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Regan Nickels to become RSU 22 Superintendent of Schools July 1

Regan Nickels, Assistant Superintendent of RSU 22 for the past two years, will be the new Superintendent of Schools when the current Superintendent, Rick Lyons, retires July 1, 2020.

Mrs. Nickels' appointment was confirmed by the RSU 22 Board of Directors at its regular meeting on June 5, 2019. She will have a five-year contract as Superintendent effective from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2025.

Mrs. Nickels has been an administrator in RSU 22 for 14 years. She served as principal at George B. Weatherbee School from 2005 to 2013 and at Reeds Brook Middle School from 2013 to 2017.

She became assistant superintendent when Emil Genest retired on November 1, 2017.

Mrs. Nickels says she plans to retain her current focus on the finance and operations aspects of

RSU 22 when she becomes superintendent.

"RSU 22 has seen several shifts in personnel, both in the central office and administrative offices, as well as in teacher ranks," she says. "Our goal is to keep as much consistency going into this transition as we can."

She added that she's invested two years in learning the ropes and understanding community perspectives around RSU 22's financial expectations and ongoing facilities planning.

"I'd like to continue with those priorities and make sure that we remain attentive to our budget, communication, and facilities needs," she says. "I plan to take these duties forward into the superintendent's position."

Mrs. Nickels said a job description has been written for the incoming Assistant Superintendent that

will focus on new aspects for the position.

"We have a very high level of instructional expertise in RSU 22," she said. "We want someone who can come on board and be heavily invested in working with building principals to enhance and maintain that expertise."

She would also like the new Assistant Superintendent to take on the role of legislative advocate for RSU 22.

"We envision that this person will meet with legislators and state officials and keep track of budding legislation," she said. "We want RSU 22 to be an effective advocate in the legislative process in support of educational excellence."

Mrs. Nickels said a third focus for the new Assistant Superintendent will be to work with the RSU 22 Education Foundation.

"We will prioritize a stronger



Regan Nickels

tie between the school district, the central office, and the Foundation," she said. "This position is a great fit for this to happen."

The job description for the Assistant Superintendent was posted in mid-August. The goal is to identify the successful candidate by January 1.

The appointment will be effective July 1, 2020.

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Susan Thibedeau named principal at Reeds Brook

Susan Thibedeau, who taught English at Bangor High School for 22 years, is the new principal at Reeds Brook Middle School.

For two months last spring, Ms. Thibedeau served as interim principal at Fairmount School, a grade 4-5 school in Bangor.

In addition, for the past six years, she has served as chair of the English Department at Bangor High School.

"BHS is a big school, and department chairs deal with a lot of issues that principals handle at smaller schools, such as scheduling and teacher evaluations," she said.

She says she also handled a lot of student issues as department chair.

"These issues stemmed from English classes, but they were the same issues that would typically go to the principal—problems with teachers, problems with grades, behavior issues," she said. "When I got the job as interim principal [at Fairmount], it was just an extension of what I'd already been doing."



Susan Thibedeau

Before coming to Bangor, Ms. Thibedeau taught in the Philadelphia area for five years. She and her husband, Liam Riordan, both attended graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania. They moved to Maine when Liam got a job at the University

of Maine teaching American history.

Ms. Thibedeau said her family moved a lot while she was growing up, but both her parents are from Massachusetts and she graduated from Marblehead High School. She spent her undergraduate years at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where she received her B.A. in Economics.

She got her M.S. degree in Education at the University of Pennsylvania. She also has an M.S. degree in Educational Leadership from UMaine, and she is currently working on her EdD in Educational Leadership at UMaine.

Ms. Thibedeau and her husband live in Bangor. They have two sons. One just graduated from Bangor High School and will be attending UMaine in the fall. The other is a senior at the University of Southern Maine.

Ms. Thibedeau says she loves Maine, which is a great place to be outside.

"We enjoy hiking, kayaking, and *(Please turn to page 7)*

HA Drama Club to present 'Sister Act' as fall musical November 21-23

The Hampden Academy Drama Club will present *Sister Act* as the 2019 fall musical, with performances at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Nov. 21-23, at the Performing Arts Center.

Sister Act will be directed by Jenn Guare, with Heidi Corliss as music director, and Rob Kissinger as technical director.

"We're hoping to involve a lot of students," says Mrs. Corliss, "not just students who have been on stage before or who are active in the music program, but students who *(Please turn to page 2)*

Sponsorship campaign gaining momentum with commitments from 6 businesses



The framework for mounting the "Presenting Sponsor" signs for Kobe's Steakhouse and Downeast Orthopedics underneath the turf field scoreboard was put up July 25.

The sponsorship campaign that's underway in RSU 22 is starting to gain some momentum, with commitments from six area businesses, according to Athletic Director Fred Lower.

Mr. Lower said both of the "Presenting Sponsor" signs underneath the scoreboard at the multipurpose turf field (football/soccer/field hockey) have been sold to Kobe's Steakhouse of Bangor and Downeast Orthopedics of Bangor.

The maintenance crew put up the framework for mounting the signs on July 25. The signs are being produced by Caron Signs of Hermon; they will be installed by the end of August—before the fall sports seasons begin.

The four other businesses that have signed up for sponsorships are:

- Levesque Business Solutions of Bangor is a Platinum Sponsor with a sign located on the fencing facing the grandstand at the turf field.
- Woodard & Curran of Bangor and Greenway Equipment Sales (the John Deere dealer) of Bangor are Purple Sponsors with signs on the Hampden Academy gym wall.
- Governor's Restaurant of Old Town and Bangor is a Friends of Hampden Academy Athletics Sponsor with a sign on a portable sandwich board that will be placed next to the ticket booth at all games that charge admission (football, soccer, basketball, and ice hockey).

Mr. Lower says this is just the beginning of the sponsorship initiative.

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Mrs. Nickels' immediate plans for the transition are to prioritize community engagement and communication, including a 100-day "listening tour" throughout the district.

"I plan to go out to our four communities, identify different stakeholder groups, and introduce myself and my ideas about priorities for the district," she said. "As part of that process, I want to hear from people about their priorities for the district—what they think is important for their schools to focus on."

Before coming to Hampden, Mrs. Nickels spent eight years in the Bremerton, WA, School District, including one year as Dean of Students of a K-5 elementary school and seven years teaching in grades 3, 4, 5, and 8.

While in Washington, she received her Master's degree in Educational Technology from City University in Bellevue, WA, and her Certificate in Educational Leadership and her administrator certification from Western Washington University.

Mrs. Nickels says she found herself in Washington because her husband, John, was stationed there as a member of the U.S. Navy's Submarine service. Before moving to Washington, she taught 8th grade math and science for a year in Jefferson, ME, near Waldoboro.

Mrs. Nickels is a Maine native. She grew up in Lamoine, graduated from Ellsworth High School, and received her B.A. in Human Ecology from the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor. Her husband grew up in Bar Harbor, attended MDI High School, and graduated from Southern Illinois University. He has retired from the Navy and currently has his own company for consulting and installation of geothermal energy projects.

The Nickels have two children, a son, Bryce, who graduated from Hampden Academy in June and is planning to attend Husson University this fall, and a daughter, Claire, who will be a senior at HA this

Board Chair Karen Hawkes announces appointment of Regan Nickels as RSU Superintendent of Schools

Dear RSU22 Faculty and Staff,

It is with extreme pleasure and excitement that I announce to you all, on behalf of the Board of Directors, Regan Nickels' confirmation for Superintendent of Schools for RSU22 effective July 1, 2020.

The confirmation was unanimously approved by the Board at the June meeting.

In anticipation of Superintendent Rick Lyons' retirement, over the past three years the Board has engaged in succession planning as outlined in our strategic plan. It was essential for the health and future of RSU22 that we find a leader who demonstrates strength, loyalty, compassion, innovation, and a collaborative spirit while leading with the utmost integrity. Regan Nickels exemplifies these qualities each and every day, and her long tenure of fourteen years with RSU22 provides an invaluable understanding of our districts' culture and values.

This understanding, paired with her passion for progress and innovation, have shaped her inspiring vision for RSU22. "RSU22 is the front runner of a world class education in Maine. Our district systems are highly reliable and continue to evolve in order to provide equity for all students. We ensure that every student has the opportunity to meet and maximize his or her potential as



Karen Hawkes

individuals and to contribute to our larger society. The most important work in our school system is expert, engaging classroom instruction connected to rich teacher and student relationships. Leadership will be dedicated to value added efforts including building capacities through goal setting, open communication and staying the course. The district culture will encourage honest conversation and a shared sense of collective efficacy to move our district toward the ultimate goal of academic excellence for all." ~ Regan Nickels

Her desire for continued learning through engagement and communication is a key strength of our future Superintendent. Described by our Assistant Superintendent as a "Listening Tour", over the coming weeks and school year, Assistant Superintendent Nickels will seek opportunities to meet with students, district staff, parents and community members to discuss our current district goals and initiatives. All perspectives will be considered in order to identify district strengths, challenges, and areas of improvement that will inform Regan's 100-day plan, which she will present to the Board of Directors, Administrative team, schools and community as her Superintendency approaches.

