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Over 100 students in grades 3-5 enjoy 'amazing learning experience' in Virtual Summer School

This summer, RSU 22 piloted a virtual summer learning experience available to any 3rd, 4th or 5th grade student. We were fortunate to employ Mr. Todd Rand as the Virtual Summer School Coordinator. Mr. Rand is a 4th grade teacher in RSU34 (Old Town) where he has run a virtual learning program for almost a decade. "I'm very excited to bring this amazing learning experience to RSU22 students as well." Joining the team was veteran teacher Mrs. Christy Whitehouse, a 4th grade teacher at the George B. Weatherbee School. Together they offered a 4 week flexible learning ex-

perience for over 100 students. The four week program was run through Google Classroom. Weekly assignments were posted every Monday, starting on July 11th. Each weeks' assignments were due by the following Sunday. Students earned points toward the Virtual



One student created images using her "Sticker by Number" book. She said the images look like stained glass.

Summer School Celebration at the Smith School on August 10th, where they could earn a variety of prizes. Each week, four assignments were posted, one in each of the following

categories: Reading, Writing, Math, and Science. While the time for assignments varied for each child, typically the entire week's assignments were completed (Please turn to page 3)



Painting by Lilah Boyd.



Students who completed VSS celebrated with an ice cream social Aug. 10 at Smith School.

HA Drama Club to present 'Trap' Nov. 17, 18, 19— You've never seen anything like it

MENACHAP, CALIFORNIA. An incomprehensible event: every person in the audience of a high school play falls unconscious--every person but one. Using interviews with witnesses, loved ones, first responders, and the investigators pursuing the case, a theatre ensemble brings the story of the strange event to life, documentary-style. But as the strands weave together into an increasingly dangerous web, it becomes clear that this phenomenon might not be entirely in the past. Unnerving, exhilarating, and wildly inventive, you've never walked into anything quite like "Trap."

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That's how the Playscripts website introduces *Trap*, the documentary theater/horror production by Stephen Gregg that the Hampden Academy Drama Club will bring to the Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. on November 17, 18, and 19—the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before Thanksgiving.

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Kathy Kittridge named Maine School Nutrition Director of the Year

Kathy Kittridge, School Nutrition Director for RSU 22 for the past eight years, has been selected as the Maine School Nutrition Director of the Year for 2021-22.

She was recognized for the award at the Maine School Nutrition Association's annual conference in Portland August 8-9. She and the other state winners were also honored at the School Nutrition Association's national conference in Orlando, FL, July 10-12.

She was nominated by Christine Boone, Assistant Superintendent, RSU 22.

Ms. Boone cited numerous examples of how Ms. Kittridge has improved the food service program in RSU 22 in recent years:

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Emma Hawkins earns national concert band honors



Emma Hawkins

Emma Hawkins of Hampden Academy, who played bass clarinet in the 2022 Maine All-State Music Festival in May, has been accepted into the All-National Honors (ANH) Concert Band sponsored by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME).

HA music teacher Heidi Corliss said Emma was selected by virtual audition to participate in the national honors band during the first weekend in November.

The national honor ensembles represent the top performing high school musicians in the United States.

"It's basically like qualifying for All-State but on the national level," Mrs. Corliss said.

The 2022 national ensembles will meet from Thursday, Nov. 3, to Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Gay-

lord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, MD, under the leadership of top

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL-STATE MUSICIANS (l. to r.)—Will Airey, Grade 12, trumpet, All-State Band; Morgan Ramsay, Grade 12, soprano, All-State Chorus; Sophia Robinson, Grade 11, soprano, All-State Chorus; Jonathan Fenders, Grade 12, bassoon, All-State Band; and Emma Hawkins, Grade 11, bass clarinet, All-State Band.

HA Drama Club to present 'Trap' Nov. 17, 18, 19

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Jenn Guare, English teacher and Drama Club director, says *Trap* is "very different from anything we've done before."

She describes it as a documentary-style production in the horror genre that will provide some great new opportunities for our students as actors.

She said it will also provide some very interesting challenges for the backstage crew.

Ms. Guare says there will be an organizational meeting after school on September 1 for any student interested in participating in the production. Auditions will be held on September 7 and 8 and are open to all students in grades 9-12.

Ms. Guare doesn't want to say too much about *Trap*, but says she can say that it's full of twists and turns, and that the actors—and the audience—will find out what's real and what's not real.



Kathy Kittridge named School Nutrition Director of the Year

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- She restructured food service staffing at one kitchen so that she could hire a professional chef. The students and staff at the schools he served raved about the homemade, restaurant-quality of the food, and the model has proven so successful that it will be emulated across the district.

- Ms. Kittridge makes sure that no child is left unfed. During school closures due to the pandemic, she worked tirelessly to create and package meals for transport into homes, and to maximize the amount of food that could be delivered at one time.

- She has used grant funding to introduce summer feeding programs and snack programs.

- She has been able to analyze inefficiencies in RSU 22 kitchens and provide feedback to transform them into more efficient operations. Her ability to work with staff has facilitated many improvements.

- Ms. Kittridge has been creative in finding ways to find, support, and keep valued employees in RSU 22 kitchens. She does whatever it takes, including making and serving lunch, conducting lunch duty, and sanitizing.

- Ms. Kittridge uses focus groups and student surveys to collect student input. She analyzes data to determine which meals are most popular and plans regularly to serve those meals. At the same time, she is constantly working to introduce new and different school lunch options.

In addition to her focus on the school cafeterias, Ms. Kittridge has worked to promote Maine's farm-to-school cook off competitions, and she partners with many local vendors to source local food that RSU 22 children love. To maximize the opportunity to buy local, she has used grants to purchase larger and newer freezers so that she has the capacity to process and store local foods to serve at later dates.



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Superintendent's Message

2022-2023 marks first year of RSU 22's strategic plan

By Nicholas Raymond, Superintendent of Schools, RSU 22

Welcome back RSU 22! The RSU 22 team is excited and ready for a great year. The 2022-2023 academic year marks the first year of the district's new 5-year strategic plan. The Plan, which was developed collaboratively with input from community members, staff, students, parents and the Board of Directors, was approved last winter and will guide us as we move RSU 22 forward.

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Nicholas Raymond

Divided into four areas of focus - or building blocks - the plan addresses **Student Success**, **Professional Excellence**, **Community Partnerships**, and **Operational Excellence**. Each area is integral to the district's mission to support optimal learning for all students. To ensure sustainable progress and success across the district, the plan will be rolled out incrementally with the board prioritizing elements for immediate attention. Over the last few months, directors and administrators have worked to develop action steps to address each of the 2022-2023 priorities; and during a two day administrative training in July, the district's administrative team established strategies to meet or exceed targets. They also outlined appropriate evidence and metrics that will be used to show progress as we navigate the strategic plan.

Within **Student Success** (Block One), the immediate priority will be centered on Academic Excellence and Achievement with a focus on preparing students for engagement in a diverse, global society. We will be working to ensure the use of engaging high impact instructional strategies across all grade levels, as well as implementing and sustaining training to improve cultural competence to better address individual student needs.

Within **Professional Excellence** (Block Two), our immediate attention will center on Attracting and Maintaining High Performing Professionals as well as Professional Development. We will continue actively recruiting high quality, professional staff using both new and traditional methods while making sure all staff - current and future - have the support they need to be successful. This includes continued support of National Board Teacher Certification, a rigorous professional development opportunity that has been proven to improve student outcomes. Additionally, we will work to make RSU 22 a district of choice among teachers, administrators, and staff. We want to attract and retain educators who are passionate not just about teaching, but about teaching in RSU 22.

Community Partnerships (Block 3) will be a priority, as well. Within this area, the board has prioritized a focus on Family and Community Engagement, as well as Communication and Transparency. RSU 22 team members have an immediate goal to increase the percentage of parents/guardians who actively participate in opportunities to be involved at their student's school. Additionally, a continued focus transparency and rebuilding a sense of community through ongoing communication will remain a focus as we move forward.

Finally, within the area of **Operational Excellence** (Block Four), the board has prioritized both Budget Development and Fiscal and Facilities Management. As we begin a new year, thoughtful and prudent budget development as an investment in our students as well as creating sustainable best practices remain top priorities. Notably, among our first and most immediate action steps engage a grant writer to increase the district's supplemental funding through partnerships and competitive grant opportunities.

