had become drab and faded.

McGraw/Weatherbee playground gets a burst of color over the summer

In July, 15 volunteers, including ten RSU 22 students ranging in age from incoming first grader to incoming senior, donated eight hours of their time and effort over two days to repaint the four square courts on the playground behind McGraw School.

It all started in May 2013, when a group of fifth grade Girl Scouts chose to paint two four square courts and two hopscotch courts on the playground in order to earn their bronze award.

Fast forward to spring 2018, when one of the

former Girl Scouts noticed how drab the four square courts had become. She remembered how great they looked when they were first painted and wanted to get them back up to par.

She and her mom took on the job of finding volunteers and donations to refurbish the four square courts. By the end of the second week of July, the courts were ready for players.

Fun fact about four square – The 2018 Women’s World Champion is Brittany Dunay, who is from Maine. There’s always the possibility that

a future world champion will start their career on the freshly painted court at McGraw.

A huge thanks to Downeast Mobile Power Wash for donating their time and expertise on cleaning the area before the painting started and to *Erickson’s Hardware* and Gift/Ice Cream and Coffee for generously donating three gallons of paint.

The courts look great!

RSU 22 Health and Wellness report

By Brittany Layman, RN, BSN
Health and Wellness Coordinator
McGraw Elementary School Nurse

Gardens...

Harvest season is in full swing. Students who attend the summer lunch program at Smith have enjoyed broccoli, green beans, and tomatoes. We were able to share radishes with the Bantam Cafe, where they made a delicious radish soup.

You can find our school gardens at Smith Elementary, Wagner Middle School, Reeds Brook, and the Newburgh Pre-K. The gardens are planted and tended with the help of students and parent volunteers.

Special thanks to Fisher Farm for donating tons of seedlings to start our gardens off right.

This fall we will celebrate our gardens during Management Day and Harvest week.

The orchards are looking great—especially the rare Wolf River apple tree that is full of apples that can weigh up to 1 lb each.

Smith School was granted an orchard at the end of the 2017-2018 school year from the organization ReTreeUs. The orchard has 15 apple and pear trees. The students have embraced the orchard and are excited to watch it grow!

If anyone is interested in helping the the gardens



The Newburgh Pre-K garden.

for the 2018-2019 season please reach out to Brittany Layman. blayman@rsu22.us

Wellness...

I am happy to announce that Weatherbee School has received a grant from the program “Fuel Up to Play 60” and the Maine Dairy Council. The grant money will be used to promote recess play and to provide a variety of menu items

for taste testing in the cafeteria. We are excited to share new menu items and spark enthusiasm for outdoor play!

The mobile kitchen will be out and in classrooms during the fall. We will be doing lessons around blueberries, honey bees, pumpkins, and maybe even a little salsa. Students will learn about local produce and make curriculum connections including measurements and story telling.

The 1st grade at McGraw will be planting a yellow tulip garden to celebrate wellness and bring awareness to mental health. We will also be planting a variety of bulbs and perennials that will brighten our spirits during the early spring.

Staff will engage in a needs and interest survey during the early part of the school year. The survey will help guide programing for the next couple of school years.

RSU 22 will continue to participate in the MEABT wellness program and activities sponsored by 5210 Let's Go!



Aurelia Layman enjoying broccoli



Reeds Brook radishes.



Newburgh radishes.

Principal's Message: Focus on maintaining effective communication

Dear Reeds Brook Students, Parents and Community members,

On behalf of RBMS, I am excited to welcome you to the 2018-19 school year. We hope you are enjoying the last days of summer and anticipating the start of a new and exciting year. I feel both honored and privileged to continue to be your principal and to work with our highly qualified and dedicated staff, our wonderful students, and all of the supportive parents and community members that make this a great school.

At RBMS, student achievement and individual growth are our highest priorities. With this, we are committed to partnering with you, offering a well-rounded education, developing character, and providing engaging academic challenges for all students.