I would like to thank you all for your continued dedication to RSU22 and the time you have committed to our students and communities. Please join me in congratulating Regan Nickels, our next Superintendent!

Thank you,
Karen Hawkes,
Chair, Board of Directors

RSU 22 refreshes Chromebooks for grades 6, 9-12

By Nate Savage,

RSU 22 District Technology Director

This past winter a committee of students and staff members met several times to discuss the next technology device refresh for the districts 6th and 9th-12th graders. The old chromebooks had reached their end of life and were becoming more expensive for the district to repair.

The committee decided to survey students and staff. The feedback gathered from these surveys led to a decision by the committee to move forward with the Lenovo 300e Chromebook. The chromebooks that were being used by Reeds Brook and Wagner 6th graders will be pushed down to our elementary schools.

In addition to the chromebook refresh, the student and staff surveys provided the committee with some great ideas moving forward. Here

is a list of some of the actions RSU 22 is going to take as a result:

- **Hampden Academy network infrastructure update.** Providing users with better connections and faster speeds.
- **Student & Staff Resource site.** A committee will work to develop a website full of resources for students and staff. Some ideas shared to date have been... create a form for students/staff to request websites to be unblocked, extensions to be allowed, and apps to be available from the play store. We would also like to have a FAQ section, a list of reliable student/staff tested apps for common tasks such as video editing, music and other multimedia projects.
- **A case/bag will be issued with the Lenovo 300e** to provide additional protection and ease of carrying. It is the expectation of the district that

the chromebooks be carried around in their cases.

- **We will continue to strive for a quick chromebook repair turnaround.** We hope to achieve this by purchasing more parts on hand. A spare device will be available for students to use while their device is out for repair. If the student damages the device and parts are not covered under warranty, the parents will be responsible to pay for those parts.

- **Students at Hampden Academy will continue to be permitted to bring their own devices for use on our secure network.** We ask that they check in with the IT network to get their device registered on our network.

The district requests that students and their families take care of these chromebooks. If you notice there is something wrong please contact your school immediately for a solution.

HA Drama Club to perform 'Sister Act' November 21, 22, 23

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want to try something new and be part of something fun," says Ms. Guare.

"Maybe *Sister Act* will open some doors for more kids," says Ms. Guare.

Ms. Guare says she's looking forward

to *Sister Act*.

"Musicals usually have a larger cast and a larger ensemble, which mean more opportunities to get students involved," she says. "In addition, *Sister Act* is unique because it can be staged with two separate

ensembles if necessary—one for the nun chorus and one for scenes that include characters from the city."

She says as usual for the fall play, there will be no cuts. All students who want to participate are welcome.

Auditions will be held September 5 and 6.

An informational meeting will be held after school on the first day of school, from 2:15 to 3, in the PAC balcony.

Ms. Guare says anyone who is at all interested in *Sister Act* should come to the informational meeting.

"There are so many parts—not just big singing parts, but singing in the ensemble, small speaking parts, big speaking parts, backstage work, something for everyone," she says. "If you want to be in one of the ensembles, you don't have to audition. You can just sign up for an ensemble and participate without auditioning."

Mr. Kissinger adds there's also numerous opportunities for students to become part of the production without singing or going on stage.

"We'll need people to do backstage work, costuming, make-up, and technical work, including lights and sound," he said. "There are lots of ways for student to become involved, whether it's just ushering or helping out behind the scenes."

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"Once the first few signs go up and people see them, we hope it will generate a lot of interest," he said.

He added that he is contacting Husson University about an internship opportunity—bringing in a student to help get the information about sponsorships out to area businesses.



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RSU 22 holds Diversity Forum in May 2019

RSU 22 sponsored a Community Diversity Forum on June 12, 2019. The event, held at the Reeds Brook Middle School's cafeteria, was filled with community members, parents, educators, students and interested individuals from around the region.

Close to 100 people participated

in the forum. Community member Noel March facilitated the evening event.

Following dinner and music provided by a Hampden Academy student, all participants broke into small, facilitated groups where individuals responded to common prompts:

- How would you describe the

culturally diverse and inclusive school district you would like to have?

- What experiences have people at this table had to bring us closer to or further from the vision described in prompt #1?

- Questions we have to get us to the vision in prompt #1...

- What do we need to get to that vision?

The district is in the process of identifying next steps for the 2019-20 school year.

Diversity, equity and inclusion will be themes as the work of building awareness in our school district continues.

Curriculum Office Update

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

Math Coaching Summit, July 2019

Six RSU 22 educators attended the Maine Math Coaches Partnership Summit at the University of Farmington on July 23, 2019.

Amanda Grove completed her math coaching certificate program in May of 2019. She has been hired as district Math Coach this year and will devote much of her time to the Winterport School.

Sara Ballard, a math teacher at Hampden Academy, began her two-year math coach training in June 2019. Susan O'Brien, a part time RSU 22 instructional coach, also works with the University of Maine Farmington's Math Coaching Project as a field coach. Her UMF

position supports math coaches-in-training in our northern region of the state. She will work with our district and several others in the area.

Three administrators also attended the math summit: Don Roux, principal, Samuel L. Wagner Middle School; Bill Tracy, principal, Hampden Academy; and Mary Giard, RSU 22 Curriculum Director.

As a group we spent several hours developing a work plan for RSU 22 during the 2019-2020 school year. The math coach and the coach-in-training will be supporting teachers by providing materials, helping to assess students and determine their

needs, and to co-teach, model instruction and provide feedback to teachers.

The coaches will be active members and supporters of vertical math instruction, curriculum, assessments and high quality professional development.

They will attend various professional development opportunities this coming year to stay current and to utilize best practices.



Mary Giard

American School Counseling Association Conference, June 2019

Seven RSU 22 Guidance Counselors attended the American Counselor Association Conference in Boston after school closed in June.

Kelly O'Brien Weaver presented at the conference and also accepted the RAMP award for Weatherbee School.

The following RSU 22 school counselors attended the multi day conference:

- Melissa Erickson, Earl C. McGraw School.

- Kimberly Raymond, Leroy H. Smith School.

- Kelly O'Brien Weaver, George B. Weatherbee School.

- Ann Moody, Reeds Brook Middle School.

- Charla Lowell, Samuel L. Wagner Middle School

Two guidance counselors from Hampden Academy, Jill Kenney and Erika Oliver, also participated in the event.



Melissa Erickson, Kelly O'Brien Weaver, and Kimberly Raymond.

HA Technology Dept. announces 3 new courses, Innovation Lab

By Todd Moore,

Academic Team Leader, Technology Dept.

Hampden Academy's Technology Department is excited to announce the addition of three new classes and an Innovation Lab that will be offered for the 2019-2020 school year.

The classes are Introduction to Engineering, Engineering 101 and Robotics; they will be taught by Mr. Moore. These STEM classes will provide students with the opportunity to explore new technologies.

In Introduction to Engineering, students will be introduced to the many different areas of engineering including civil, electrical, structural and / or mechanical. Using the design process, students may be creating solar cookers, researching new packaging techniques, creating water filtration systems, and using our 3-D printers and the CNC

Machine to solve different design challenges.

In Engineering 101, students will be designing, building and launching cardboard boats, designing and building wind turbines, researching and designing small scale hydro-electric power turbines, and designing and building solar phone chargers for student use. At the end of this class, students will choose an area of interest and complete a capstone project that will be presented to members of the faculty and school board.

In Robotics, students will be exposed to the VEX V-5 platform of robotics. When the basics of the V-5 system is mastered, students will be creating robots to complete specific tasks. Students may have to collect samples from the surface of a far away planet or navigate a remote ghost town looking for hidden objects through out the town. On some design challenges, students will be able

to see while controlling their robots and others they will only see what the robot sees while navigating their robots from a different location through the use of robot mounted cameras.

All three of these classes will follow the design process and the students will be documenting all of their work in a design notebook. We look forward to challenging our students to think outside the box and be inventive with these hands-on educational opportunities.

We will also be offering an Innovation Lab where students will have opportunities to explore various areas of interest, ranging from job shadowing, apprenticeships, internships or further study in a particular area of interest. This will provide students with a solid foundation to help facilitate more meaningful and beneficial relationships with our community.

HA students urged to think about internship, individual learning opportunities

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.