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During a two day administrative training session in July, RSU 22 administrators and directors established strategies to reach or improve upon each of these action steps. They also established what evidence could be used to show progress toward strategic plan goals.

The Board of Directors has made it abundantly clear that the RSU 22 Strategic Plan will be the filter through which decisions are made to ensure alignment with the district mission. The administrative team and I have agreed that this strategic plan is not a shelf document, but a road map to future success.

HA's Emily Albee named Penobscot County Teacher of the Year for 2022

Hampden Academy's Emily Albee has been named the 2022 Penobscot County Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Albee is the fourth teacher from RSU 22 to be recognized since 2014 through the partnership between Educate Maine and the Maine Department of Education, joining Smith School's Kathryn Foran (2015 Waldo County Teacher of the Year) and Hillary Hoyt (2021 Waldo County Teacher of the Year) and Reed Brook's Kelsea Stoyanova (2021 Penobscot County and 2022 Maine Teacher of the Year).

Ms. Albee was nominated by HA Principal Bill Tracy and recognized for her positive impact on both students and co-workers.

"Emily has consistently shown her commitment to provide real world, relevant

learning opportunities for her students. As an inclusive, collaborative educator Emily has built a trust and respect with both her students and colleagues at Hampden Academy," said Mr. Tracy.

Ms. Albee is able to motivate and connect students to the world by seeking out community partnerships, and she's passionate about what she does.

"I teach because it is the honor of my life to work with and for the unique students in [my] room," she says. "It is a privilege to guide students as they connect with their passions and work to become meaningful problem-solvers in the 21st century."

Ms. Albee is completing her 11th year teaching social studies in RSU 22. She has been a member



Emily Albee

Curriculum Office Update

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

RSU 22 Summer Learning Programs

RSU 22's summer learning programs were a great success. The Special Education department once again sponsored its Extended School Year (ESY) program at Hampden Academy.

In addition, this summer we were able to offer two additional summer learning opportunities.

For our K-2 students, a baggie of supplies was sent home with all students which included a learning bingo board. Students were challenged to complete all the activities this summer. Activities focused on five areas: reading, writing, phonics, math, and citizenship.

Students in Grades 3-5 were encouraged to sign-up for a Virtual Summer School program through Google classroom. Two teachers provided weekly learning opportunities and provided feedback to students when assignments were completed. Students earned points based on the participation level each week.

K-5 students celebrated their hard work with an ice cream social. We were able to provide the additional K-5 opportunities to all students as a result of additional COVID-19 federal funding.

Federal Grant Update

Every school year RSU 22 receives funding as a result of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). We apply for this funding through an

extensive process through the Maine Department of Education (DOE). In addition, every summer we are required to report to the DOE on our performance outcomes from the previous school year. RSU 22 qualifies for funding through the following four sources under this legislation:

1. Title IA: Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged
2. Title IIA: Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High Quality Teachers, Principals, and Other School Leaders
3. Title IVA: 21st Century Schools
4. Title VB: Rural Schools

Our aim each school year is to apply these dollars in an efficient and effective manner that improves teaching, increases achievement, and enhances the climate of our schools. As with every district in the state, each building recently completed a Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) and the district then submitted the RSU 22 Consolidated Plan. The findings of that assessment guided our approach for this coming school year, 2022-2023.

*Title IA: Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged

This year's allocation is \$378,639.04. As we have done in the past, we transferred monies from Title IVA to Title IA to meet student needs which brings our project total to \$385,639.04.

Title IA funds serve students at the Leroy

H. Smith and Samuel L. Wagner schools. We will utilize these federal dollars to fund salaries and benefits for 2.5 literacy teachers and one literacy ed tech at the K-4 level for identified students.

Our Grade 6-8 identified students are served by a math tutor. As required by statute, we also set aside some funding for supplies for homeless students.

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

This year's allocation is \$86,098.85. This money is largely spent on professional development.

We support:

- Teachers as they strive to become National Board Certification
- Teachers with various professional development experiences and opportunities.

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Jennifer Nickerson

Jennifer Nickerson named Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Jennifer Nickerson, Principal at the Earl C. McGraw School for the past two years, is the new Director of Curriculum for RSU 22.

She replaces Mary Giard, who has become a part-time literacy coach in the district.

In her new position, Ms. Nickerson will look at all curriculum resources in RSU 22, and help identify, select, and make recommendations to the board about curriculum to meet the Maine Learning Results.

She will also look at instructional practices and assessments throughout the district, examining the data and using it to make improvements and changes.

"We want to celebrate the success

that we have, but we also want to see how we can do even better," she says.

One of Ms. Nickerson's top priorities will be to implement the RSU 22 Strategic Plan, which was approved by the Board of Directors in December after 2½ years of deliberations.

The plan went into effect in August, and Ms. Nickerson wants to make sure that the outcomes that the school board is looking for under each of the four building blocks—Student Success, Professional Excellence, Community Partnerships, and Operational Excellence—come to fruition over the next five years.

"We need to get baseline data so we can see where we are compared

to where the school board wants us to go," she says.

Another priority for this first year will be to create guides for K-8 parents highlighting what their child will be taught in each grade level. Making a summary document that is user friendly for parents is important.

Before joining RSU 22 in 2020, Ms. Nickerson spent four years as curriculum coordinator for RSU 64 in Corinth.

"I'm excited to be a thinking partner with the building principals once again," she says. "I enjoy helping them select the right resources, providing professional development, and looking at data to celebrate success and keep moving forward."

As Curriculum Director for RSU 22, Ms. Nickerson will also be in charge of administering federal grants under Titles I, II, and V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Ms. Nickerson lives in Winterport with her significant other, Alex, and her children are 5th generation Hampden Academy Broncos. Her oldest daughter, Gracie, 20, is an HA grad and a student at Husson University; her youngest daughter, Maggie, 17, is a senior at HA.

Ms. Nickerson is from Newburgh, where her parents still reside.

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in less than a few hours. The beauty of this program is that it could be done wherever and whatever time best fit each child or family's schedule.

While the program was primarily asynchronous, Mrs. Whitehouse held office hours each week to assist students with any questions they may have on their weekly assignments. A 30 minute grade specific time was offered for each grade in addition to another grade 3-5 session each week. Mrs. Whitehouse would post a Google Meet link and students would hop in as needed. While this was Mrs. Whitehouse first time in the program, she reflected, "I have enjoyed every minute of it."

The goal of the program to

engage in consistent practice that offered families flexibility to enjoy their summer.

Most importantly, we wanted an equitable experience for all grade 3, 4, and 5 students in the district. Each of the four assignments was worth 25 points, for a total of 100 points each week. Students could complete as much or as little of the assignments as they chose. Obviously, the more assignments they completed, the more points they could earn. The more points they earned, the better prizes they were eligible for.

Parents reflected their pleasant surprise when their students came home at the end of the school year



Virtual Summer School Prize Levels!

Level 1 100+ Points

All students who earn at least 100 points on VSS assignments will receive a certificate and will be invited to our **ICE CREAM SOCIAL!** (August 10, 1:00pm @ Smith Elementary)

Level 3 300+ Points

All students who earn at least 300 points on VSS assignments will receive Level 1 & 2 prizes, plus will be entered into a raffle for one of the following:
*Popcorn Party for Class
*Extra Recess for Class
*\$10 Amazon Gift Card
There will be multiple winners for each prize at this level!

Level 2 200+ Points

All students who earn at least 200 points will earn the Level 1 prizes, plus a **SMICKER, SMENCIL, or SMELLY PEN**

Level 4 350+ Points

All students who earn at least 350 points on VSS assignments will receive Level 1 & 2 prizes, plus will be entered into a raffle for Level 3 or 4 Prizes. Level 4 prize raffle winners earn:
BAM Celebration! Includes your picture in an edition of Link 22, a ride to BAM with your principal for a scavenger hunt, a special snack, and \$15 to spend at BAM!
There will be 15 students raffled for this grade prize!

and asked their parents to sign them up. At the July School Board Meeting, School Board Member Mrs. Jessica Barnes shared praise for the program.

