



RSU 9 News

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Working together to provide high-quality educational opportunities for all

Mallett School team vying for national Toshiba Exploravision science award

W.G. Mallett School second-graders Lucinda Perry, Ronnie Yau, and Clair Kiger were recently awarded first place for their “Spider Plant CO2 Collector” in the 30th annual [Toshiba Exploravision](#)



Northeast regional competition. Their project uses spider plants to absorb carbon dioxide emissions from automobiles. The team, pictured here with their project

and project facilitator Sue Boyce-Cormier, will compete nationally against other regional winners in kindergarten through third grade. **Another team from W.G. Mallett School** earned an honorable mention with their “Hive Tracker” project focusing on bees.

Congratulations to both teams! Best of luck to Lucinda, Ronnie, and Clair in the final phase of the competition!

Congratulations to ALL of our winter athletes

Mt. Blue High School winter athletes had a very successful season. You can check out all of the accolades by team [here](#) on MBHS Athletic Director Chad Brackett’s March school board report.



Mt. Blue Middle School also had a great season. You can check out the highlights [here](#) on MBMS Athletic Director Katie Duchesne’s March school board report.

Important Dates Coming Up!

- [21/22 District School Calendar](#)
- [21/22 - Blue Gold Calendar](#) (MBHS/Foster Tech)
- [Online Calendar](#)

RSU 9 District Budget

Information on RSU 9’s budget development process for the 2022/23 school year, including school/department presentations and meeting videos, is available on the [Budget Information Website](#).

- May 24, 2022 - Districtwide Budget Hearing
- June 14, 2022 - Budget Referendum Vote

Music for your ears



[Click here](#) to watch and hear the pre-break BluFri Jam at Mt. Blue Campus.

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Our school meals are top-notch

RSU 9 continues to see increased student participation in our school meals programs. For the month of March, a daily average of 2,276 meals were served across the district; we are up 295 meals per day from the start of school last fall.



Favorable meal reimbursement rates have allowed us to replace old kitchen equipment using revenue from the school nutrition program instead of these costs being added to the local budget. Recent replacements include a two-door refrigerator at



Cascade Brook School and a convection oven at Mt. Blue Middle School.

Hats off to Chef Andy and our team of school nutrition heroes working hard to supply meals each and every day to our students!

Students connecting in the community

Forestry and Woodharvesting Program students from Foster Career and Technical Education Center have been very busy this spring. As [reported in the Daily Bulldog](#), the program is collaborating with the town of Chesterville to provide zero-cost forest management services to some town properties.



Our students have also collaborated with the Mt. Blue Garden Club and Farmington Historical Society as they work to restore and maintain the park that houses the memorial arch dedicated to Franklin County veterans of World War One.



These are great examples of RSU 9 community partnerships in action. Special thanks go to the Town of Chesterville, Mt. Blue Garden Club, and Farmington Historical Society for offering these real-world learning experiences to our students!

Staff Members of the Month

Our professional and support staff members of the month for March are listed below. If you'd like to see photos of all of our honorees, click [here](#).

	Professional Staff	Support Staff
March 2022	Melissa Brown, special education teacher at Academy Hill School	Wendy Ross, librarian at /Cape Cod Hill School

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