Last year, one HA student arranged an internship at Rawcliffe's Garage and wound up getting a full-time job there. Another student found an internship that would allow her to do research at the University of Maine; the internship helped her get a large scholarship from UMaine, where she will be enrolling this fall. A third student spent most of his days last year at the Penobscot Theatre working on a variety of performing arts projects. He will be going some-

where for performing arts this fall.

Several students did internships with teachers, either because they wanted to learn more about the teaching profession or because they wanted to get a deeper understanding of the subject matter, such as biology or chemistry.

"Instead of jumping into an AP course that takes a lot of time, it made sense to them to serve as a teacher's assistant in the subject they they were concerned about," Mr. Tracy said.

This year, students who want to develop an internship or other individual learning project will be able to take advantage of an Innovation Lab that will be offered by Mr. Moore and the Technology Department.

Mr. Moore says the Innovation Lab will provide students an opportunity to explore various areas

of interest or further study in a particular area of interest.

"This will provide students with a solid foundation to help facilitate more meaningful and beneficial relationships with our community," he said.

The possibilities for internships, job shadows, or other individual learning projects 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."

Welcome to the 2019-20 School Year

Students, Families and Community Members,

I'm looking forward to the start of our '19 - '20 school year and I hope you are, as well. It's always nice to move out of our summer schedule and back into the routines of the school year. It has been a quiet building this summer, and I am ready to pull some life back in with students and staff. I would like to take this moment to emphasize a few areas of focus for the upcoming school year.

Attendance: There is no more important ingredient for success at Hampden Academy than attending daily. I cannot stress enough how maintaining daily attendance providing consistent interaction with teachers and peers can lead to a less stressful and more successful experience. Just one day missed leads to a variety of missed

assignments, class activities and vital information; playing catchup is not easy and often requires commitment from the student before and after school. We want you here and want you to be successful; that starts with regular attendance!

Work Completion: Most of what a student is assigned can be completed within the school day, whether that be in-class allotted time, smart study hall use, or before/after school with teachers. One of the best skills to learn is managing and maintaining a system for writing down and staying on top of assignments. If you need help or suggestions, just talk with your teacher or advisor and they will be able to help.

Attitude: We are a family at HA and with that comes the balance of responsibilities, expecta-

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tions, fun, and flexibility. Mutual respect and clear communication go a long way towards creating the best atmosphere for students and staff in our building. When we all adopt that attitude that we can work together, we can succeed together. We can do this by supporting one another through anything that comes our way. We will be an even stronger school community than we already are.

High school is a 4-year experience, very short in comparison

to the long run of life, so stay involved, build those strong, positive relationships, and work to be better every day!

I wish you the best as you all close out your summer and know that we are all excited to have you back. It's a new year and with that comes an opportunity to grow academically and socially. See you soon!

Sincerely,
C. William "Bill" Tracy

HA college prep physics class makes 'boom tubes' for Smith Elementary music classes

Heidi Corliss, who teaches music at Hampden Academy and at Smith Elementary School, wanted to acquire a set of boom tubes to use for various music lessons with her 3rd and 4th grade students at Smith.

The schools didn't have boom tubes, but Mrs. Corliss knew they could be made from PVC pipe, so she reached out to Hampden Academy physics teacher Jessica Scott to see if they could plan a cross-curricular project involving music and physics—and boom tubes.

When Ms. Scott asked her college prep physics students if they would like to design and make the boom tubes, they were excited to take on a project that would allow the Smith students to have fun while learning about music.

The class consisted of 26 students, mostly seniors with the exception of four juniors. The sound and waves unit came in the spring after kinematics.

Ms. Scott said the boom tubes were made by cutting 10 ft. lengths of the four-inch double-walled PVC drain pipe and using a PVC adhesive to glue on caps and pieces of carpet to the bottoms. The caps and carpet pieces are needed when the tubes are used on tile or hard floors, so that the notes have a "boom" sound and not a sharp crashing sound.

The class created a spreadsheet of boom tube lengths and notes ranging from two octaves

below middle C to one octave below middle C. The longest tube was 128.3 cm (about 50.5") and the shortest was 62.9 cm (about 25"). Students made 26 boom tubes and checked the pitch with a tuner app on their cell phones. They learned quickly that cutting longer tubes initially was favorable because long tubes measured flat and could easily be fine-tuned by sanding or cutting them. By contrast, when tubes were cut too short, the notes were sharp and difficult to correct.

Finally, students sanded and painted the tubes with binding primer and green and white paint for the Smith School students.

Madi Baker, a student not enrolled in the physics class, painted notes on the tubes for us.

Ms. Scott said she knew the boom tubes would be a big hit when her daughter Abby, then in 6th grade, walked from Reeds Brook Middle School to the physics classroom after school and started playing the *Sound of Music's* "Do-Re-Mi" on the boom tubes by ear using pool noodles.

"What a wonderful idea by Heidi Corliss," Ms. Scott said. "Heidi not only planned great learning experiences across content areas but also provided opportunities for our high school students to give back to the elementary school."

Mrs. Corliss says she will use the boom tubes for various music lessons with her Smith students.

"For example, we'll talk about how lower sounds are made by longer tubes and higher



Jessica Scott's daughter, Abby, enjoys playing the "boom tubes" with a pair of pool noodles.

sounds from shorter tubes," she says. "We'll also use the tubes to learn about scales and to accompanying ourselves while singing and learning about improvisation."

Valerie Maurais retires after 13 years at HA

Valerie Maurais, who spent 13 years teaching family consumer sciences at Hampden Academy, retired at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

Previously, she spent four years as an ed tech, for a total of 17 years at HA. Her courses at HA included Beginning Foods, Advanced Foods, Foreign Foods, Family Life and the Adolescent (a required freshman course), and Housing and Interior Design, a fine arts course.

Before coming to Hampden, she spent one year in Orono as an ed tech and substitute taught in Old Town.

Mrs. Maurais grew up in Gray, ME, until the 8th grade and graduated from Mt. View High School in



Valerie Maurais

Farmington.

She attended the University of Maine at Farmington for 2½ years and spent 1½ years at the University of Maine, where she received her B.S. degree in Education. She did her student teaching at HA

She got married before student teaching and decided to have children before embarking on a career in education.

"It was pretty awesome to have the opportunity to stay home with my kids, but still have opportunity to teach in the classroom," she said.

Mrs. Maurais and her husband Owen, who was Superintendent of school in Old Town from 1995 to 2003, live in Old Town. They have four children and one grandchild.

Mrs. Maurais has been active in CISV (Children's International Summer Villages) for the last 29 years, working on the local chapter. She currently volunteers as national program coordinator for CISV national.

"It's very rewarding, and I plan to continue doing that," she said.

Terry Deane retires after 5 years at HA

Terry Deane, who taught family consumer sciences at Hampden Academy for the past five years, retired at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

At HA, she taught Family Life, Child Development (the class ran a nursery school), and Fashion Fine Arts.

Before coming to Hampden Academy, she taught English Language Arts at Central Middle School in Corinth for seven years. In 2011, while at Central Middle School, she became a National Board Certified Teacher in ELA and Early Adolescence.

From 1998 to 2007, she took a break from teaching, working as an



Terry Deane

independent sales representative and consultant. From 1996 to 1998, she taught 8th grade ELA and Social Studies at Reeds Brook Middle School, and before that, she taught for nine years at two middle schools in Bangor, one year of middle school in Pittsfield, and three years of middle school and high school family and consumer sciences in Camden.

Mrs. Deane and her husband Beric have two adult children, a son, Tristan, and a daughter, Logan, both of whom got married during the summer. Her other plans for retirement include traveling, painting, reading, and gardening.

The Deanes live in Hampden. Beric, who is retired, taught in Hampden for 24 years, and then became a tech coordinator in Orono and Veazie.

Mrs. Deane graduated from Winthrop H. S., and received her B.S. degree in Home Economics from the University of Maine. She also has an M.S. degree in Middle Level Education, and a CAS in Literacy, both from UMaine.

R&B project performs in Bangor Public Library Summer Concert Festival, Sidewalk Art Festival

The Hampden Academy R&B Project had two performances in Bangor this summer—at the Bangor Public Library Summer Concert Festival on June 26, and at the Bangor Sidewalk Art Festival on July 13.

Participants at the Bangor Public Library Concert included Jayden Clewley, Andrew Barrett, and Bailey Anderson, vocals; Julia Hammond, keyboard; Robert Brown, guitar; James Mahoney, bass; Zach Scott, drums; Ryan Scott and Pat Michaud, trumpet; Audrie French, trombone; Nick Gauthier, bari sax; and Jerdon Kiesman, tenor sax.

