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REEDS BROOK 8TH GRADERS ENJOY TRIP TO BOSTON—Eighth graders at Reeds Brook capped their middle school career with a day-long trip to Boston June 16 that included a tour of the USS Constitution and a Red Sox game at Fenway Park. At Fenway, Aaron Grodewald was selected to go out on the field, and a video of him appeared on the Jumbotron screen (above). The Red Sox beat the Atlanta Braves, 9-4, snapping a 7-game losing streak. Story, more photos on page 7.

RSU 22 students to study Spanish in grades 4-8

Starting this fall, RSU 22 students in grades 4 through 8 will be studying Spanish one to three periods a week.

Students in grades 6-8 at Reeds Brook Middle School will receive 50 minutes of Spanish instruction every other day, while students in grades 6-8 at Wagner Middle School will have 40 minutes of Spanish instruction three days a week.

Students in grades 4 and 5—grade 5 at Wagner Middle School, grades 4 and 5 at George B. Weatherbee School, and grade 4 at Leroy H. Smith School—will

have Spanish for approximately one period per week.

The goal is for students in RSU 22 to complete the equivalent of Spanish I before they enter high school.

When they enroll at Hampden Academy as freshmen, they can either start with Spanish II or choose a different language.

To do this, the district has hired two full-time and two half-time Spanish teachers.

- Francisca Smith, who taught Spanish at Ashland District School for the past two years, has

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\$300K bequest to promote innovation, other initiatives in HA library

An ad hoc committee has recommended that a \$300,000 bequest to the Hampden Academy library be used to promote innovation and to fund other initiatives to enhance the curriculum at the Academy.

The bequest, which was announced last fall, came from the estate of Elizabeth De-Shon Tibbetts, whose husband, Dorrence B. Tibbetts, was a graduate of Hampden Academy. Mrs. Tibbetts, a native of Machias, died in 2012 at the age of 95.

The committee recommended that the funds be expended over a period of at least 10 years.

For the first three years, it suggested curriculum enhancements in three areas:

- Promoting innovation through the
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‘Hot Mikado’ coming to PAC November 19-21

Hot Mikado, a jazz and swing version of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, *The Mikado*, will be presented by the Hampden Academy Drama Club on November 19, 20, and 21 (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

Auditions will be held during the first week of school. Audition materials will be available after August 24 and can be picked up in front of the Performing Arts wing.

Jennifer Guare is the artistic director for the show, Heidi Corliss is the music

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Kelsey Tripp on the winner's stand at the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles.

Kelsey Tripp wins Gold, Silver in LA

Kelsey Tripp, who will be a senior at Hampden Academy this fall, earned a gold medal and a silver medal in aquatics at the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles.

Kelsey won the gold medal in the 50-meter freestyle event on Tuesday, July 28, placing first in her division with a time of 45.48

seconds. Her gold medal time was almost 2½ seconds faster than her time of 47.93 in the preliminary round two days before.

Kelsey's silver medal came in the 50-meter backstroke on Wednesday, July 29, where she placed second with a time of 57.93, almost seven seconds faster than her

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Kelsey Tripp shows off her gold medal with her Special Olympics coach, Michael Wilson of Georgia.

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establishment of a “Creation Station,” a program based in the library in which students have the opportunity to learn new skills and concepts, make connections with community members, and think outside the box.

- Purchasing materials that teachers feel will support the curriculum and enhance learning at Hampden Academy.
- Expanding the library’s e-book collection.

The ad hoc committee included Superintendent of Schools Rick Lyons, Hampden Academy Principal Ruey Yehle, HA Librarian/Media Specialist Leslie Rosenblatt, RSU 22 Board member John Coggeshall, and student Board members Mariah Dennis and Olivia Gower.

The committee also emphasized that the funds should be used to supplement the library/media center’s budget and should not be used as a rationale for reducing the annual budget allocation.

Ms. Rosenblatt said the library’s new “Creation Station” will provide opportunities for students to create and collaborate and explore topics that may or may not be part of the traditional library experience.

She said the plan for the first two or three years is to have six to eight themes per year, such as film-making, electronics, fabric design, photography, coding, game design, and art.

Each theme will have a kick-off event to introduce the topic to both newcomers and to students who have developed varying levels of expertise. Then, in the days and weeks following, the library (and the Creation Station) will be open with materials and equipment set up so that students can come back and pursue further explorations.

The first theme this fall will be coding, with a kick-off event on App Creation and Coding scheduled for Thursday, October 1. The event will be led by a facilitator from the University of Maine. Students will use MIT App Inventor, an app coding program geared towards young coders. Other coding programs will also be used, depending on the direction students want to go.

“We will be ready for beginners, as well as for students who already know coding and want to take it to the next level,” Ms. Rosenblatt said.

She added that she’s hoping that students who come to the Creation Station will wind up helping each other.