"Mr. Rand and Mrs. Whitehouse have been phenomenal in giving feedback and getting right back to the kids if they have questions and grading their work," she said. "I can

only speak for my kids but they are having a great time earning these points."

Special thanks to our PTO's generous support in providing prizes for our first VSS!

The VSS celebration took place at the Leroy H. Smith School on August 10th.

‘What Comes Next’—helping HA juniors understand adulthood

Starting this fall, all juniors at Hampden Academy will be required to take a semester-long course called “What Comes Next.”

The course will be taught by the social studies department, and the instructional leader, Al Hills, says it will focus on how to be a grown-up or an adult.

“We’ll be discussing all those things that are signs of adulthood—like balancing a checkbook, getting insurance, paying rent, and how to do a meal plan,” Mr. Hills says. “We’ll be looking at things that high school graduates ought to know something about but too often don’t.”

Mr. Hills says the course is very student-directed.

“They helped me pick the topics that they need help on,” he says.

When he taught the course last year, Mr. Hills says he was surprised by how uneven the students’ knowledge of the various topics was.

“When we started on one topic, one or two students might know a lot about it, but the others did not,” he said. “On the next topic, different students would know quite a bit, but the rest of them didn’t.”

He said it was rewarding to know that the course was addressing issues that most of the students needed help with.

Mr. Hills said one topic that most of the students enjoyed—and that the class came back to—was how to prepare and live with a budget.

“Some of the students started looking at apartments and then realized that a proper

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budget put a limit on how much they could pay for rent each month,” he said. “Then they discovered the same thing when they started looking at cars.”

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Following is the list of topics in this fall’s “What Comes Next” class.

Mr. Hills said not all of the topics will be discussed in detail, but most of them will be covered in at least one of the class sessions.

- Information Literacy—sources, evaluation of sources, corroboration of sources, putting it all together.
- Financials—budgeting, credit, credit cards, insurance, banking, loans.
- Retirement.
- Financial Planning.
- Using a Checking Account.
- Looking for a Job—resumes, applications,

job search, interviews, post-interview.

- Voting—how to register, how to get information about the election, what to do when you go to the polls, how to actually vote.

- Living Independently—apartments, houses, buying a car, food budget, cooking, leftovers, eating out.

- Repairs—thawing a pipe, sink repair, toilet repair.

- Cars and Transport—bus pass, car, car loans, car repairs, simple car maintenance.

- Education—search, types of schools, application, loans.

- Economics—demand and supply, taxes, the Fed, the Treasury.

- Other Topics—identity theft, stock simulation.

HA adds AP Computer Science A as regular, in-person course

Over the past five years, RSU 22 and Hampden Academy have put a lot of effort into strengthening the computer science offerings that are available to students.

Last year, HA students could take three computer science courses, including two AP (advance placement) courses.

One of the AP courses—AP Computer Science Principles—was taught in person by HA computer science teacher Danielle Johnson.

The other AP course—AP Computer Science A—was available only as an independent study course. This fall, Ms. Johnson will be teaching APCS-A as a regular, in-person course.

Mrs. Johnson says AP Computer Science Principles is an introductory college-level computing course that introduces students to the breadth of the field of computer science. She says the course has been very popular among HA students, who have done very well on the AP exam, successfully earning college credits.

She says AP Computer Science A is a more advanced class, where students will become familiar with the concepts and tools of computer science as they learn a subset of the Java programming language and do hands-on work to design, write, and

test computer programs that solve problems or accomplish tasks.

Students taking APCS-A will develop the algorithms that are needed for their programs, and write code to implement them. They will also test program code, correct

errors, and document and explain how program code works

Mrs. Johnson says RSU 22 is focusing on advanced computer science courses to ensure that students have the opportunity to learn how computers and the internet work.

“There are a lot of jobs that require these skills,” she says. “Computer science is not required for graduation, but we’re seeing a lot of students interested in it, and that’s a great thing.”



CONSTRUCTION WORK IS ON SCHEDULE for the 3rd floor build-out at Hampden Academy, according to Director of Facilities Bill Booth. The crane arrived on site August 10, and the steel was lifted into position after about a week. The next items needed are the windows, which have been delayed—not because of the steel framing but because of the glass. Mr. Booth said he still expected the project to be completed by April. He said there should be minimal disruption to the students. There may be some background noise when the construction crews install the framing and shoot it down into the concrete deck. Also, the third floor corridor will be partitioned to ensure that the construction workers can get up to the project area, and the stairwell closest to the football field will be off limits except for emergency egress.

Emma Hawkins earns national concert band honors

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conductors in the field of music education.

The ensembles include Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra, Mixed Choir, Guitar Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and Modern Band.

Emma will play her bass clarinet with the ANH Concert Band, which will be directed by Rodney Dorsey who is professor of music and chair of the Department of Bands at the Indiana

University Jacobs School of Music.

The ANH Ensemble weekend is a musical showcase on a national level, but it’s also a comprehensive and educational experience.

Emma started playing piano when she was 4 years old and took up the clarinet when she was in 5th grade. Her band teacher asked her to try the bass clarinet, and she really enjoyed playing it.

She also plays the flute, the bari-

tone sax, the b flat clarinet, and the oboe.

Emma performs in the HA Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combos, the R&B Project, and the Pep Band. She participated in Show Choir, Concert Choir, and Treble Choir, and she is super excited to be singing with the Chamber Choir this coming school year. Outside of school, she sings in the Bangor Area Youth Choir.

She also loves to sing and dance—ballet, jazz dancing, tap, and hip hop.

In addition to music, Emma enjoys being a member of Tri M Honor Society, which allows her to serve the school music community and the community at large.

Emma plans to study music in college, but she hasn’t decided where. After college, she hopes to continue her career in music performance.



Ethan Millar, Outdoor Equipment.



Hunter Pinkham and Nathan Chase, Electrical.

Library's 'Real World' series brings world of work to HA students

Connecting students in grades 9 and 10 with the world of work is the goal of a program that returned to the Hampden Academy Library last spring after being put on hold because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The program, called the "HA Library Real World" series, featured a series of 30-minute presentations by HA students who are in the trades programs at United Technologies Center.

The program was designed to expose the younger students to high-interest, real-world careers and experiences. Students in study halls were invited to attend.

"Real World" presenters this spring were:

- **Ethan Miller, Outdoor Equipment.** Ethan presented a slide show and discussed the wide variety of equipment that UTC students work on, from ATVs to snowmobiles.

- **Rebecca Demmons, Culinary Arts.** Rebecca demonstrated decorating cupcakes, and then everyone enjoyed the cupcakes.

- **Gracie Baker, Law Enforcement.** Gracie brought in a slide show and talked about her experiences in the program. She demonstrated some holds and shared her

dream of working with a K9 unit some day.

- **Hunter Pinkham and Nathan Chase, Electrical.** Hunter (left) and Nate (right) brought in materials and had the Grade 9 students practice wiring outlets. Hands on, real world skills!

While the 9th and 10th grade students benefit from these engaging presentations, the student presenters also gain from the experience of preparing for their ses-

sion, learning to read the audience and make adjustments, and sharing their enthusiasm in front of a group.

HA Librarian Leslie Rosenblatt says she's planning to continue the Real World series in the coming school year. She hopes to expand it to include presenters from the community, such as from law enforcement, the Warden Service, EMTs, the legal profession, and the health trades.



Hunter Pinkham (left) and Nathan Chase..



Gracie Baker, Law Enforcement.



Rebecca Demmons, Culinary Arts.

Library series highlights HA clubs

A new series at the Hampden Academy Library called the "HA Library Spotlight" features a different HA club each month.

Librarian Leslie Rosenblatt interviews students from each club, getting them to talk about their involvement in the club, favorite classes, future plans, and finally, what books they liked to read. Then, the students' remarks and their photos are put on the Spotlight display.

The Spotlight series promotes HA clubs, but also highlights students who found satisfaction in participating in extracurricular activities.

Ms Rosenblatt says she hopes grade 9 and 10 students who typically spend study hall time in the library will see this display and be inspired to become involved school citizens.



Junior Classical League



Envirothon



Robotics Club

Mathew Allen looks forward to using new skills he developed by talking to other math teachers at AP Summer Institute

Mathew Allen, who has been a math teacher at Hampden Academy for the past four years, is looking forward to getting back in the classroom this fall.