This year we will also focus on maintaining effective communication and providing student families with the information they need to keep their students on track and growing. We encourage both students and families to keep current with upcoming events and activities by regularly checking our website at <http://rbms.rsu22.us>, liking us on Facebook, and monitoring your student's Google Classroom. In addition, I will email you regularly if your child starts to fall behind in his/her academics in order to help keep the lines of communication open. We aim to provide numerous opportunities for parents and teachers to connect regarding student progress.

As the year progresses, we will encourage all of our families to join our Parent Principal Advisory Group. Our kick-off meeting will take place in September. This group will help advise RBMS in the things we are doing well so that we can continue doing them, as well as look at ways in which



REEDS BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL
Don Roux, Principal
862-3540

we can improve our students' experiences. Topics will range from academics to social experiences. You can make a huge difference, so please don't hesitate to get involved.

The staff at RBMS is excited for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you at the Open House once school has started. If you have any questions related to school policy and procedures, please feel free to call or email me. I look forward to working with you as a team to help all students meet their goals and aspirations.

Sincerely,
Don L. Roux - Principal
droux@rsu22.us (207)-862-3540

Maintenance projects completed at Reeds Brook

'RB' initials added to center of competition basketball court

Two important maintenance projects have been completed at Reeds Brook Middle School this summer.

For the first time since the school was built, the gym floor has been sanded down to the original wood, refinished and painted with new lines. The initials "RB" are in the center of the competition basketball court.

Every year, two coats of urethane have been applied to the gym floor, but this is the first time ever that the floor has been sanded.

The sanding was done by Don Dickel of Maine Wood Floors, Winterport. The first sanding took three days and was completed in late July. The second and third sandings, which required different grits of sandpaper, were completed in early August.

The lines and the RB initials were painted on the gym floor during the first week of August.

Dean El Hajj, head custodian at Reeds Brook, said carpeting has been removed from various parts of Reeds Brook in recent years, and in most cases has been replaced with tile.

The tile is more environmentally friendly, with less dust and fewer germs. The tile is also easier to clean and maintain and better for everyone's health.

In a few places, like the cafeteria, old carpet has been replaced with new carpet, because of the sound-deadening effects of carpeting and the importance of noise control.

UPSTAIRS HALLWAY—The carpeting in the upstairs hallway was removed and replaced with tile. The hallway is about 100 years long—the length of a football field. The photo at left, looking towards the stairway down to the cafeteria and main office, shows the hallway after the carpeting had been removed. The photo at right, taken at the same time but in the other direction, shows some of the new tiles installed.



The new gym floor at Reeds Brook with the "RB" initials at center court.



Principal's Message: Increased focus on technology skills, positive communication

By Jennifer Cyr, Principal
Weatherbee School

Students can expect to see some new faces in our learning community. The Weatherbee team will be joined by new teachers Dorothy Dawson, grade 5; Linda Ross, grade 3; and Pamela Thompson, grade 3. All new staff will be featured in the next issue of *Link-22*.

This summer our team has been diligently preparing to welcome our students so that we're ready

day 1! Each summer, our facility receives upgrades to improve both the facade and safety. This year, we have a new phone system to improve communication and accessibility. Additionally, we worked with Liberty Mutual to thoroughly check our playground. One noticeable difference students will see is more wood chips on the playground. The building is sparkling and clean and teachers are eager to start the year! Special thanks to our custodial



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

staff, led by Phil Veilleux, for their outstanding work.

Our leadership team met throughout the 2017-2018 year to fully review our schedule. Based on faculty, parent and student feedback, a social emotional concern was raised that our fourth graders are divided during key times they would normally connect. As a result of thoughtful planning, students can expect to be with their grade levels during lunch and recess. We are excited to pilot this change.

A new curricular emphasis is consistent exposure to 21st century best practices and skills. This year, selected staff are studying coding to incorporate technology skills into our science program. Ms. Shteirman, our technology integrationist, will be co-teaching with our science teachers to support the expansion of computer sciences at Weatherbee. We have great enthusiasm and expectations for the upcoming year!