Performers at the Bangor Sidewalk Art Festival were Jayden Clewley and Alexandra Buzzini (alum), vocals; Dan Rice (alum.), keyboard; Robert Brown, guitar; James Mahoney, bass; Zach Scott, drums; Ryan Scott and Pat Michaud, trumpet; Audrie French, trombone; Alex Batey (alum.), bari sax; and Jerdon Kiesman, tenor sax.



The Hampden Academy R&B Project at the Bangor Public Library Concert on June 26. From left: Dan Rice, Robert Brown, James Mahoney, Jaden Clewley, Alexandra Buzzini, Pat Michaud, Ryan Scott, Audrie French, Alex Batey, and Jerdon Kiesman. Photo credit: Bill Knight Photography

HA JCLers attend state, national Junior Classical League conventions

The Junior Classical League (JCL) at Hampden Academy had a banner year in 2018-19, with three HA seniors serving as state officers, including Eliot Small, State JCL President; Aidan Babbitt, 2nd Vice President, and Noah Burby, Parliamentarian.

At the end of the year, 56 JCLers from Hampden capped off the year by attending the Spring Convention, which was held at Camp Mechuwana in Winthrop on May 22-23.

More than 300 students from 13 Maine schools attended the convention, but the HA delegation was by far the largest, exceeding the next largest group by more than 20 students.

The HA JCLers stood out at the convention.

- HAJCL earned first place for both Spirit in the large school category AND Academics for all schools. This is the third straight convention that HAJCL won first place in Academics, and the fourth straight convention that they won first place in large school Spirit.

- Three HAJCLers were among the top 10 individual finishers at the convention (out of all 300 students). They were Andrew Hill (1st place overall at the convention), Abbott Valentine (7th place), and Molly Swalec (8th place).

- The HA certamen teams (like a Latin Quiz Bowl) did well, with Latin 2 earning 1st place, Advanced Latin taking 4th place, and Latin 1 coming in 6th.

- The HAJCL catapult also came in first place, and HA came in second in the chariot competition.

In all, Hampden Academy students earned 125 ribbons at the convention in academic, creative arts, and athletic competitions.

Finally, two HA students were elected to the state board for next year: Sam Quesnel is the new Maine JCL Communications Coordinator, and Liam Castrucci is the new Parliamentarian.

The next convention will be at Greely High School on Nov. 1, 2019.

National Convention

Four students from HA—Noah Burby, Molly Swalec,



Molly Swalec (left), Andrew Hill (center), and Abbott Valentine (right) earned places in the top 10 for academics out of over 300 students.



Zach Scott (left) and Andrew Barrett (right) prepare to pull Liam Castrucci (center) in the spirit procession at the Spring Convention.



Andrew Hill gets ready to play certamen on a team of one at the NJCL convention.



From left: Eliot Small, Zara Misler, Elise Linn, Bailey Donovan, Ethan Pottle, Sara Poll, and Aidan Babbitt compete in the tug of war competition.

Audrie French, and Andrew Hill—attended the National JCL Convention at North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND, from July 26-31. In all, nine students from Maine attended, the others came from Greely High School and Freeport High School.

More than 1,100 students from all across the country were at this convention.

HA sophomore Andrew Hill played competitive certamen all by himself (most teams have four players, but he was the only Maine student eligible for his level) and earned 200 points over three days. That was the most points that any certamen team from Maine has ever earned at the national convention.

Andrew also earned a first place overall in the Sight Latin competition, and came in second on the Latin 2 Reading Comprehension test.

Senior Molly Swalec had three

of her graphic arts projects earn ribbons: Charcoal (3rd), Illustrated Quotes (3rd), and Cartoons (4th).

Maine as a state earned first place in Spirit for extra small states.

Next year's national convention will be at the University of Richmond in Richmond, VA, July 24-29, 2020.



From left: Ethan Pottle, Eliza Murphy, Mackenzie Patterson, Eliza Parker, Maddy Humphrey, Mikiko Frey, Mikaela Shayne, Samantha Quesnel, Amelia Verhar at the state convention.

'Bee Mindful' assemblies to help Smith students be more focused, manage their emotions

Do you ever have a hard time calming down, focusing, or become distracted by negative thinking?

Students at Smith School will be kicking off the school year with some fun assemblies to learn new skills to help them stay calm, be more focused, and manage challenging situations or negative thinking.

Students will have the opportunity to learn more about the practice of mindfulness. Mindfulness is an awareness of our thoughts, feelings, and sensations in the

present moment, free of judgment. Mindfulness skills can help students in many different situations. By learning to pay more attention to their breathing and notice the present moment, students will better be able to choose what thoughts and feelings they should hold on to—and what thoughts and feelings they can let go.

For the past several years, students have had regular weekly assemblies to learn about Habits of Mind and gain a better understanding of how these habits can

help them. This year, Habits of Mind (HOM) assemblies will be replaced with new "Bee Mindful" assemblies each week. Although students will still be learning about important habits like empathy and managing impulsivity, they will now also be learning new strategies to help them be more focused, calm and manage their emotions.

Mrs. Raymond and Mrs. Harrington will be helping students learn and practice new mindfulness skills each week. These skills will then be reinforced and prac-

ticed in the classroom and during Guidance Class.

Over time, the goal is for students to practice mindfulness for 5 to 10 minutes a day in their classroom. As students become more used to practicing mindfulness, they will be able to utilize the skills on their own to manage strong feelings and remain more focused.

If you are interested in learning more about mindfulness, here are a couple of websites to check out:

www.mindyeti.com

www.mindfulschools.org

Attendance Matters at Smith!

At Smith, it is a GREAT day when all of our students are at school! This year we worked hard

at making sure our students were at school unless they were sick or had appointments that couldn't be scheduled outside of school hours.

The fall and spring provided students with the opportunity to have a morning recess if they arrived at school before start announcements.

Mr. Bartlett was outside at 7:20 and kept students out until 7:35. K-2 students were assigned A, C, and E mornings, while 3rd and 4th grades had B, D, and E mornings. During the winter months, we introduced Bee-Bop Mornings.



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Dawn Moore, Principal, 223-4282

What are Bee-Bop Mornings? Once a week, students who arrived before announcements participated in a variety of activities within their grade level classrooms. Some of the activities students chose from

were STEM building sets, games, puzzles, craft activities and more. Our data showed this had a positive effect on attendance!

It was a perfect opportunity for students to visit and start the day in a very relaxed manner.

We look forward to continuing, making modifications and improvements as time moves forward to ensure that these mornings are fun and inviting for all involved. We LOVE to have our students at school and on time.

Another great motivator was our BEE BUCKS incentive. After 20 days of being to school on time, students received a Bee Buck to take to the library and turn in for a book of their choosing off the Bee Buck Shelf. This was a huge hit by all and allowed students to build their personal libraries.

Smith School students learn about cyanotype from BHS art teacher



Students at Smith School had a treat on a sunny afternoon this summer. Students working with Leigh Robles and Cara Kenney had the opportunity to meet with Susan Bryand, art teacher at Bangor High School (and sister of Cara Kenney). The students collected natural objects and doodads from around the classroom for this project.

Ms. Bryand taught the students about positive and negative space and cyanotype, a photographic printing process that produces a blue print, using the sun to develop.

The students had a fabulous time learning about the process and they were thrilled to take home their unique artwork.

Smith School teachers offering students flexible seating choices

Smith School teachers are ready to put a unique spin on the traditional classroom seating chart! More teachers across the grade levels are adopting flexible seating. A classroom that uses flexible seating doesn't limit students to chairs; instead, students are offered more choices as to where and how they work.

You may notice alternative seats and workspaces like stools, bean bags, cushions, scoop rockers, small couches, and wobble chairs. Some classrooms even choose to heighten or lower tables, use lap trays, or use clipboards.

The Smith School Partners in Education (PIE) and RSU 22 have generously funded wiggle seats and exercise balls for several classrooms in order to allow students to stretch, rock, wobble, and roll. This movement while learning increases oxygen flow to the brain, improves blood flow, and can build core strength.

Teachers say they find students more engaged in learning and excited to be part of a classroom that is designed for learning and comfort.

Plus, it's just fun!

Students in Mrs. Davis's First Grade class particularly enjoyed the bouncy exercise balls and small stools that were available last school year. If you get a chance to step inside Smith School this year, please take a look at the wonderful seating options our students are being offered in their classrooms!