This summer, he spent a week at the AP Summer Institute in St. Johnsbury, VT, where AP teachers from around the country come to talk with other teachers in their field and work with instructors on pedagogical ways to approach the material they're teaching.

"It was one of the best professional development workshops I've ever been to," Mr. Allen said. "I was able to talk to people who have been teaching the same content as me. I got a lot of different ideas—and a lot of motivation for this coming year."

He said institute included taking seminar classes and talking with other math teachers from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., for the entire week, Monday through Friday.

Mr. Allen says he'll be doing some things differently when he teaches AP Calculus-AB this fall.

"There are a lot of topics that I'll probably approach differently," he said. "A number of teachers in my seminar talked about how they teach difficult topics in calculus in ways I had never thought of trying before. I've definitely learned some new skills to deal with topics that I had a hard time approaching during the first couple years I taught the

class."

Mr. Allen said this was his first AP Summer Institute, but he hopes it won't be his last.

He says he'd love to enroll in the Summer Institute as a new teacher if HA decides to add AP Calculus BC (a more advanced course) to the curriculum.

He'd also like to go back in 4 or 5 years to see if the pedagogy of teaching calculus has changed.



Special Olympics in Regional School Unit 22

After two years of minimal to no events due to the pandemic for our Special Olympics Athletes and Unified Partners in the district, we are gearing up for a great year

of Special Olympics events that are looking to be all in person! Did you know that the Special Olympics is more than just a sports competition? Seniors, Selina Turgeon, Benjamin Kristal and Evan King from Hampden Academy will be focused on continuing to create a more inclusive environment for all students throughout the district! Upon returning from the USA Games in Orlando, Florida, they discussed ways to promote inclusion with their mentor, Andrea Turgeon. Some of the ideas they came up with are a Unified Club where activities will

take place for all students, start a "buddy" program to foster inclusion and have informational sessions so that all people can be informed of ways to support inclusion in schools and the community.

According to the Special Olympics Maine website, Special Olympics vision is to transform communities by inspiring people throughout the world to open their minds, accept and include people with intellectual disabilities and thereby anyone who is perceived as different. Special Olympics is a global movement that unleashes the human spirit every day around the world through the transformative power and joy of sport. Through programming in sports, health, education and community building, Special Olympics is tackling the inactivity, stigma, isolation, and injustice that people with intellectual disabilities (ID) face. Our work goes far beyond sports events, driv-

ing social change that enables full social participation for people with ID. Special Olympics' approach is to deliver high-quality training and competition in an inclusive culture through Unified Sports which allows for people with and without intellectual disabilities to play on the same field.

Students with and without disabilities, as well as staff, are able to participate in training and competitions all throughout the school year across the district. Pre-pandemic sporting events included basketball, bowling, bocce, swimming, snowshoeing, skiing and track & field events as well as leadership activities including unified clubs, fans in the stands and being a voice for inclusion. We are looking forward to a full return to activities beginning this fall!

To become more involved with Special Olympics, please reach out to your building administrator for more information.



Julia Michaud retires after 25 years teaching ELA, Writing to 7th graders

Julia Michaud has retired from RSU 22 after 25 years of teaching seventh grade ELA and Writing to grade seven students at Reeds Brook Middle School.

Early in her teaching career, Julia was part of the groundbreaking Maine Learning Technology Initiative at its inception in 2002, which made Maine the first in the country to provide laptops to all grade 7 and 8 students.

As an MLTI learning leader, she worked with students and other teachers on one-to-one technology integration, which has had a significant impact on teaching and learning in Maine schools.

In the fall of 2006, Ms. Michaud was selected to travel to Japan as part of the Japan Fulbright Program. she spent three weeks in Japan as part of a group of 200 American educators from all over the country studying the Japanese education system, posting highlights and cultural information back to her students on a blog, and communicating with seventh graders at Reeds Brook via Skype.

Ms. Michaud has been instrumental in providing cultural experiences to RBMS seventh graders by organizing annual trips to the Penobscot Theatre to see the holiday production and touring the Colby Art Museum each spring. These memorable trips to live theater and a world-class art museum have been firsts for many grade seven students.

Ms. Michaud earned a master's degree in Integrated Teaching Through the Arts from Lesley University in 2016. Her training in the arts allowed her to offer students choices

in demonstrating their learning through poetry, visual art, creative movement, music, and storytelling, which has fostered critical thinking and opened pathways to creativity, collaboration, and communication among her students—all important twenty-first-century skills.

Ms. Michaud believes some of her most important work has been in building and fostering a culture of readers and writers among her students.

RBMS readers have been recognized for their insightful responses to books in the Letters About Literature Contest of the Maine Humanities Council. Seventh-grade writers have consistently excelled at writing and delivering speeches in the Modern Woodman Civic Oration Contest, often advancing to the regional level of the contest. The annual grade seven Poetry Cafe (including the virtual version during the pandemic) has inspired students to share their creative voices.

In recent years Ms. Michaud has been inspired by her participation in the work of the Equity in Education team, and she believes strongly in this vital district work and the crucial role it plays in the district's commitment to equity and inclusion.

Although Ms. Michaud will dearly miss teaching and learning with students and families of RSU22 and working with a top-notch team of educators who have become life-long friends, she looks forward to spending more time with family and many outdoor activities, and traveling.



REEDS BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL
Susan Thibedeau, Principal
862-3540

Welcome to All Reeds Brook Families and Students!

By Susan Thibedeau
Principal, Reeds Brook Middle School

As the 2022-23 school year begins, we are looking ahead to another exciting year of learning and growing. I continue to be impressed with middle schoolers' capacity for curiosity, passion, and empathy. Reeds Brook fosters encouragement of this intellectual and social development. Staff truly live our mission of providing a supportive environment that challenges all students to achieve individual success. Please know we are here to encourage and help our students.

The first day of school is August 29, 2022, for all middle school students. We are excited to see our 7th and 8th graders again and to meet our 6th graders. All students should report to their assigned homeroom upon arrival to school on the first day. Schedules will be given to students in their homerooms.

For our 6th grade families, we are hosting a 6th Grade Parent Night on August 24 at 5:00 pm, so please join us to learn more about your student's transition to middle school. More information will follow about this meeting. If sixth graders would like to drop by the school and find their homeroom and locker, the sixth grade wing will be accessible on Tuesday, 8/23 from 9:00 to 11:00 am for students with last names starting A-L and from 12:00 - 2:00 pm for students with last names starting K-Z. If you cannot make your assigned time, it is fine to come earlier or later. There will also be plenty of time on the first day to learn about locker use.

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

Kim Haggan retires after 35 years in RSU 22

Kim Haggan has retired after 35 years of service in RSU 22.

Mrs. Haggan joined RSU 22 in 1987 as an Education Technician at Weatherbee School. In 1988, she became the Director of District Behavior Programming at Weatherbee and Reeds Brook Middle School.

In 1996, she began her teaching

career at Reeds Brook. In 2014, she took on the additional responsibility of Dean of Students. In 2019, she became the full-time Dean of Students serving both Reeds Brook and Wagner Middle Schools.

Mrs. Haggan coached the girls varsity basketball team at Hamp-

den Academy for five years, 1996-2000. She also served as coach of the Reeds Brook Girls B soccer team for 9 years, and as coach of the Boys B team for 14 years.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family enjoying all that Maine has to offer.

Paula Sloane retires after 15 years

Paula Sloane, who was born and raised in New Jersey and lived in Baltimore for 30 years before moving to Maine, has retired after teaching for 15 years at Reeds Brook Middle School.

Ms. Sloane earned her undergraduate degree in Fine Arts with a concentration in Art History from Towson State University in Maryland. She worked as Gallery Manager at Maryland Art Place, a contemporary arts center in downtown Baltimore, and then as Creative Director at Callahan + Company, a marketing communications firm, also in Baltimore. After that, she was a Brand Manager for Curiosity Kits, a children's craft kits company in Baltimore county.

She moved to mid-coast Maine to be closer to family. She earned her Master's degree in teaching English from University of Maine and started teaching at Reeds Brook in 2007.

She taught primarily 7th grade ELA and Writing, but during her first few years she also taught 8th grade ELA and Writing, 6th grade GT, and 6th grade Social Studies.