Our mission is "All Weatherbee

School Staff are committed to joining students, parents and community in providing a safe, positive, and challenging learning environment which enables all students to reach their individual potential and become lifelong learners who are productive members of society." We are incredibly blessed to have wonderful volunteers and a strong parent community to support our mission. If you are interested in joining our PTO, we meet on the second Monday of the month from 6:30-7:00 PM. New ideas, energy, and support are welcomed. Look for upcoming events on our school Facebook page.

Positive communication is important to us. As always, regular updates can be found on our Facebook page @Weatherbee, weekly Weatherbee Bzzz newsletters, teacher blogs found on weatherbee.rsu22.us to provide you with up-to-date information about the wonderful things happening at Weatherbee.

Trimesters coming in 2018-2019

This year all RSU 22 Pre-K to grade 5 schools are moving from quarters to trimesters. We are excited for this change because it:

- Provides 15 days more instructional time for students to learn and demonstrate proficiency prior to assessments.
- Provides students longer time at the beginning of the year to acclimate to school, new classroom and schedule before baseline testing and grading for the first report card.
- Provides more time for students, teachers and parents to identify and correct areas of concern during the grading period.

Trimester 1 will run from August 30 to November 30.

Trimester 2 will run from December 3 to March 15.

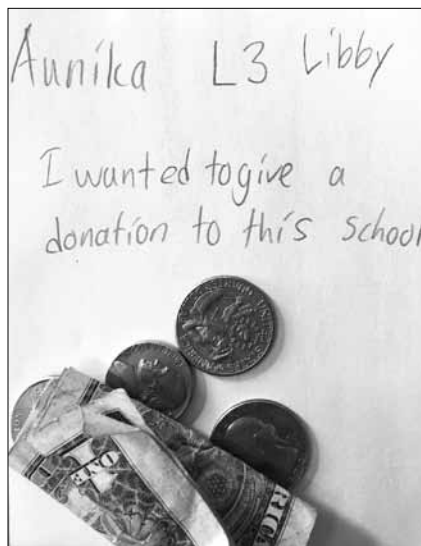
Trimester 3 will run from March 18 to June 14.

Open House Tuesday, August 28

Students and parents will have the opportunity to come in before school to meet their homeroom and team teachers. The Open House will be on Tuesday, August 28, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

School Pictures will be on Thursday, September 13.

More news from Weatherbee School



Aunika Mills (above) generously made a donation to the Weatherbee Student Activities Fund. Her thoughtful gesture and pride in her school speaks volumes. Thank you Aunika!!



Barry Dana of the Penobscot Nation spoke to third graders this spring as part of their Maine Studies unit. Barry is a teacher, artist, and former Chief of the Penobscot Nation where he was raised learning traditional skills and values from tribal elders.

Weatherbee School Field Day, June 2018



Students used their geography skills to break out of the room. This was a popular addition to our Field Day activities.



Students received book awards for reading 40 books.

Weatherbee asking parents, students to focus on attendance

Last year, the staff at George B. Weatherbee School piloted a holistic way of monitoring students, based on three elements that lead to success—social and emotional development, attendance, and academics.

Principal Jennifer Cyr says that the staff will continue that approach this year, but with a particular focus on attendance. Last year a team of teachers, administrators, parents and school board members did a whole school study. The team did a deep dive into several aspects of achievement and one area they recognized that needed to be addressed was attendance.

“If a student misses two days a month for nine months, that’s 18 absences during the school year,” says Mrs. Cyr. “The learning and instruction that students miss during those 18 days is almost irretrievable. It’s not just a worksheet—it’s the dynamics and interplay of the real-time learning in the classroom.”

She says that the school needs to encourage parents to change the way they think about attendance.

“We’re encouraging our families to schedule family vacations during school vacations,” she says. “We recognize that there are always special circumstances, but when students miss more than eight days, we can see a big gap in their academic progress—it really affects their learning.”

Mrs. Cyr adds that the impact on learning is the same no matter why a student is absent.