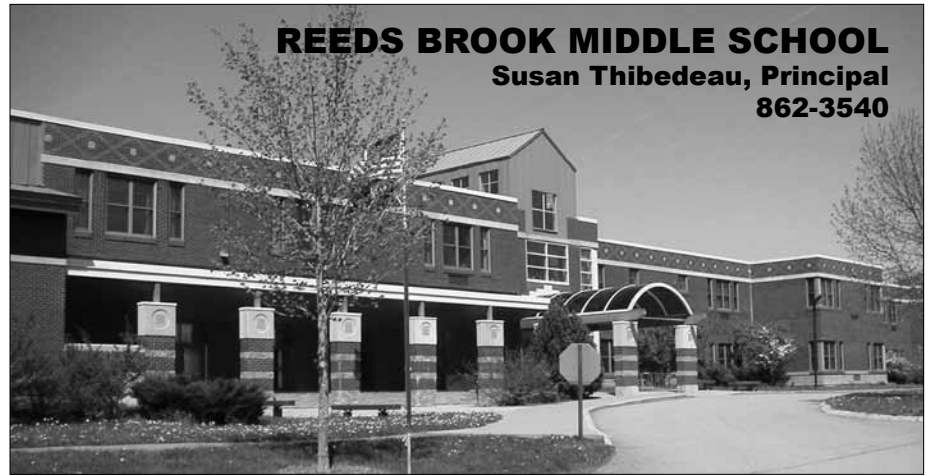
Principal's Message: Welcome to all new and returning students

Dear Reeds Brook Families,
Welcome to all new and returning students! The first day of school for middle school students is August 29, 2019, and the staff at RBMS is eager to be part of your learning and growth for the upcoming academic year. For our 6th grade parents, we are hosting a 6th Grade Parent Night on August 27 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm, so please join us to learn more about your student's transition to middle school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. As a person who has worked in schools her whole life, I am eager to join your school community. The

district's focus on challenging students in a supportive learning environment provides our school its direction to help students achieve personal excellence. Athletic and extracurricular opportunities are further ways for students to learn new things and grow in different ways. I am excited to be a part of a place where staff, students, and families work together to foster strength, resilience, and caring in our young people.

I look forward to the school year with anticipation of meeting new people, expanding my knowledge, and stretching my skills. Students, staff and parents face these



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Susan Thibedeau, Principal
862-3540

same opportunities, and I hope the school community joins me in looking ahead with enthusiasm and positivity. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, and I welcome the chance to

meet you at Open House and other school events.

Have a great year!
Susan Thibedeau, Principal
Reeds Brook Middle School
sthibedeau@rsu22.us

Reeds Brook Athletic Booster Club acquires new snack shack

The Reeds Brook Athletic Booster Club (RBABC) has acquired a new snack shack, which has been placed where the old one used to be—between the bleachers at the school's soccer field.

As this issue of *Link-22* went to press, RBABC volunteers were waiting for electrical work on the snack shack to be completed before doing the finish work on the building interior.

The board of RBABC has been working on this project for about two years, after deciding that it was time to replace the old shack, which had holes in the floor and other problems.

Also, since the boys and girls soccer teams were sharing the snack shack and using it to store sports equipment, the boosters decided that the new shack should have two sides with separate entrances.

"Now sports teams won't have to carry all their equipment back and forth to school every day," says Candy Grover, RBABC President.

The boosters will use the new



The new snack shack between the bleachers at the Reeds Brook soccer field.

shack as they always have—to sell food at all soccer games and cross country meets.

In addition to Candy, the RBABC officers are Celeste Hanish, Vice President; Louise Fortin, Treasurer; and Heidi Sharpe, Secretary.

Candy says the boosters raise between \$6,000 and \$10,000 per year to supplement the budget for sports equipment, pay for C basketball teams, replace team uniforms,

and provide students with access to other sports.

At the end of this year, RBABC will have replaced all team uniforms for all sports, some of which were 15-17 years old. The boosters also provided equipment for the new lacrosse club last spring and purchased more track uniforms and football helmets to eliminate the need for cuts.

"Our goal is get as many kids involved in sports as possible," Candy

says. "This spring, almost 40% of all Reeds Brook students were involved in a sport!"

She says the concession sales from soccer, track, and cross country provides about 30-40% of RBABC's total annual fundraising.

The new snack shack building was purchased from New England Rent-to-Own in Chelsea, Maine, for about \$7,000—about half of which was donated anonymously by a family in Hampden. The rest came from RBABC fundraising over the past two years.

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paddle boarding," she said. "We try to be outside. In the winter, same thing—snowshoes, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing. If you live in an area like Maine, you have to take control of the weather so that it doesn't take control of you."

Ms. Thibedeau also loves to read and talk about books.

Principal's Message: Welcome Back, McGraw!

Hello, everyone! I hope that you have had a wonderful summer! It certainly flew by! Lots of changes in the Briggs' household! Our new puppy, Mookie, has enjoyed learning how to swim (and how to sit, and how to stay, and how to not chew on EVERYTHING...) We also took our son, Alex, off to college in Virginia. It's going to be a bit quieter at our house! But all of that aside, it will be wonderful to see all of you and to welcome our new kindergartners and pre-k friends to McGraw!

We are so excited to welcome our "new" kindergarten teacher! Mrs. Joyce Sturdee will be joining the kindergarten team as our sixth teacher! She enjoyed retirement for a little while, but then just

couldn't stay away! We are thrilled to have her back! Also, Ms. Brooke Boulanger will be moving from second grade to first grade and she is gearing up for an awesome year!

We will continue with our rotating schedule for specials. At our open house on August 26th, 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 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



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Kristin Briggs, Principal, 862-3830

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 26 from 5 to 6 p.m.! We also welcome our kindergarten friends to arrive at 4:30 for a presentation from Cyr Bus by Melanie Michaud. We will meet in the McGraw gymnasium for an overview and ques-

tion 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

Field Day at McGraw June 2019

Once again, McGraw enjoyed an amazing Field Day to finish out the 2018-2019 school year! On June 7th, we participated in the "All About Gardening" Field Day. All of the activities had something in common with gardening. Everything from "Watering the Garden" (where Mrs. Briggs got to spray everyone with water!)

to pretending they were Tiny Seed packets (in burlap bags) and competed in a relay race! We also enjoyed Jack versus the Giants in a tug of war game, and Gardening Wheelbarrow race! All of the activities also centered around some of our favorite books, such as *Planting a Rainbow*, *The Tiny Seed*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, and the

Sunflower House.

McGraw students and staff also enjoyed a visit from our high school seniors and got to cheer them on and send good wishes as they marched through McGraw! Parents and friends were also invited to a BBQ prepared by our friends at Hampden Public Safety and our

school nutrition friends! There were many people in attendance!

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!

Don Roux, formerly at Reeds Brook, named principal at Wagner

Don Roux, principal at Reeds Brook Middle School for the past two years, is the new principal at Wagner Middle School.

"I'm excited about coming to Wagner," Mr. Roux said. "It's a chance for me to meet new students in a new community, and to become part of the Wagner family. I'm really looking forward to it."

He said he spent his first few weeks at Wagner getting acclimated, learning about Winterport, hiring new staff, and updating the teacher and student handbooks.

Mr. Roux says Wagner will have a new dean of students, Kim Haggan, who will spend half of her time at Wagner and half at Reeds Brook Middle School.

"I'll be working very closely with Kim and the new principal at Reeds Brook, Susan Thibedeau,"

he said. "We want to ensure that students at both Reeds Brook and Wagner have the same educational opportunities and experiences. Our goal is to have two buildings but one program."

The "Stepping Up to Sixth Grade" open house will be on Monday, August 26. The Fifth Grade



Don Roux, Wagner Middle School's new principal.

"Meet the Teachers" open house is Tuesday, August 27. Both events are at 6:30pm.

Mr. Roux says he's planning an open house for the entire school but it has not been scheduled yet.

"I want to meet the community," he said. "I hope to have parents come in and meet Kim and me to talk about

our position here and some of the changes that have taken place."

Mr. Roux says he wants to keep the focus on "Wagner Pride" that has permeated the school for many years. At the same time, he wants to develop a stronger relationship with the school's parent support groups so that they can be his eyes

and ears in the community.

He also plans to develop a teacher leadership group and a student leadership group at Wagner.

"My hope is to be able to see the school in a unique way through each of those lenses," he says.

Before joining RSU 22, Mr. Roux served as principal at Somerset Valley Middle School in Hartland for 13 years, dean of students at Searsport District High School for 1½ years, and as a math teacher at Mt. View High School in Thorndike for 8½ years.

He received his B.S. degree in education from the University of Maine at Farmington in 1994 and his Master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Maine in 2004.

Mr. Roux grew up in Moscow, ME, and graduated from Upper Kennebec Valley Memorial Junior-Senior H.S. in Bingham.

For the past 25 years, Mr. Roux has lived in Thorndike with his wife Lisa Roux, who is currently principal at Troy School and Walker School in RSU 3. They have three children, ages 14 to 22.

Mr. Hall expands Wagner Middle School garden, improves soil with help from former 5th graders



An early pepper

For the past three years, Ian Hall, 5th grade writing, science, and social studies teacher at Wagner Middle School, has tended the school garden. At first, he said the small patch of soil was hard to work with, but with help from the district, he's expanded the garden and improved the soil.