In 2008, Ms. Sloane's 6th grade gifted and talented students penned their thoughts on what the future will hold; those essays are currently buried in the time capsule at Hampden Academy.

Ms. Sloane initiated an after-school peer tutoring program at Reeds Brook, which saw selected 7th and 8th grade students tutoring their peers in writing and editing.

Several of her students have won national writing and speech competitions, including Letters About Literature and Modern Woodman Speech Contest and have gone on to win other writing competitions, including the VFW's Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Contest.

For the past three years, Ms. Sloane has been Reeds Brook's Yearbook Advisor, along with Vicki Leavitt. Their first yearbook was a team effort designed and published during lockdown.

Ms. Sloane says she has no immediate plans for retirement other than gardening, biking, writing, and traveling.



Curriculum Office Update

(Continued from page 2)

- A literacy consultant who works with teachers in their classrooms to improve instruction in grades K-8
- Technology professional development
- Increasing Teacher Leadership in academic and social emotional arenas
- Increasing the Effectiveness of the Teachers in their Content Areas
- Book studies participation
- Attending conferences and workshops (virtually if necessary) and visiting other educators to learn more about their craft
- Increasing Recruitment/Retention Efforts
- Supporting new RSU 22 teachers
- Increasing cultural competence to better address diversity, equity and inclusion

*Title IVA: 21st Century Schools

This year's allocation is \$36,930.86.

As allowed by statute, we have transferred this allocation into two other funds - Title IA and Title VB. This allows us greater flexibility in using the funds to meet the identified student needs.

*Title VB: Rural Schools

This year's allocation is \$24,285.81. The amount transferred from Title IVA was \$29,930.86 for a total project amount of \$54,216.67. These monies will fund the Student Support and Academic Achievement project.

This includes:

- Equity in Education committee work
- Technology improvements and professional development
- PBIS and Restorative Practices work
- Interdisciplinary curriculum work

Our application is located in the superintendent's office.

For any questions, please contact Jennifer Nickerson, (207) 862-3255 or jnickerson@rsu22.us.

Kristi Charette named Principal at Wagner Middle School

Kristi Charette, literacy coach for the Bangor School Department for the past 11 years, is the new principal at Wagner Middle School.



Kristi Charette

She replaces Nicholas Raymond, who was named Superintendent of Schools for RSU 22 effective July 1.

Ms. Charette has been teaching for 21 years. Before moving to Bangor, she was a classroom teacher for five years in Palmyra (grades 3-4) and then for five years (grades 4, 5, and 6) in Skowhegan.

She graduated from the University of Maine with a B.S. degree in Education in 2001. She received her Master's degree in Literacy from UMaine in 2007 and her CAS in Literacy, also from UMaine, in

2012. She is currently enrolled in a District Leadership master's degree program at UMaine, with three classes remaining.

Ms. Charette earned National Board Certification in Literacy (Reading-Language Arts/Early And Middle Childhood) in 2010 and 2020).

She lives in Bangor. Her daughter Michaela is working on her Master's degree in Medical Sciences at the University of Vermont. Her son Luke is enrolled in the electrical program at Eastern Maine Community College.

She also has two German shepherd dogs—Sam, 3, and Bee, 4 months.

In her off-duty time, Kristi says she reads a lot and enjoys running and traveling.

Before she started teaching, Ms. Charette was in the Army and trained as a nurse at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC. When she completed her military training, she worked in pediatrics.

WAGNER MIDDLE SCHOOL Kristi Charette, Principal, 223-4309



Dear Wagner Families,

I am very excited to be writing this letter of introduction to you as the newly appointed Principal of Samuel L. Wagner Middle School. I am looking forward to having the opportunity to work with a community in which students, staff, and parents support each other with building relationships that will assist student achievement in all areas of the school day.

As we get ready for the year, Wagner staff members have been busy getting ready for your student's arrival. We are looking forward to a new school year that will provide rigorous and relevant educational opportunities that will set students up for future success in society. Beyond academics, our goals will include instilling a sense of respect and responsibility so students are prepared for social situations when they arise.

I am available to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have for the upcoming school year. Please feel free to reach me at 223-4309 or kcharette@rsu22.us. I look forward to meeting all of you and working together to assist your student(s) in meeting their academic and personal goals.

Sincerely,
Kristi Charette
Kristi Charette, Principal

Coming up at Wagner Middle School

- **5th Grade Open House—August 24 and 25 by appointment.** Fifth grade teachers will be hosting a Wagner Walk-Through on those days. Students will be able to tour Wagner Middle School to see student learning and “living” spaces. Each student may bring two guests. Sign up with at the following link: bit.ly/3oLwm3x.
- **Grades 6-8 Open House—September 14, 6 to 7 p.m.**
- **Sports—students need to have a physical exam on file to participate in Wagner Middle School sports.** The physical is good for 2 years. Check under “athletics” on the Wagner Web Page for forms to fill out. Sign ups will take place during the first week of classes.



CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER—The entire Wagner Middle School 7th grade attended the Challenger Learning Center in June. They performed a series of successful missions as a team, despite a two year Covid delay.



WAGNER MIDDLE SCHOOL GETS A BIG “W” IN FRONT—One of goals when Facilities Director Bill Booth joined RSU 22 was to get the entrances to the schools to look better. At Wagner, Mr. Booth found a section of broken concrete in front of the building that needed to be replaced. When he spoke with Nick Raymond, who was the building principal at the time, he suggested using pavers to create a big W in front of the entrance. An RSU 22 maintenance crew took out the broken concrete, and Hodgkin Landscaping came in and did the pavers, which now form a big W in front of the school. Mr. Booth said he'd been to Wagner a few times when students have been in the area, the students he talked to said it looked great. Mr. Booth said installing the pavers also cost less than concrete flatwork.



Above: 7th and 8th graders in the Wagner and Reeds Brook band and chorus enjoyed an end of year field trip to Fun Town Splash Town.



5th and 6th graders in the Wagner/ Reeds Brook/ Weatherbee Band and Chorus celebrated the end of the school year with a field trip to Sandy Point Beach. Above: Isabella Krummel and Lilly Sholes.



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Matthew Lindemann, Principal
 mlindemann@rsu22.us

7/15/22

Dear McGraw School Families,

My name is Matt Lindemann and it is with great excitement that I introduce myself to you as the new principal of the Earl C. McGraw School. I am honored that I was chosen to lead such an amazing school and in such a supportive community. Our school community is filled with dedicated and talented team members who are committed to doing what is in the best interest of our students.

I know firsthand what a great community Hampden is to live, grow up, and attend school. I attended McGraw and all of the Hampden schools as a student and graduated from Hampden Academy in 2010. My teaching career also began in Hampden. I taught for six years at the Weatherbee School before becoming a school leader. I have spent the past two years as the Assistant Principal at the Boothbay Region Elementary School. I am thrilled to be coming home and bringing my skills and passion to the McGraw team!

This summer, I plan to learn as much as I can about our school, community, and the unique needs of our students and staff to ensure a smooth and successful transition. I am committed to continuing the great work that is happening at McGraw and working diligently to ensure success for the future. I believe in keeping our students at the center of all that we do in our school and working together with our families and community to help our children receive an education that is second to none in an environment that is safe and supportive.

I look forward to meeting all of our students, teachers, staff, families, and community members. Please know that my door is always open to you, and I can be reached by phone at (207) 862-3830 and by email at mlindemann@rsu22.us. I am excited about all that we will achieve together for our students this school year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Matt Lindemann, Principal



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

Matt Lindemann new Principal at McGraw School

Matt Lindemann, a 2010 graduate of Hampden Academy who spent six years as a teacher in the George B. Weatherbee School, has returned to RSU 22 as Principal of the Earl C. McGraw School.



Matt Lindemann

Mr. Lindemann spent two

years as Assistant Principal at the Boothbay Region Elementary School before accepting the position at McGraw.

Growing up in Hampden, he attended McGraw and all of the Hampden schools. He earned his B.S. degree in Elementary Education from the University of Maine in 2014, and his Master's degree in School Leadership from St. Joseph's College in 2020.

Mr. Lindemann and his wife Ashley moved to Brewer this summer with their 6-month-old daughter, Alexandra.