“Just because state law says an absence is excused if the parent says it’s OK, doesn’t mean learning isn’t affected,” she says. “It’s the number or frequency of absences that matter, not whether they’re excused or unexcused.”

Mrs. Cyr emphasizes that the school recognizes that there are often extenuating circumstances, and that she’s not suggesting that parents send children to school when they’re sick or not ready to learn.

“When special circumstances require students to be absent from school, we want to work with parents and students as a team,” she says.

Mrs. Cyr says Weatherbee School’s mission is to focus on student and parent awareness of the importance of attendance, and to have as many students as possible be present each day.

“That means being on time, too,” she says. “We want students to be here ready to learn when the school day begins.”

She notes the importance of the entire class being present and timely to support both students and the learning community. That climate can be disrupted when one or two students are chronically late. As a community, we want to limit tardies that are in our control.

“We’re trying to promote the idea of timeliness and presence as essential habits for being a lifelong learner and citizen,” Mrs. Cyr says. “As a school, we want to focus on celebrating great attendance and cultivating strong relationships.”

RSU 22 ADULT EDUCATION - Fall 2018 Programs

www.riversideadulthoodpartnership.com

A wide variety of educational, professional development and personal enrichment courses will again be made available for people to take through our program during the fall academic season. To contact us you can call our office at 862-6422 or email our program director at: mtardie@rsu22.us.

High School Completion and HiSET Courses

For adults looking to earn a high school diploma, a HiSET Certification or to improve basic literacy and ESL skills, we offer year-round opportunities for advancement. If you are interested in earning your Adult Education High School Diploma, you should get a copy of your high school transcript and schedule a meeting with one of our staff. You may be closer to earning a diploma than you think. In January 2014, the HiSET replaced the GED and became Maine’s State High School Equivalency Diploma. Since then, our program has helped many of our residents earn this life-changing credential. Again, just contact our office at any time if you have questions about or interest in the HiSET.

We now have a variety of online and in-person classes available to help adult learners earn their high school diploma. Most fall courses will start in late-September. Anticipated fall in-person academic courses include:

Developmental English	Individualized Math Lab – Daytime
American History & Civics	Individualized Math Lab – Evening
HiSET Preparation & Testing	Accuplacer Preparation & Testing
Adult Basic Literacy & Tutoring	ESL Tutoring

Distance Learning Courses

We continue to offer, through a partnership with Education to Go, over 500 interactive personal enrichment online courses to residents of RSU 22 and neighboring communities. All classes are instructor-led, fit into convenient six-week formats and are affordably priced. Some of the more popular course titles include:

A to Z Grant Writing	Zntroduction to Interior Design
Introduction to Guitar	Creating WordPress Websites
Introduction to Lightroom	Introduction to JavaScript
Introduction to Statistics	Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint
Computer Skills for the Workplace	Medical Math
Buying & Selling on eBay	Introduction to Windows 10
Grammar Refresher	QuickBooks 2017
Test Prep: GRE, LAST, SAT, Praxis	PC Troubleshooting
Genealogy Basics	Real Estate Law

To view a complete catalog of distance learning courses, visit our page: www.ed2go.com/rsu22.

In-Person Healthcare Classes

Certified Nursing Assistants help patients or clients with healthcare needs, working under the supervision of an approved nurse. Demand for CNA’s in the healthcare industry is projected to grow faster than the average for all occupations! Our next 180-hour CNA class is scheduled to start in mid-October. Classes are projected to run Monday and Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings to be more accommodating to students and folks who are working. The cost for this next class will be only \$795. We offer students convenient payment plans and possible course reimbursement options.

We are also offering a 50-hour **Personal Support Specialist** (PSS) certification course starting September 10. The course is scheduled to run Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5:00-8:00 pm. The cost for this class is only \$325.

Contact us at 862-6422 for an application or to find out more information about these popular training programs.