This year, Mr. Hall started a garden club called the Project at Wagner Garden, in which a small group of his former 5th grade students come in for three hours every Saturday to help plant, weed, water, and build in the garden.

The students, including Chloe Norwood, Atum Hosea, Alice Knapp, Harrison Bourassa, Madison Densmore, Amy King, MJay Ross, Dorian and Lionel Hills and Iola Nute, have been learning about proper plant and garden care, while providing a great noble service for our school community. During harvest season these students are allowed to take home any produce that they want, and the remaining items are given to our school lunch program. They've been an enormous help and they've all worked very hard to make this project possible.

"Next year we intend to expand the garden to have a greater variety of vegetables," Mr. Hall says.



Freshly transplanted basil.



Chloe Norwood, Mr. Hall and Alice Knapp clean up after planting.



Colossal tomatoes

Principal's Message: Student growth, achievement highest priorities

Dear Wagner Students, Parents and Community members,

On behalf of Samuel L. Wagner Middle School, I am excited to welcome you to the 2019-20 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 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 Wagner, 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 focus on 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://wagner.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, I will be encouraging all of our families to join

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our Parent Principal Advisory Group. Our kick-off meeting will take place in September. This group will help advise Wagner Middle School in the things we are doing well so that we can continue doing them, as well as look at ways in which 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.

I look forward to working with you as a team to help all students meet their goals and aspirations.

Sincerely,
Don L. Roux, Principal

Pride Pack welcomes student, families; Fall Thriller set for Friday, Oct. 18

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 2019-20 school year.

Pride Pack's first event will be the Fall Thriller which will be held on Friday, October 18th for the entire school. The evening's activities will include a costume contest, dancing, games and other fun activities for the students.

Pride Pack will host several other fun events for students and their families throughout the year, including an Indoor Mini-Golf Tournament on Saturday, March 21; a scrapbooking event on Saturday, April 4, and Teacher Appreciation Week during the week of May 5.

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Pride Pack would like to thank all the parents, staff and volunteers that helped make the 2018/2019 a great year supporting Wagner Middle School and the Winterport Community. We are excited and look forward to seeing all our existing members, staff, friends and new members for the 2019/2020 school year.

The purpose of the Wagner Pride Pack is to support and encourage all students, staff and parents/guardians at Wagner Middle School in efforts to provide an exceptional education for the students and to support the children and families in our surrounding communities.

Pride Pack raises money throughout the year through a variety of fundraisers and events. Our objective is to help pay for field trips and related transportation costs.

Other Pride Pack projects include:

- The Wagner Pride Pack Scholarship.
- The Wagner Pride Pack Pantry, which helps students who need school supplies, clothes and much more.
- Providing funds to assist the Wagner music program.
- Providing teachers with special project supplies and other needs for classrooms.
- Hosting fun events for the students' throughout the school year.

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Pride Pack officers for 2019-20 are: President, Amy Edwards; Vice President, Karen Downs; Treasurer, Michele Frank; Secretary, Eric Hardy; Fundraising chair, Mary Thomas; and Box Tops Coordinator,

Melanie Clisham.

Pride Pack meets on a monthly basis, with business meetings usually scheduled for the first Monday of the month and planning meetings on the third Monday of the month.

The Kick-Off meeting for the 2019-20 school year will be held on Monday, August 26. The first business meeting will be held on Monday, September 9.

The meeting schedule can be found at the Wagner Middle School Website - <https://wagner.rsu22.us> - click on the Wagner Pride Pack Tab.

The meeting schedule can also be found at the Wagner Pride Pack Facebook page.

Official Wagner Middle School Merchandise is available through Wagner Pride Pack. Merchandise Order Forms are available at the Wagner Middle School website under the Wagner Pride Pack tab.

Merchandise will also be available at the Wagner Middle School 2019-20 Open House.

Stay tuned for a new merchandise program with Brandywine Graphics LLC.

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The Wagner Pride Pack Scholarship was established in 2017 to assist a student who attended Wagner Middle School from Grades 5-8, who is in good standing and of good character and who is a graduating senior of Hampden Academy. The Scholarship program is currently funded through the graduating class of 2026 and is administered by the Law Offices of Bloomer, Russell and Beaupain to annually award two (2) \$500.00 scholarship recipients selected by the Hampden Academy Scholarship Committee.

Congratulations to Graduating Class of 2019 Recipients – Breanna Brown and Devon Downs.

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In addition to the scholarship, Pride Pack funds supported the following activities during the 2018-19 school year:

- Orono Bog Walk Clipper Trip, \$10.
- 5th & 6th Grade Common Ground Fair Field Trip, \$300.
- 7th & 8th Grade Penobscot Theatre Field Trip, \$250.
- Mrs. Grove Classroom Learning Chairs, \$229.48.
- 8th Grade UMaine Archaeology Day, \$100.



VOLUNTEERS FROM LAST YEAR'S FALL THRILLER—From left: Eric Hardy, Amy Norsworthy-Edwards, Jennifer Nickerson, Mary Thomas, Jen Dudley, Michelle Frank, and Melanie Clisham

- 8th Grade Boston Trip, \$450.
- 8th Grade Boston Trip Tee Shirts, \$500.
- East Coast Tour, \$300.
- Winterport Rec. Dept. Ball Field Donation, \$500.
- Hampden Academy Scholarship Fund, \$8,000.
- Wagner Pride Pack Pantry, \$937.48.

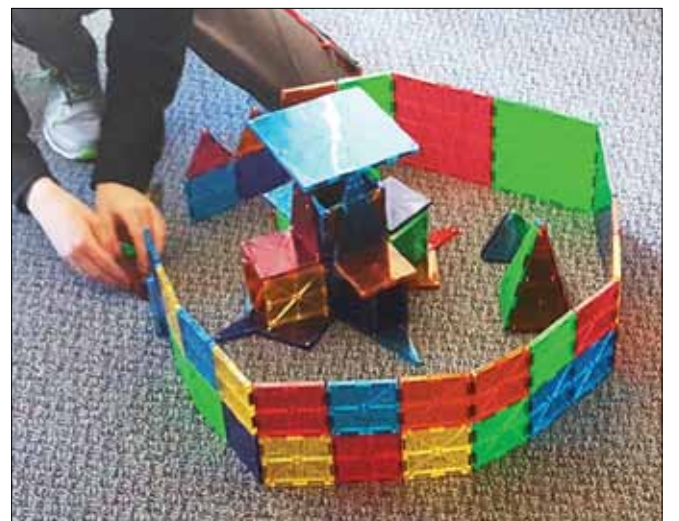
RSU 22 offers PreK classes at Hampden, Winterport, Newburgh

RSU 22 continues to offer a well rounded, curriculum based PreK for all children turning 4 years old on or before October 15, 2019.

We offer a variety of settings in Hampden, Newburgh, and Winterport to best meet the needs of students and families.

Currently, the Winterport and Newburgh locations have openings still available for the 2019-2020 school year.

The PreK program at the Leroy H. Smith School is a full-day program, four days a week, Monday-Thursday, 7:30-2:00. Openings are still available for Winterport and Frankfort residents! Please contact Waldo CAP @ 338-3827 for an application.



The PreK program at the Newburgh Center is a full-day program, Monday-Thursday, 7:30-2:00. A few openings are still available for Hampden and Newburgh residents.

Please call Dawn Moore @ 223-4282 or email dmoore@rsu22.us.

We are pleased to be able to offer Pre K to our communities. Please contact Dawn Moore at with any questions at dmoore@rsu22.us.



Wagner Wellness Day—Heath Miller's brand-new calf.



Daisy /Brownie Troop 715 made a donation to support the Reeds Brook garden.



Wagner Wellness Day—Smoothie bike with the Maine Dairy Council.

Health & Wellness News from RSU 22

By Brittany Layman, RN, BSN, Health and Wellness Coordinator, RSU 22

School Garden and Orchard:
Things are going very well in our school gardens and the late start has not slowed anything down.

The vegetables can be found in our Summer lunch program at Smith Elementary or you can come and pick your own. If you

pick a vegetable pick a weed too! Improvements have been made at Reeds Brook Middle School garden that has allowed for better drainage.

This improvement was supported by Daisy/Brownie Troop 715. Their donation purchased drainage rocks, garden fabric and mulch! This fall the girls will be working in the garden to earn their gardening patch. We are excited to have them!

We hope to celebrate the garden with a community supper. This will be hosted the 2nd weekend in September and will feature local ingredients and garden vegetables. All are welcome and this is free to the public!