McGraw's new Principal hosts 'popsicle' event

Principal Matt Lindemann hosted a "Popsicles with the Principal" event on August 10th at the McGraw School playground.

The event was a way for McGraw students, families, and community partners to meet Mr. Lindemann prior to the start of the school year.

Mr. Lindemann hopes that the event was the first in many opportunities for McGraw families and community members to partner with the school during the 2022-2023.

"Popsicles with the Principal" was sponsored by the McGraw PTO.





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

The Weatherbee PTO welcomes you to join our school community. We are so fortunate to have incredible volunteers and parent support in our learning community. We understand how busy families are. Whether you'd like to offer a time to photocopy, help in the library, pop popcorn for a Virtual Summer School winner's class or join a Trunk or Treat, there's always an opportunity to get involved. We would love to grow our membership to continue supporting events like:

- Chewonki Presentation
- Maine Day
- Online Auction
- Planetarium Visit
- Virtual Summer School Prizes
- Teacher Appreciation Week Celebrations

Consider stopping in to say hello. We look forward to seeing you at our Open House booth.



Aaliyah MacGregor shops at the PTO Spring "Buy One, Get One" Book Fair



Excited Bobcats who were raffle winners of the PTO Spring Book Raffle!

Welcome
Volunteers!

Whether chaperoning a field trip, joining the PTO or helping with a school event, we would love to have you volunteer!

Volunteers must complete an RSU 22 Volunteer Form. This can be found on our school website at: https://weatherbee.rsu22.us/for_parents/forms We hope you'll consider joining in the fun.



Bikes for Books: Mrs. Randall leads our Bikes for Books celebration along with students Avery Zhang, Grace White and Bryson Smith assist. Students earned points for their reading throughout the year and their names were entered into a drawing for bikes and other prizes.



Bikes for Books winners: Front: Spyros Pouloupoulos and Korra Sue Pinto
 Back: Jackson Belanger, Alaina Joyce, Sidney Palmer and Maisara Messahel



Better together! Our first whole school assembly since we went into lockdown. Students were able to sing our school song together for the first time.

Weatherbee Class Trip

Our fifth graders traveled to the Old Town-Orono YMCA for their class trip in June. In prior years, we have had to split the trip into two days but the YMCA was able to accommodate the entire class. This made it extra special to have an experience all together. Students were able to choose from a variety of activities including swimming, yoga, zumba, the field house, basketball court, crafts, and turf field for soccer and kickball. What did the students say? “Make the trip longer!” Translation; we’ll interpret that as a successful outing.



Weatherbee Student Leaders—Student Leaders were recognized in an all school assembly for their work this year. Some projects included Maine Day, the staff vs. students basketball game and supporting school wide efforts around appropriate behavior.

Welcome Back!

By Dawn Moore
Smith School Principal

We hope you had a fantastic summer filled with fun and family! We are excited for a full year of engaging learning. Smith School has had a busy summer cleaning, painting, and putting new flooring in the cafeteria! This summer, our greenhouse produced green beans, tomatoes, and peppers. Teachers have been in and out getting ready for a new class. The excitement of a new year is in the air!

One of our school goals this year will be attendance. Did you know



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

daily attendance routines, created at home or in school, can reduce stress for students and create a sense of safety and security? Being in school

helps students to get to know peers, teachers, and school staff, and to create trusting relationships that motivate students to participate in

learning. Schools help students and families gain access to basic resources such as meals, physical and mental health services, and fun enrichment activities including sports, clubs, music, after school, and summer programs. Showing up to school regularly helps students engage in learning that builds proficiency in reading and math that will help them to graduate from high school (attendnaceworks.org). We love having your children at school every day! Together we can make this a successful year.

Have a wonderful last few day of summer! We can't wait to meet our new students and reconnect with our returning ones.

VSS students celebrate after 4 weeks of summer school

Over 100 students in grades 3-5 enjoyed four weeks of Virtual Summer School. Two teachers provided weekly learning opportunities and provided feedback to students when assignments were completed. Students earned points based on the participation level each week.

VSS students celebrated their hard work with an ice cream social at Smith School on August 10.



Summer Learning for grades K-2



For our K-2 students, a bag of supplies was sent home for all students which included a learning bingo board. Students were challenged to complete all the activities this summer. Activities focused on five areas: reading, writing, phonics, math, and citizenship. Students who completed the bingo board enjoyed ice cream treats at McGraw School on August 9.



RSU 22 Summer Learning

K-2 Bingo Board - BLACKOUT BINGO!

Reading	Writing	Phonics	Math	Citizenship
Read to a stuffed animal	Write a card to someone	Read the phonics fluency passage	Find as many 2D/3D shapes as you can	Visit a public library
Read in your bathing suit	Go for a walk and write about it	Complete the phonics pages	Create a graph of your family's favorite ice cream flavors	Help someone without being asked
Read on a rainy day	Write five facts about yourself	FREE 	Sort coins into groups - BONUS: Add up the coins!	Give someone a compliment
Read with a grown up	Rainbow write your sight words	Play memory with your sight words	Measure 5 objects with a ruler	Do your chores
Read outside	Complete the handwriting pages	Complete the rhyme time worksheet	Play a card game from the packet	Teach someone your calming strategies



Students celebrated with a water party!



Fourth grade had a wonderful celebration to wrap up their time at Smith School.

Smith School end of the year fun:

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

- Fourth grade had a wonderful celebration to wrap up their time at Smith School. Students celebrated with a water party! The fourth-grade teachers said their good-byes with certificates and a touching slideshow of the students' years at Smith.

- Kindergarten graduated to first grade.

- Mr. Bartlett organized a Field Day for all students. Volunteers from HA joined us in our adventure.

- PIE hosted a street dance which was met with lots of laughs and fun! The annual variety show took place, showcasing many talents!

- A well supported fundraiser, PIE in the face, provided entertainment and giggles.

- HA seniors walked the Smith School hallways, where they were met with cheers and high fives.

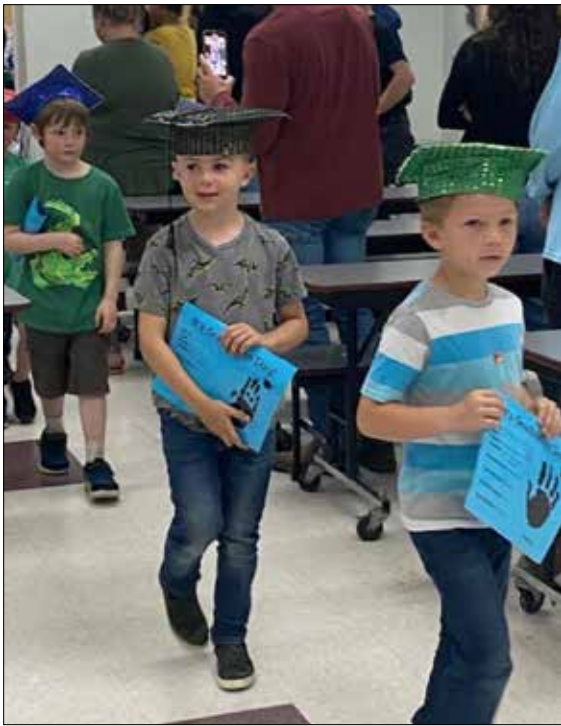
- A few field trips took place; Second Grade went to Fort Knox; First Grade went to Mossman's Park: It was great to be able to go on a field trip again!

- The Wagner band and chorus visited Smith, offering an amazing performance.

- Title One students celebrated all their hard work with a Literacy Carnival.

- Miss Maine visited classrooms to talk about the importance of education.

We are looking forward to another great year ahead.