Personal Enrichment Courses

Once again this fall, we are offering a wide assortment of personal enrichment courses and workshops. Some of the scheduled courses include:

Digital Photography	Tap Dancing	Ballroom Dance
Substitute Teacher Training	Bee Keeping	Thai and Chinese Cooking
Quilting	Tai Chi for Arthritis and Better Balance	Hunter’s Safety
Essential Oils Workshop	Basic CPR Certification	Group Bus Trips
Watercolor Painting	Babysitting Certification	Maine Driving Dynamics
Basic First Aid	Hand Pottery and Ceramics	Dance Fitness with McSmitty
Rug Hooking	Bike Tune Up Workshop	Introduction to Interior Design
Gentle Yoga	Introduction to Sewing	Interpreting Your Dreams
Tennis for Beginners	One-Night Paint & Sip Classes	Basic Computer Skills
Intro. to Acting Workshop	Pickleball	Heart Rhythm Meditation
Introduction to Archery	Basic Beer Brewing	Self-Defense for Women
Personal Financial Planning	PiYo Live	Hospice Care Training
Local Historical Lectures		Voice Over Acting

To view our complete Fall 2018 course schedule, go to:

www.riversideadulthoodpartnership.com

Online Health Occupations Courses

In 10 to 20 weeks, you can become nationally certified in these portable, high demand healthcare jobs through our partnership with the Academy of Medical Professions. Students who complete their program also receive assistance with job searching and resume writing.

Dental Assisting	Medical Transcription	Medical Coding & Billing
Medical Office Specialist	Pharmacy Technician	Hospital Coding & Billing

For more information about any of these courses, including payment plan options and specific certifications awarded per course, please contact us at 862-6422.

Free Online Courses and Trainings

Through a partnership with a professional development company called Hoonuit, we are again able to offer our residents free access to over 250 online courses and over 10,000 tutorials and individual trainings. For educators, trainings are available in instructional strategies, assessment, student resources, planning, special populations, technology and leadership. These free trainings are also available all individuals in our community. To receive a password and login information to these courses email us at: mtardie@rsu22.us or call 862-6422. Some of the newer courses are listed below.

Tech for Students with Dyslexia	SketchUp for 3D Printing	Kid Px Deluxe
Career Skills Trainings	Google Sheets	Minecraft in the Classroom
Moodle Instructor Training	Boardmaker Plus!	Google Calendar
Microsoft Office Applications	HTMLS & CSS3 Basics	Cyberbullying
Flash CS5	Internet Safety	Dreamweaver CS5
Classroom Management Strategies	Podcasting Workshop	WordPress
Creating Digital Portfolios	Being Successful in College	Office for iPad
Anime Studio Training	SharePoint Basics	Photoshop
Moodle for Students	Using Gmail	Supporting Gifted Students
Geometer’s Sketchpad	Flickr Training	Adobe Lightroom
iBooks Author Training	Using iTunes	Real-World Geometry
Being Savvy Online	Textease CT	Using SMART Boards

College Transitions

Our College Transitions Program is designed to help students successfully prepare for college. We help adult learners who are earning their high school diploma or their HiSET certificate successfully transition to college. We also help students who already have a diploma prepare for their college experience. Contact us if you would like to discuss with us some of the following College Transitions services that we offer:

Career Exploration & Planning	Academic Advising Services	College Readiness Courses
Academic Courses: Algebra / Biology / Writing for College	College Application Assistance	
Accuplacer Prep & Testing		

Like us on Facebook: Riverside Adult Education

Welcome to Leroy H. Smith School; Open House set for Tuesday, Aug. 28

By Dawn Moore, Principal
Leroy H. Smith School

We have had the most amazing summer weather. I hope everyone has been able to get outside and enjoy it. It is hard to believe another year is just around the corner. Faculty and staff at Smith School have been working hard getting ready for the 2018-19 school year. Our school is looking great! We have a new lobby area floor, new pavement on the playground and a lot of newly painted, freshened up walls.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year. We have shifted a few teachers around as well as hired some new. We would like to welcome Mrs. Tracy, our new special education teacher. Welcome back to Mrs. H. Patterson as a 3rd grade teacher. She had been in 1st grade for many years and is looking forward to the challenge. Lastly, welcome back to Mrs. N. Patterson who will be in 2nd grade. Mrs. N. Patterson is moving from the Kindergarten classroom. A lot of new adventures at Smith School will be happening this year!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Open House, Tuesday, Aug. 28. Please visit our website for details (<http://smith.rsu22.us/>)



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



Pre-K students work enjoy a picnic lunch.