Wagner Middle School received its very own orchard this spring. During the Wagner Wellness Day hosted in late May students, with the help of Richard Hodges from ReTreeUs planted 8 apple trees.

They are now the stewards of our new orchard and will help maintain the orchard by weeding, screening trunks, and pruning. Now RSU 22 has three orchards: Hampden Campus by the Superintendent's Office, Smith Elementary and Wagner Middle School.

Management Day: During our opening day for employees we will be hosting a variety of wellness workshops including, school safety, CPR recertification, understanding benefits, search and rescue, and chess to name a few. We will have over 20 presenters to share their knowledge and inspire folks for the upcoming school year. This is our 2nd year running wellness workshops on our first day and we look forward to the event!

Hampden Academy Volleyball: We are excited to be entering our 2nd year for our Hampden Academy Volleyball. Last year we had 27 athletes participate and we are hoping to grow the numbers this fall. There will be a number of matches both home and away so come out and support this growing sport. We will also be the host site for the Class C State Championship game on November 2nd and we are very excited for the honor. It is a great opportunity to showcase our fantastic facility.

Wagner Wellness Day: At the end of May students at Wagner Middle School celebrated being healthy and happy with a half day dedicated to student health. Students participated in activities specific to the environment, physical activity, nutrition, and health, including trash sorting to remove recyclables, tree planting, and a demonstration by Maine Search and Rescue Dogs. It was a great day enjoyed by students, staff, and presenters.

RSU 22 ADULT EDUCATION - Fall 2019 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 site coordinators at: bsoule@rsu22.us or kbrooks@rsu22.us.

College Transition Program

Self-Paced Ed2Go Online Courses

Distance Learning Courses

Free Online Courses & Trainings

One Day Motor Coach Trips

Health/Wellness/Fitness

Fall Walking Club

Strong

Introduction to Tennis

CPR

Yoga

PiYo Live

Introduction to Pickleball

Vaping: the target is our teens

Calling All Line Dancers Ages 19-91

Basic First Aid

Technology & General Enrichment

Mapping Workshop for Woodland Owners

A Walk Through Time and Nature Along Maine's Appalachian Trail

Invasive Plants in Maine Natural Areas

Hunter Safety

Introduction to Digital Photography

Retirement by Design

Grant Writing 101

Family Introduction to American Sign Language

The History of Riverside Park, Hampden

Beekeeping for Beginners

Photo Memories

Foundations of Investing

Maine Driving Dynamics

Introduction to Voice Over Acting

Introduction to American Sign Language

Arts & Crafts

DIY Maine Pack Basket

Fall Foliage Paint Night

Intermediate-Advanced Drawing

Christmas Ornament Creativity Night

Applique Class - "Autumn Dreams" Wall Hanging

Parent and Child Pumpkin Paint Night

Watercolor Maine Landscapes

Primitive Rug Hooking

Holiday Wreath Making Workshop

Santa Claus Paint Night

Wooly Tree Class

Froebel Stars

Cooking/Baking & Food Preparation

Seasonal Plant-Based Cooking Demo

Crockpot Cooking

Gluten and Soy-Free Plant-Based Salad Demo

Freezer Meals

Kids in the Kitchen

Community Programs

Fall Tea Party

Creative Writing Group

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

American History & Civics

HiSET Preparation & Testing

Adult Basic Literacy & Tutoring

Individualized Math Lab – Daytime

Individualized Math Lab – Evening

Accuplacer Preparation & Testing

ESL Tutoring

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

College Readiness Courses

Accuplacer Prep & Testing

Academic Advising Services

Academic Courses: Algebra/Biology/Writing for College

College Application Assistance

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

Like us on Facebook: [Riverside Adult Education](https://www.facebook.com/RiversideAdultEducation)

Principal's Message: Welcome back! 2019-20 Focus on Math

Welcome back! It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year.

Our team has been working diligently to ensure we are ready, and that naturally required some changes.

At the George B. Weatherbee Elementary School, we have a blend of traditional classrooms, as well as a teaming model. Tradition classrooms receive instruction from their homeroom teacher, while in a two-person teaming model students receive content instruction from their homeroom teacher and one other instructor.

You might ask, "why change"? The shift from exclusive teaming addresses a specific scheduling concern that unintentionally created a learning gap.

Our transition to smaller learning communities ensures all students get the same amount of content instruction time; enables our support staff to fully implement interventions; creates common time for flexible grouping; and allows all students access to rigorous curriculum that is aligned

with grade level power standards.

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2019-2020 Focus on Math

As a district, we are assessing trends and patterns in math achievement. At Weatherbee, we have made strategic adjustments in several areas—our schedule, teaming model, budget, and staffing—so that our team can best meet our students' needs.

We want to teach math in a way that is achievable for all students. We believe students need differentiated pathways that provide them with a rigorous productive struggle. Our task is to build students' capacity as confident, skilled learners. That means using unit pre-assessments to flexibly group students based on their prior knowledge to provide the just right instructional support.

All students need access to the curriculum but we need to modify the support and pacing. To do that, we needed to create more resources to support a culture where math is something we can all do with success.

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

We are grateful to you!

Your approval of the 2019-202 budget brings two new positions to our school—a Math Interventionist (Ed Tech III) and an additional Special Education Case Manager:

Math Interventionist: This position is a tier 2 support for regular education. Interventions will now be within the school day to strategically target unidentified students with lagging skills. This is a critical extension to differentiate and personalize math instruction for vulnerable learners.

Special Education Case Manager: Previously, a case manager supported two grades. Now, we have hired an additional case manager to

reduce case loads and enable better collaboration with the grade level teams, allow for more co-teaching and push-in instruction so students get the benefit of expert teaching with timely support and intervention.

The 2019-2020 school year bring some exciting changes at Weatherbee. These changes align with RSU 22's strategic plan to improve individual student engagement and achievement by specifically supporting a system of differentiated learning personalized to the students. Additionally, the fiscal support of high yield practices aligned to the art and science of teaching will enhance our capacity to serve our learning community.

We truly can't wait to begin!

SAVE THE DATE - WEATHERBEE OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, August 27, 5:30-6:30 PM
Followed by Champion Open House, 6:30-7:30 PM

Burnt Island

Students on Mr. Lindemann and Ms. Marvin's team ventured to Burnt Island. This is our last trip to Burnt Island, as next year we are moving toward an experience that the entire fifth grade can participate in.

The fifth grade team has been researching and we are excited to pursue the Schoodic Education Adventure program in the spring of 2020.



Girls on the Run!

On Thursday, May 23rd, our annual Girls on the Run 5K was held at the Hampden Academy track. The girls trained in preparation for

the state meet at Husson University in June.

We had a fantastic crowd cheering on the girls at both events!

Summer Learning at Weatherbee

Mrs. Schall created a summer tutoring program for Weatherbee students this summer. National Honor Society students from Hampden Academy and returning college students volunteered to work with

elementary students in the areas of reading and math.

The pilot was well received and a tremendous tool in preventing summer slide. Mrs. Schall customized resources for each student to target areas of need.

As a district our goal is to expand educational experiences for the larger community to sustain established programming. Our thanks to Mrs. Schall for creating this innovative academic support for our community.



State House Visit

Our third graders travelled to Augusta to tour the State House and Maine State Museum. They also had the honor of being met by Representative Haggan above, standing).



Mariah Coon and Mrs. Anderson

present the Northern Light Pediatric Unit with a game-themed basket. Mariah's family won the item in a silent auction at our Spaghetti Supper.

4th graders experience life in another time at Leonard's Mills in Bradley

Weatherbee fourth graders traveled to Leonard's Mills in Bradley to experience life in another time.

It was a beautiful day full of adventure.

Students particularly enjoyed fishing with their hands! Unbelievably, they caught some!



School Nutrition - 2019-2020

Breakfast (all schools) - \$ 1.55

Milk purchased alone is .55

Breakfast is FREE for Free AND Reduced students

A breakfast meal consists of an entrée, which may be cereal, muffin, breakfast sandwich, or breakfast pizza etc.; fruit and/or fruit juice; and milk. Students must take a fruit or fruit juice with breakfast.

Lunch prices:

- Elementary Schools.....\$2.55
- Middle Schools.....\$2.75
- Hampden Academy\$2.95
- Reduced price40
- Adult.....\$4.00
- Milk alone55

Lunch meals offer of a protein, whole grain, fruit, vegetable and milks. For lunch to qualify as a meal, the student needs to choose a minimum of 3 of the meal components, and one must be a fruit or vegetable. Typically, the main dish is a protein and grain and sometimes a hot veggie, and then the students will make choices from the salad bar.

Students can purchase items individually (a la carte) or snack items but those are not considered the meal and money must be on the student account at the time of the a la carte purchase.