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PIE in the Face



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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 862-3791 Guidance Office 862-4111 Athletic Office 862-3985
Earl C. McGraw Elementary 20 Main Road North, Hampden, ME 04444	MATT LINDEMANN Principal	Grades K-2 8:50 a.m.-3 p.m.	Main Office 862-3830
Newburgh Early Childhood Center 2220 Western Ave., Newburgh, ME 04444	DAWN MOORE Pre-K Administrator	Pre-K (Mon-Fri) 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Main Office 234-2781
Reeds Brook Middle School 28A Main Road South, Hampden, ME 04444	SUSAN THIBEDEAU Principal	Grades 6-8 7:40 a.m.-2 p.m.	Main Office 862-3540
Leroy H. Smith School 319 South Main St., Winterport, ME 04496	DAWN MOORE Principal	Grades Pre-K-4 7:50 a.m.-2 p.m.	Main Office 223-4282
Samuel L. Wagner Middle School 19 Williams Way, Winterport, ME 04496	KRISTI CHARETTE 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

Health Service Team-Transitions and Hires

School nurse coming to Weatherbee School

The Weatherbee School will welcome a new school nurse this year, who will be at Weatherbee 3 days per week. A number of qualified applications have been received and a candidate will be brought to the Board of Directors on August 17, 2022.

When the candidate is approved we will announce who it is and their contact information.



Natasha Adams, RN

School Nurse for Earl C. McGraw School (3 days) and Leroy H. Smith School (1 day)

Contact information:

nadams@rsu22.us
862-3830

Natasha Adams lives in Hampden with her husband, Mike, and their three boys Gavin, Riley, and Brayden. She graduated from the University of Maine in 2010 with a Bachelor's degree in nursing.

Before joining RSU 22 she worked at Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center for 14 years, including 12 years as a registered nurse.

She enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, and exploring new places. She is looking forward to her new career as a school nurse.



Bus Drivers Wanted John T. Cyr & Sons Inc.

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

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

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

949-0597

and ask for Melanie



Join our School Nutrition Team!

Chef Manager at Reeds Brook Middle School

Full Time School Year Position

Food Service Subs for upcoming School Year

For further information contact Kathy Kittridge kkittridge@rsu22.us
Or to apply contact Marie McCaw mmccaw@rsu22.us or 862-3255



Brittany Layman, RN

Director of Health, Wellness and Safety, RSU 22

Contact information:

blayman@rsu22.us 862-0838

Brittany Layman has been with RSU 22 since the Fall of 2014. She was hired as the part-time nurse for McGraw School and part-time Health and Wellness Coordinator.

Over the last 2 years her focus has been on managing COVID 19 in our buildings. She is excited to begin a new adventure as the Director of Health, Wellness and Safety for RSU 22.

This year she says RSU 22 will be focused on providing equitable health services across the district and maintaining a safe learning environment.

Please reach out with any questions, and I am looking forward to the 2022-2023 school year.

School Garden Grown!

This has been a busy growing season for RSU 22. We have been able to utilize the new greenhouse at the Leroy Smith School and the outside beds at Reeds Brook are taking off. This year we have harvested broccoli, greens, cucumbers and so much more! Soon the tomatoes will be turning red and our wonderful nutrition staff will create a delicious sauce! If you are interested in learning more about the program, please contact Brittany Layman and visit our FaceBook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/RSU22garden>



Farm and Sea to School Institute

Leroy H. Smith School and Reeds Brook Middle School are involved in Maine's first Farm and Sea to School Institute.

A team of teachers, nutrition staff, students and administrators will work with a coach throughout the 2022-2023 to develop an action plan to connect agriculture to the cafeteria and classroom. We are looking forward to sharing our story with you!

Ed Techs Wanted

Educational Technician I - \$15.52 - \$19.54/hour

Educational Technician II - \$16.37 - \$21.17/hour

Educational Technician III - \$17.22 - \$22.79/hour

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

Current openings for Ed Tech III's at Hampden Academy and McGraw, Smith, and Wagner Schools; additional openings possible at other RSU 22 schools as instructional needs arise.

Ed Techs work primarily in two areas. In special education, Ed Techs work in small group settings and 1:1 with individual special education students.

Ed Tech generalists assist the teaching staff by working in the Library, in reading rooms (helping with reading instruction), providing intervention in small groups, and doing lunch duty.

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

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

RSU 22 needs you!!!

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

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

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

We look forward to hearing from YOU!

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

207-862-3255

Girl Scouts place vinyl stickers with positive messages in 25 Cyr school buses

Girl Scouts from Troop 715 have placed stickers with positive messages inside 25 Cyr buses that take children to and from school in RSU 22.

As a junior Girl Scout troop, the girls were looking to do a Take Action Project to make their community a better place and help them earn a Bronze Award for the troop.

The girls brainstormed a project called "Operation Positive Bus Stickers." The girls felt that if a student wasn't having a good day, they could look up and see positive stickers on the inside roof of the bus! The stickers would help them to feel motivated, make a difference, and stay positive for the day.

The stickers were drawn by the girls in their own handwriting. They were printed on vinyl stickers at Davis Vinyl in Benton.

Troop leader Amanda Savage said the project was a group effort, involving the Girl Scouts, the community, RSU 22, Cyr Bus Co., and Davis Vinyl.



Girl Scout Troop 715 members placed positive message stickers inside 25 Cyr school buses. From left: Chloe Peters, Amanda Savage (troop leader), Isabelle Lawson, Maanya Madireddy Gwendolyn Savage, Aubrey Baker, Sophia Davison, Addy Trepanier, Peyton Bonin, Meghan Baker (troop leader).

Free Meals for all Students during 2022-23 School Year!

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

However, it is important to note that RSU 22 still needs to receive free and reduced meal applications for school funding; if you qualify

you may be eligible for other state benefits.

Applications can be filled out on the RSU 22 website in the resources section. There is an easy and confidential online option, printable copies, or look for an application

form in your child's return-to-school information.

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Free Meals offered are breakfast and lunch combo meals, which include entree choices, sides, vegetables, fruits, and milk. Daily and

Alternate meal combos are also free. Menus are posted on the School Nutrition section of the RSU 22 website in resources.

Meal combo meals are free but individual items (a la carte) are sold separately.

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

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

School Meal Balances

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

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

Menu for the First Day of School - Pizza, fruit, veggie, milk & cookie

The menu is posted on the RSU 22 website in the Resources section under School Nutrition.

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RSU 22 School Nutrition was awarded a generous grant from Full Plates Full Potential and Maine Savings Federal Credit Union, which enabled us to give out free boxes of groceries in July.

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Questions about the School Nutrition Program?

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

Fill Out Your School Meal Benefit Form Online Today!



SCAN OR
CLICK ME!



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

It helps your school and community!

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

You could get extra money for groceries!

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

It's quick, private, and online!

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



Special Education Records

Attention individuals who attended RSU 22 schools and whose birthday is before December 31, 1996: The district is in the process of destroying special education records for students who will turn 26 years old as of the December 31, 2022. 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, 2022.

Notification for Building Occupants

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

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Bill Booth, Director of Facilities

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

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

Pest Control. Because pesticides pose risks, the school uses alternative approaches 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, Bill Booth, at the Superintendent's Office, 862-3255.

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

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

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

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

1. You may inspect and review any of your child's records.
 2. You may receive copies of the records for a minimal duplication charge.
 3. You may have someone at your child's school explain or interpret any item in your child's records that you do not understand.
 4. You may ask for an amendment of any record on the grounds that it is inaccurate, misleading or violates privacy rights.
 5. You may refuse consent for the disclosure of personally identifiable information related to your child to anyone other than school officials or persons acting in an official capacity for the Maine Department of Education of the US Department of Education.
- More detailed information can be obtained on our website: www.RSU22.us.