Pre-K accepting 4-year olds from all 4 towns

RSU 22 is excited to continue its dedication to our youngest learners. Pre-K is in full force in RSU 22 accepting 4 year olds from all four towns of Hampden, Newburgh, Frankfort and Winterport. Students must be 4 years old by October 15, 2108. Openings are still available. Pre-K runs Monday - Thursday with a variety of hours depending on your location. More detailed information may be found at <http://www.rsu22.us/our-schools/pre-kl/>. Please contact Dawn Moore @ dmoore@rsu22.us or 223-4282 with any questions.



Pre-K students work in the Pre-K garden.

School Opening Information

All Grade Pre-K-9 district students (Hampden, Newburgh, Winterport, Frankfort) will begin school on Thursday, August 30, 2018. Grades 10-12 students will begin classes on Friday, August 31, 2018.

Visit our website at www.rsu22.us for additional information.

School Nutrition 2018-2019

Breakfast - \$ 1.50

Breakfast is FREE for Free AND Reduced students

Lunch prices: Elementary Schools - \$2.40

Middle Schools- \$2.60

Hampden Academy - \$2.80

Reduced price - .40

Adult - \$4.00

Cold lunch or snack milk - .55

(there is no free milk program)

Elementary Schools Menu:

Thursday, August 30: Pizza, Veggie Sticks with Dip, Fresh Fruit

Friday, August 31: Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit and Veggies

Menus for the month will go home with children after school starts and will always be posted on each school's website.

On the first day of school, August 30, Grade 9 at Hampden Academy will be treated to an Orientation Lunch sponsored by the Student Council. It will be Pizza, Salad Bar, Chips, Fresh Fruit, and an Ice Cream Sandwich.

A La Carte menus and price lists for Middle Schools and High School are posted in the cafeterias, home rooms, and on-line. Copies are available to all students at the schools. All A La Carte items for sale must meet USDA "Smart Snack" nutritional regulations which include calories, fat, and sugar content. A La Carte items may not be charged to a student's account.

Children who received free or reduced priced meals last school year will continue to do so this year until October. Please return your completed Application for Free or Reduced Priced Meals within the first week of school. They are available online at the schools' websites and will be sent home the first week.

Children who receive Free or Reduced priced meals can get a FREE breakfast at all schools.

Payments: Our school district has the NutriKids electronic Point of Service system. Your children will begin the year with the balance they had in their accounts at the end of last school year. Money can be put in accounts electronically at myschoolbucks.com (with a service fee) or brought to school. Please make sure to clearly mark who payment is for and help us keep cost down by keeping your student's meal account up to date.

If you have questions about our School Nutrition Program, please call Kathy Kittridge at 862-3543, or e-mail kkittridge@rsu22.us.

Volunteers are welcome!

Parent organizations and volunteers are a very important component of the educational school system. From stuffing envelopes to assisting with field trip supervision to organizing the major PTO/PTF fundraisers, volunteers are making a difference in your local schools and communities. If you are interested in becoming one of these volunteers, please contact your local school for more information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF HEAD START AND PRE-K STUDENTS IN HAMPDEN - NEWBURGH - WINTERPORT - FRANKFORT

Head Start and Pre-K students will not be let off the bus without an adult present waiting at the bus stop. There will be no exceptions.