Important Information to note

• **Be sure to fill out the free and reduced meal application required to be completed every school year and expire in October.**

These will be sent home by all schools and are available on the school nutrition section of the RSU 22 website. These are confidential so please return in an envelope labeled "School Food Service."

• **Those who qualify for reduced meals will receive meals FREE of charge this school year!**

Lunch Menu First Week			
Schools		All	
Thursday	8/29	Friday	8/30
Pizza		Chicken Nuggets	
Fresh Fruit & Salad Bar		Oven Fries	
Surprise Dessert		Dinner Roll	
		Fresh Fruit & Salad Bar	
Breakfast will also be served with an assortment of choices			
Check the RSU 22 website for monthly menus			

• 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 29, Grade 9 at Hampden Academy *will be treated to* an Orientation Lunch, which will include 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 account**

• **Payments:** RSU 22 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 whom payment is for *and help us keep costs down by keeping your students meal account up to date.*

School Opening Information

All Grade Pre-K-9 district students (Hampden, Newburgh, Winterport, Frankfort) will begin school on Thursday, August 29, 2019. Grades 10-12 students will begin classes on Friday, August 30, 2019.

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

Legislature passes LD167, 'Ensuring Student Access to Meals'

The Maine Legislature has passed a new law, LD 167, *Ensuring Student Access to Meals* (an act to prevent food shaming) with which RSU 22 complies.

The following are guidelines required by the new law. Specifically, it prevents public schools from:

- Denying a reimbursable meal to an otherwise eligible student who requests it.
- Requiring a student to throw away their meal after it has been served to them;
- Requiring a student to perform chores or work as a means of paying for one or more meals or as punishment for not paying for one or more meals;
- Refusing a meal as a form of or as part of a disciplinary action; or
- Openly identifying or otherwise stigmatizing a student who cannot pay for a meal or has payments due for a meal.

Communication regarding school meal debt will be made directly with the parents via email or bills sent home.

Outstanding meal balances still need to be paid and RSU 22 will work with families who need assistance filling out the free or reduced meal applications. **When a meal is provided to a student who doesn't have funds on their account, the district is still required to collect payment. A bill will be sent home.**

For middle school and high school students, RSU 22 offers a la carte purchases, which are additional items outside of the standard school meal offerings. For a la carte items, student account funds must be available at the time of purchase. RSU 22 staff is authorized to communicate directly with students regarding the availability of funds on their account for these a la carte purchases.



RSU 22 School Nutrition Director Kathy Kittridge spends a few minutes helping to tend the school garden at Reeds Brook Middle School, which has regularly provided fresh vegetables for the school lunch program in RSU 22.

School Food Service subs needed

Apply at the Superintendent's office

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	SUSAN THIBEDEAU Principal	Grades 6-8 7:35 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	DON ROUX Principal	Grades 5-8 7:35 a.m.-2:08 p.m.	Main Office	223-4309
George B. Weatherbee School 22 Main Road North, Hampden, ME 04444	JENNIFER CYR Principal	Grades 3-5 8:50 a.m.-3 p.m.	Main Office	862-3254

Special Education Records

Attention individuals who attended RSU 22 schools and whose birthday is before December 31, 1993: The district is in the process of destroying special education records for students who will turn 26 years old as of the December 31, 2019. If you have any interest in obtaining these records before they are destroyed, please contact the Office of Special Education at 862-2774 before December 31, 2019.

Notification for Building Occupants

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

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Regan Nickels, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

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

Parents/guardians of pupils in attendance in RSU 22 schools have the following rights:

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

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

Child Find Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

RSU 22 Telephone Numbers

Superintendent's Office	862-3255
Superintendent Richard Lyons	
Asst. Superintendent Regan Nickels	
Curriculum Office - Mary Giard	862-3844
Special Services - Lynne Wells	862-2774
School Food Service-Kathy Kittridge	862-3543
Adult Education Office	862-6422
Technology Systems Coordinator	862-3335
Hampden Academy Main Office	862-3791
Guidance Office	862-4111
Athletic Office	862-3985
Alternative Education	862-6429
Earl C. McGraw School	862-3830
Newburgh Early Childhood Center at Newburgh Elementary School	234-2781
Reeds Brook Middle School	862-3540
Leroy H. Smith School	223-4282
Samuel L. Wagner Middle School	223-4309
George B. Weatherbee School	862-3254
Transportation: John T. Cyr & Sons	862-3984
Melanie Michaud	862-2054 (fax)

2019-2020 School Calendar

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November 27
8/27, 10/4, 1/17, 3/20, 6/15
June 12
June 14

Fall Sport Begin at Hampden Academy
New Teacher Orientation
Management, Teacher Prep
Partial Attendance (PreK-9 students only)
Full PreK-12 Attendance
Early Dismissal (November 8 - parent/teacher conferences)
Teacher Comp Time (no school)
Inservice - no school
Last Student Day
Hampden Academy Graduation

School Year	
178*	Student Days
1	Management Day
1	Teacher Preparation Day
5	Inservice Days
1	Teacher Comp Day
3*	Storm days are included

Ranking Period	
1	44 days
2	46 days
3	44 days
4	44 days
	178
H=holiday, V=vacation day, I=teacher inservice day, no school ED=early dismissal	

RSU 22 - 2019-2020

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.

Attention parents of Newburgh students:

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

Kim Haggan named Dean of Students for Wagner, Reeds Brook

Kim Haggan, social studies teacher at Reeds Brook, has been named to the new position of Dean of Students for RSU 22 middle schools.

For the last four years, Mrs. Haggan has served as dean of students at Reeds Brook, in addition to her teaching duties.



Kim Haggan

In her new position, she will split her time between Reeds Brook and Wagner middle schools.

Assistant Superintendent Regan Nickels says the goal of the position is to provide additional support to the building principals so they can spend more time in the classroom observing, interacting, and coaching instruction.

"We also want Mrs. Haggan help with consistency between Wagner and Reeds Brook—ensuring that both schools provide the same educational opportunities and similar levels of rigor for students, Mrs. Nickels said.

New school bus drivers for Cyr Bus in Hampden

Two of the newer bus drivers for John T. Cyr & Sons' Hampden Division are Leanne Moore of Winterport and Laura Matthews of Hampden.

Leanne has been driving a school bus for Cyr for about six months. She says she had been working nights at Betts Variety, but wanted to be at home in the evening with her children.



Leanne Moore

She said her interest was piqued when she read a story about school bus drivers in the *Link-22*. Then a friend who works for Cyr suggested that she apply. She did and got her license; she started as a bus monitor; now she drives one of the Hampden buses.

Laura, a teacher and former athletic director at Reeds Brook Middle School, became interested in driving a bus because a shortage of bus drivers was impacting her athletic teams.

"Route drivers needed to do their routes, and there weren't extra drivers to take my teams to their games," she said.



Laura Matthews

After discussing this with Melanie Michaud, director of Cyr's Hampden Division, Laura finally asked if she could apply for a bus driver's license. She trained at the Cyr garage and passed her driver's test in August 2017. Now, she often drives her teams to games, and sometimes Wagner teams. She also drives trips for Cyr as well.

Mini-Grant applications now being accepted

The RSU #22 Education Foundation is accepting applications for fall 2019 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 25, 2019.

Grant guidelines and application forms are available on the Foundation's website at www.rsu22foundation.org or can be requested from rsu22educationfoundation@gmail.com or by calling us at 852-2138.

Foundation Board seeks to expand for 2019-2020

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-



RSU #22 Education Foundation

Community Partners for Inspired Education

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.

RSU 22, Cyr Bus, Dyer Library partner on 'Books on the Bus'

RSU 22, Cyr Bus, and the Edythe Dyer Library in Hampden have formed a partnership to provide "Books on the Bus" to elementary school students who ride the bus to and from school.

Cyr Bus drivers have been taking turns driving the "book bus," which is outfitted with seat covers that hold books for the student to read.

Melanie Michaud, manager of the Hampden Division of John T. Cyr & Sons, which operates school buses for RSU 22, says the bus runs are numbered from 20 to 41, and she tries to follow that list for the book bus.

"Sometimes we have to vary the schedule, but the kids look forward to riding on the book bus," she says.

The "Books on the Bus" program was proposed by Elizabeth Houghton, a library staff member who read about a similar program involving the Patten Free Library and the Bath School Department.

Elizabeth brought the idea to Melanie, and they worked out the details together.

The program started in April with one bus and will resume when school starts library supplies in the fall. The books are provided by the library from its collection of older surplus books. The hope is that the students will read the books and return them to the seat cover pocket, but sometimes the students forget and take books home with them.

"Last spring we had 45 books walk off the bus," Melanie said. "That's not too bad for 1,500 kids."

She says she's thinking about putting milk crates in the schools so students will have a place to put books that they mistakenly take off the bus.

