



# RSU 9 Community News April 2021



## Planning for 21/22 School Year - Parent Survey!

Please complete this [survey](#) (1 per child). The purpose of this survey is to gather information to be used as we plan for the 21/22 school year.

- Your response will not impact the model for the remainder of the 20/21 school year.
- Please complete as accurately as possible - these numbers will assist us in planning.
- We are planning for a full return for the 21/22 school year, while still following all Maine DOE safety guidelines.
- We are currently investigating remote options as we currently do not have a confirmed model in the 21/22 school year.

SURVEY



Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. This information is crucial in the planning process for the 21/22 school year.

## Parent Engagement - Literacy & Math, fun for all!

Check out these events for some fun ways to interact and engage with your students around math & literacy. Events will provide valuable information and allow time for questions & answers.

Math Game Night: Tuesday, April 13th

Kindergarten - Second Grade: 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Third - Fifth Grade: 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Please register [HERE](#) prior to each event. Participants will receive a 'Family Game Night' bag to continue the fun at home!

Literacy Night: Wednesday, April 14th

Fifth - Eighth Grade: Advanced Literacy & Reading Engagement

5:30 - 6:00 pm

Please register [HERE](#) prior to the event. Participants will receive a voucher for a youth or young adult book at DDG Booksellers.

## Community Resources

- ★ A list of area resources can be found on the Mt. Blue RSD site under [Quick Links: Resources for Parents](#)
- ★ Regularly updated Community Resources regarding [COVID 19](#)
- ★ [NAMI MAINE](#): Looking for some extra support but don't know where to start. Try the toll-free Helpline (1-800-464-5767).

## RSU 9 Budget Update

The FY22 budget development timeline and process are posted on the district's [2021/22 Budget Information](#) webpage. School and department presentations and videos from the Budget Committee meetings are posted. The Board of Directors will meet on April 6 to finalize a proposed draft budget.

## Emergency Broadband Benefit Program Available to Eligible Families in April

The FCC recently adopted a Report and Order that established the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, a \$3.2 billion federal initiative to help lower the cost of high-speed internet for eligible households during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information on how to access this program click [HERE](#)

## Summer School Dates Announced

We will be holding summer programming this year from June 28th thru July 29th (no summer programming on July 5th). Families will be notified if their child is eligible to participate.

## Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration for the 21/22 School Year: April 1st - May 14th

To be eligible for Kindergarten, children must be five years old on or before October 15, 2021; for Pre-K, children must be four years old on or before October 15, 2021.

Students who are currently enrolled in one of the district's Pre-K programs at Cushing or Mallett do not need to re-register for kindergarten. Students at Cape Cod Hill School will need to register for kindergarten, even if already enrolled in Pre-K.

Please call your school and they will have a registration packet for you to pick up. All registered families will be contacted to schedule appointments in late summer for in-person registration and screenings.



### Cape Cod Hill School, New Sharon

Pre-K Registration: call Mrs. Hanley at 778-3031 Ext: 4130

Please leave your name and number; Mrs. Hanley will call you back as soon as possible.

Kindergarten: call Mrs. Oliver at 778-3031, press the main office extension

Please leave your name; Mrs. Oliver will call you back as soon as possible.

### Gerald D. Cushing School, Wilton

Call Mrs. LaPlant at 645-2442 for Pre-K and Kindergarten registration

Please leave your name and number; Mrs. LaPlant will call you back as soon as possible.

### W. G. Mallett School, Farmington

Call Mrs. Hastings at 778-3529 for Pre-K and Kindergarten registration

Please leave your name and number; Mrs. Hastings will call you back as soon as possible.

## Mt. Blue RSD Superintendent Search Update

The search for Mt. Blue Regional School District's new superintendent is still active. After careful consideration and deliberation, the Board has chosen to reopen the search. The position has been reposted and applications are due by April 16th. Another search update will be sent in late April or early May. Click [HERE](#) for the survey results and summary of process.

### Important Dates Coming Up!

- Tuesday, April 13th - Family Math Night - Grades K - 5
- Wednesday, April 14th - Literacy Engagement - Grades 5-8
- Monday, April 19th - Patriots' Day 🛎
- April 19th - April 23rd - Spring Break - No School
- Monday, April 26th - BLUE cohort day

### Need Help Paying Rent or Utilities?

MaineHousing and Maine's Community Action Agencies are accepting applications for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. This program helps pay rent and utility costs for eligible renters affected by COVID-19. Maine's Community Action Agencies are running this program in communities across Maine.

Program information and the application link can be found here:

[mainehousing.org/covidrent](https://mainehousing.org/covidrent)

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