SCHOOL HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Hampden Academy 89 Western Ave., Hampden, ME 04444	C. WILLIAM TRACY Principal	Grades 9-12 8:00 a.m.-2:02 p.m.	Main Office Guidance Office Athletic Office	862-3791 862-4111 862-3985
Earl C. McGraw Elementary 20 Main Road North, Hampden, ME 04444	KRISTIN BRIGGS Principal	Grades Pre-K-2 K-2—8:50 a.m.-3 p.m. Pre-K AM—7:30 a.m.-11 a.m. (Mon-Thurs) Pre-K PM—11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (Mon-Thurs)	Main Office	862-3830
Newburgh Early Childhood Center 2220 Western Ave., Newburgh, ME 04444	DAWN MOORE Pre-K Administrator	Pre-K 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. (Mon-Thurs)	Main Office	234-2781
Reeds Brook Middle School 28A Main Road South, Hampden, ME 04444	DON ROUX Principal	Grades 6-8 7:40 a.m.-2:05 p.m.	Main Office	862-3540
Leroy H. Smith School 319 South Main St., Winterport, ME 04496	DAWN MOORE Principal	Grades Pre-K-4 K-4—7:50 a.m.-2 p.m. Pre-K—7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. (Mon-Thurs)	Main Office	223-4282
Samuel L. Wagner Middle School 19 Williams Way, Winterport, ME 04496	RICHARD GLENCROSS 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

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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 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 AM ONLY

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 a left on Laskey Lane, then to Main Trail, right on Emerson Drive, left on Ruth Avenue, end of Jay Lane, 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 #23 PM ONLY

Starts at Route 1A to Daisey Lane, including ends of Elm Street East and West, end of Dudley Street, left on Daisey Lane, ends of Horseshoe Lane, George Street, William Street, left on Charles Street, left on Sunset Avenue, ends of Linden, Stoney Brook and West Brook, right on Route 1A, right 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, end of Jay Lane, 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 #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 #28 AM ONLY

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 #28 PM ONLY

Starts dropping off after Daisey Lane on Route 1A, ends of Sunrise Lane, Chickadee Lane, Riverview, (Marion Drive) left on Francis Drive, left on Sophie Lane, left on Route 1A, left on Old County Road, ends of Mountain View, Ball Park Road, Patterson Road, Wheeldon Heights, left on Perry Road, left on Coolidge Avenue, ends of Northern Avenue, Hamel Avenue, Triangle Road, Kelly Lane, Gaftway Street, School House Road, Marina Road, Hillside Drive, (Summit Dr.) right on Francis Drive, end of Carver Road.

Run #31

Starts at 6:40 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 6:40 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, left on Stetson Drive, right on Route 9 to Sawyer Road, Route 9 from Box 1088 to 372 including left on Deer Hill Lane, end of Goodell Farm Road, right on Aarons Way, left on Dunton Circle, right on Silver Drift Lane, right on Johnny's Way, right on Bowen Drive, drop students at RBMS & HA.

Run #36

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.

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 Lane, 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 Box 2021 to Box 1102, right on Sawyer Road, left on Canaan Road.

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 Wilber 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 7:55 Route 9 from Hughes Blvd. to Sawyer Road Box 372 to Box 1088, including left on Bowen Drive, left on Johnny's Way, right on Dunton Circle, right on Silver Drift Lane, left on Aarons Way, end of Goodell Farm Road, right on Deer Hill Lane, left on Sawyer Road, left on Canaan Road.

Run #34

Starts at 7:40 Deer Hill Lane, right on Shaw Hill Road, 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, left on Stetson Drive, 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 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 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 Road, end of White Orchard Road.

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. This form is included in your child's packet of forms, which will be sent home from their school during their 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.

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 the schoolyard.

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 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 #29

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 (Mylen 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 ITEMS (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 #29

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 2:11 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, (Mylen 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 2:11, 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 Twining 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.

Newburgh

Newburgh K-12 students have the same bus number in the morning as they do in the afternoon. Please have students outside ready 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. 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.

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.

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 and pick up their students.