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 Nicholas Raymond	
Asst. Superintendent Christine Boone	
Curriculum Office – Jennifer Nickerson	862-3255
Special Services - Lynne Wells	862-2774
School Food Service - Kathy Kittridge	862-3543
Adult Education Office	862-6422
Technology Systems Coordinator	862-3335
Hampden Academy Main Office	862-3791
Guidance Office	862-4111
Athletic Office	862-3985
Alternative Education	862-6429
Earl C. McGraw School	862-3830
Newburgh Early Childhood Center	234-2781
Reeds Brook Middle School	862-3540
Leroy H. Smith School	223-4282
Samuel L. Wagner Middle School	223-4309
George B. Weatherbee School	862-3254
Transportation: John T. Cyr & Sons	862-3984
Dustin Ireland	862-2054 (fax)

RSU #22 - 2022-23 School Calendar

August					September					October				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
8	9	10	11	12				1	2 V	3	4	5	6	7 I
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29 (Gr 1-9 and UTC)	30 P (Gr 1-12)	31			19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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November					December					January				
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May					June					School Year Summary				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	178* Student Days				
1	2	3	4	5				1	2	1 Management Day				
8	9	10	11	12	5	6	7	8	9	1 Teacher Preparation Day				
15	16	17	18	19	12	13 T	14 I	15	16	5 Inservice Days				
22	23	24	25	26 ED	19	20	21	22	23	1 Teacher Comp Day				
29 H	30	31								(* 3 storm days included)				
August 15					Fall Sports					1 46 days				
August 19, 22, 23					Teacher Orientation (8/19 Sped only)					2 43 days				
August 25					Staff Inservice day					3 48 days				
August 24, 26					Management Day, Teacher Prep					4 41 days				
August 29					Partial Attendance (Gr 1-9 students and UTC)					178				
August 30					Partial Attendance (Gr 1-12 students)					178				
September 6					Full Attendance (PreK and K - First Day)					8/29-12/22 62 days				
November 23					Teacher Comp Time (no school)					12/5/22-3/10/23 56 days				
11/10, 12/9, 2/17, *4/14, *5/26, 6/13					Early Dismissal (4/14 and 5/26 *Teachers as well)					3/13-6/13/23 60 days				
8/25, 10/7, 1/23, 3/17, 6/14					Inservice - no school									
June 11					Hampden Academy Graduation									
June 13					Last Student Day									

School Year					
178* Student Days					
1 Management Day					
1 Teacher Preparation Day					
5 Inservice Days					
1 Teacher Comp Day					
(* 3 storm days included)					
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1	46 days	8/29-12/22	62 days		
2	43 days	12/5/22-3/10/23	56 days		
3	48 days	3/13-6/13/23	60 days		
4	41 days				
178		178			
H=Holiday, V=Vacation Day					
ED=Early Dismissal					
I=Teacher Inservice Day, No School					

RSU 22 - 2022-2023

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

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

Run #26

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

Run #36

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

Run #31

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

Run #34

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

Run #29

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

K-5 students, AM & PM buses

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

Run #22

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

Run #23

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

Run #24

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

Run #25

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

Run #26

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

Run #29

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

Run #31

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

Run #34

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

Run #35

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

Run #36

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

Frankfort

FRANKFORT K-12. Please have students outside ready 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.

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.

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 #28

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

Run #32

Starts at 6:45 K-12 corner of Kendall Road and Stream Road, straight on Stream Road, right on Goshen Road, right on Kendall Road, left on Stream Road, including end of Fisher Road, right on Tibbets Bridge Road, right on Stream Road, including end of Pineview Drive (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 #28

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

Bus #35

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

Bus #40

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

Bus #41

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

PM buses

Run #25HA

Leaves Hampden Academy 2:05 Route 1A North after B. Johnson Lane to Route 1A South Winterport town line, including end of Penobscot Lane, end of Seabreeze Lane, end of Sky View Lane, end of Memorial Drive, end of Cushing Street, end of Elm Street, end of Lebanon Street, end of Wig Street, end of Merrill Street, end of School Street, end of Washington Street, end of Dean Street, end of Commercial Street, end of Ferry Street, end of Kaler Street, end of Sampson Street, end of Church Street, end of Steamboat Street, end of Marine Street, end of Holmes Street, including Silver Lane, Water Street, Lincoln Street, Mechanic Street, Parsonage Street, right on Mt. View, right on Fox Run, right on Stream Road, end of Elderberry Street, end of Hasey Lane, end of Pineview Drive, (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 2:05, Route 1A North from Winterport town line to and including B. Johnson Lane, including end of Landing Road, Old County Road, Riverview Heights, end of Perry Road, end of Garden Drive, end of Birch Drive, left on Upper Oak Point, end of Hackett Road, end of Lower Oak Point, Baker Road from Route 1A, including end of Moyes Road, Back Winterport Road from Hampden town line to the end of Coles Corner Road, including Twinning Cove Road, end of Comikev Lane, end of Cedarwood Lane, end of Veros Way, end of Staples Road, end of Schoolhouse Lane, end of Rob Clark Road, Route 69 from Route 1A Winterport to Hampden town line, including Airport Road, Boston Road, Meadow Road, Town Farm Road, including end of Alderwood Drive, end of Beaver Road, end of Harmony Lane, end of Bass Lane, end of Rancourt Road, end of Meadow Lane, end of Chickadee Lane, end of Proctor Lane, Monroe Road from the Winterport/Hampden town line, right on Route 69 to the Winterport/Hampden town line.

REMINDER: IT'S THE LAW

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

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, including Hampden students on Route 9 (Western Avenue) between Deer Hill Lane and Sawyer Road. Drop students at RBMS continue to HA and drop HA students.

K-5 students, AM & PM buses

Run #21

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

Run #30

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

Run #33

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

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

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

Bus Rules

These FIVE rules are posted in every bus:

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



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Community Enrichment:

Watch for our fall course catalog coming to your mailbox in early October. Until then, check out courses through our distance learning partners:

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This fall, check out nearly 500 interactive personal enrichment online courses through our partnership with Ed2Go. All classes are instructor-led (via email), fit into convenient six-week formats, and are affordably priced. Popular courses include: Drawing for the Absolute Beginner, Photography Suit, Intro to Guitar, Alternative Medicine, Accounting, Microsoft, Cloud Computing, Security, Languages (Spanish, French, Sign Language) and many more. Browse the site for a full list of courses!

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Hampden/Newburgh Pre K 2022-2023

Monday - Friday

9:00am - 2:30pm

Newburgh Center

**2220 Western Avenue
Newburgh, ME 04444**

Pre K provides free inclusive education for children who will be four years old on or before October 15, 2022.

Please visit: rsu22.us/our-schools/pre-k for more information and an application.

Click on **Register for Hampden/Newburgh Pre K**, fill out the brief form, then you will be directed to the application and supporting documents. Please complete the application with supporting documentation: a copy of your child's state-issued birth certificate (not hospital-issued), current immunization records, two forms of proof of residency, and a small photograph (if possible).

Please email/scan materials to: dmoore@rsu22.us
or mail to:

Pre K: Dawn Moore
319 South Main St.
Winterport, ME 04496

If you have further questions regarding Pre K, please email dmoore@rsu22.us or call the Smith School at 223-4282.

Hampden/Newburgh Pre K follows [RSU#22 School Calendar](#): Please note Pre K screening will take place the last week in August. Pre K classes begin September 6, 2022.



RSU #22 Education Foundation

Community Partners for Inspired Education

A BRIEF HISTORY.

The RSU #22 Education Foundation started to form in August 2009. The School Board had talked for some time about establishing such an organization and the idea was that the RSU 22 Education Foundation would become an integral part of the education structure of the school district. It would be patterned loosely after endowment funds set up by universities around the nation and last for many generations to come.

In September 2009 the board met for the first time, elected officers and got down to business. Some school districts, such as Cape Elizabeth, had already formed similar organizations and visits between both organizations occurred to examine the best ways to lay the groundwork for an efficient and productive education foundation.

The structure of the foundation began to take shape slowly. Fundraisers were held like the ever-popular Business Expo, and a "mini grant program" evolved for teachers that would help fund small projects designed to enhance learning in the classroom and inspire students.

The RSU22 Education Foundation is a self-funding entity where goals are carried out and completed by volunteers.

Former board of directors have included retired military, retired civil service, small business owners and of course active and retired teachers all the way from primary school to university level along with representation from each town in the district. All these people have shared the same vision: to see our young people inspired by learning.

The Foundation was put on hold during Covid but was able to maintain its 501(c) (3) status thanks to the former President, Peter Witt. With Peter's guidance and experience, new members have been successfully brought on board.

Current board members include:

President - Angela Ellingwood

Vice President - Shelley Sargent

Treasurer - Peter Witt

Secretary - Mary Anne Royal

Standing Member - Heather Patterson

Standing Member - Christine Boone

Today the new board of the RSU 22 Education Foundation is ready for our relaunch with the goal of continually supporting RSU 22 schools through the means outlined above. We will be starting mini grants again this year, so watch for ways to contribute!

If you are interested in becoming part of the history of the RSU 22 Education Foundation, please email our president at rsu22educationfoundation@gmail.com.