'Once Upon a Field Day' huge success at McGraw Elementary School

"Once Upon a Field Day" was a huge success at McGraw in June! This year's theme was all around some of our favorite books! Students enjoyed activities such as creating Fairy Houses, planting sunflower seeds, and "sailing" across the

ocean, just like Max in *Where the Wild Things Are*. One of the most favorite activities was based on the book *a Pet for Petunia*. In this station, students slowly inched closer and closer to our parent volunteer (who just happened to have a hose!)

and tried not to get sprayed by the "skunk!" The other favorite moment in our day was getting to watch a helicopter (thank you Reeds Brook friends!) land and take off in the field between our schools! We were all surprised by how loud it was!

Thank you so much to all of our parent volunteers who always bring lots of energy and enthusiasm to our Field Day activities! Also, thank you to our food service friends and Hampden Public Safety for our delicious cookout! It was a perfect day!

Principal's Message: Welcome Back, McGraw!

Hello, everyone! I hope that you have had a wonderful summer! I enjoyed golfing and camping with my family! I also ran in a race and read some amazing books!! But, despite all of the fun, it will be great to see everyone again! I have missed you all!

It has been pretty quiet around here at McGraw! Our staff will be staying the same with just a few shifts. Ms. DeBeck will be moving from kindergarten to second grade and Mrs. Forsman will be moving to kindergarten.

Another exciting change this year will be the transition to trimesters for grading. This means that you will receive report cards three times per year, versus last year when you would receive the report card four times per year. By moving to this system, it

provides students 15 days more instructional time to learn and demonstrate proficiency prior to assessments. At the beginning of the year, it also provides students more time to acclimate to school, a new classroom, and a new schedule before baseline testing and grading for the first report card. We are excited for this shift! More information will follow as we move into the school year!

We will continue with our rotating schedule for specials. At our open house on August 27th, we will have information outlining how the schedule works for our new friends. We will continue to use both McGraw space and also share Weatherbee's space for music, art, and physical education.

Our amazing custodial crew has worked tremendously hard this



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Kristin Briggs, Principal, 862-3830

summer and it shows! I can't wait for you to see how the floors shine and everything looks so fresh and clean! Make sure when you see Mr. Mike, Mr. Phil, or Mr. Jason when we get back, to say "Thank you" for all of their hard work!

Don't forget to visit us at the McGraw Open House on Monday, August 27th from 5:00-6:00! We also welcome our kindergarten friends to arrive at 4:30 for a presentation from Cyr Bus by

Melanie Van Aken. We will meet in the McGraw gymnasium for an overview and question and answer session, followed by a brief bus ride for the children.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at kbriggs@rsu22.us. I'm happy to help! Thank you for your tremendous support and allowing me to work with your children every day! It is an honor!

—Kristin Briggs

Mini-Grant applications now being accepted

The RSU #22 Education Foundation is accepting applications for fall 2018 grants of up to \$250 for school and classroom projects that innovate, inspire, and encourage collaboration. The grants are made available through the Foundation's Mini Grants for Teachers Program.

Applicants must be an RSU 22 staff member and projects must be based out of an RSU 22 school. Applications may be submitted at any time, but in order to be considered for the fall awards the deadline is Friday, October 26, 2018.

Grant guidelines and application forms are available on the Foundation's website at www.rsu22foundation.org or can be requested from rsu22educationfoundation@gmail.com.

com or by calling us at 852-2138. If you would like to volunteer on the Mini-Grants committee that will review the applications and assign the awards this fall, please contact the Foundation as well. We are always welcoming community members to participate in this process.

Foundation Board seeks to expand for 2018-2019

The RSU 22 Education Foundation is actively seeking new board members and committee volunteers to join a growing non-profit organization that supports the students and teachers in the school district. Serving the towns of Frankfort, Hampden, Newburgh and Winter-



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port, the Education Foundation funds initiatives with grants that help foster innovative educational projects. If you have a desire to connect with others who share an interest in quality education for children please consider joining the team.

Interested citizens or those wishing to nominate candidates for the Foundation Board of Directors should email rsu22educationfoundation@gmail.com.

To learn more about the RSU 22 Education Foundation, visit www.rsu22educationfoundation.org.