“What I expect to see—if not at the workshop, then in the following weeks—is the more

experienced students helping the new students,” she said. “We’ve already seen that happen in a small film-making project that we did last spring. I’m very optimistic—that kind of collaboration is one of the most exciting things about Creation Station.”

Ms. Rosenblatt said not all of the Creation Station topics will be tech-related.

“This is about creating and innovating,” she said. “For example, student artists might make small metal sculptures. You can have collaboration and innovation in the arts as well as technology. We want to make sure we’re reaching the many different kinds of creative folks that we have in our building and our community.”

Ms. Rosenblatt said she’s also hoping that Creation Station will provide opportunities for community members who want to share their skills and knowledge with students.

“If there are people who have expertise to share that lends itself to hands-on work with students, we’d certainly be interested in hearing about it,” she said. “This can build bridges in the community.”

In addition to Creation Station, funds from the bequest will be used to expand the library’s e-book collection and to purchase materials recommended by teachers that will enhance learning at Hampden Academy.

Ms. Rosenblatt said the library currently has e-book access, but the collection needs to be more robust.

“E-books provide access to students 24/7,” she says. “We’d like to use the funds to set up a platform that will be easy for students to access and provide a good collection. There’s a lot of free stuff on line, but not the popular fiction that students want to read.”

Currently, some popular titles are available through the Maine State Library or the Edythe Dyer Library in Hampden, but the waiting lists are very long.

Ms. Rosenblatt said the library will be asking teachers to recommend materials that would support learning and enhance the curriculum. She said these might include subscriptions to on-line resources that would be shared by many members of a department or specialized equipment, such as microscopes or scientific probes, that would be used in several science courses. She said this type of equipment would be curated by the library and shared out to faculty members in the same way that COWS (computers on wheels) are stored in the library and signed out by teachers.

The fund created by the bequest

HAMPDEN ACADEMY



Impressed with Maine, Maine people

By Leigh Larson, Principal, Hampden Academy

With every day that passes, I become more impressed with Maine and the people who live here. The kind, compassionate, dedicated and hard-working people who call this community home have taught me early on that pride in RSU 22 is something that resonates here, and for many, has a large bearing on why Hampden is home.

My background in education has allowed me the opportunity to serve students in elementary, middle and high school levels in roles as both teacher and administrator. During my experiences I have learned students are more successful when families are involved and students are supported in the process of lifelong learning. As principal at Hampden Academy, I promise my support to you and our students in their quest for academic, social and civic excellence, and I look forward to meeting you at our school events throughout the year.



Leigh Larson

is called the Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Tibbetts Fund, in memory of Mr. Tibbetts’ parents.

The lawyer handling Mrs. Tibbetts’ estate, Lyman Holmes of

Machias, said his impression was that the bequest was made because her husband had expressed great appreciation for the education he had received at Hampden Academy.

Kelsey Tripp wins Gold, Silver in LA

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preliminary time of 1:04.7.

Andrea Lee, physical education teacher at Reeds Brook Middle School and head coach of the Hampden-Winterport Special Olympics Team, said both times were personal bests for Kelsey.

Mrs. Lee said Kelsey’s performance was “incredible on so many levels.”

She said when Kelsey started training for the 2015 World Games, it took her well over a minute to complete two laps of the pool.

“Through hard work and practice, she not only won the GOLD in the 50M freestyle, but she practically cut her time in half,” Mrs. Lee said. “More than the gold medal, I am so pleased that Kelsey was able to accomplish such a great personal record and achievement!”

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been hired full-time at Reeds Brook. Mrs. Smith, a native of Mexico who lives in Bangor, is a 2002 graduate of the Universidad del Noroeste (now Universidad del Valle de México) in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.

- Jillian Liversidge, a veteran foreign language teacher with experience at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, has been hired full-time at Wagner Middle School. She is

a graduate of both the University of New England and Middlebury College in Vermont and has studied at the Universidad de Chile while living in Santiago, Chile. She will also teach Spanish at Smith School.

- Susan McCallum, who taught Spanish in Brewer for 28 years, will teach part-time at Reeds Brook.
- Suzie Imbriaco will be a half-time Spanish teacher at Weatherbee School.

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director, and Rob Kissinger is the technical director.

Mrs. Corliss said the directors selected *Hot Mikado* because “the music is upbeat and we thought it would be fun for the students.”

The Wikipedia entry for *Hot Mikado* says the plot “does not stray far from the Gilbert and Sullivan original . . . The score uses much of Sullivan’s original music but is reorchestrated using 1940s popular

musical harmonies and arrangements and a wide range of styles, including jazz, hot gospel, blues, rock, Cab Calloway swing, and torch songs.”

Hot Mikado was adapted by David H. Bell (book and lyrics) and Rob Bowman (orchestrations and arrangements). Their original production ran from March 18 to July 27, 1986, at Ford’s Theatre in Washington, DC, where Bell was artistic director.



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Beekeeping Club installs first two hives at Hampden Academy

Hampden Academy Beekeeping Club installed their first two hives on site Friday June 12 under the supervision of the Bee Whisperer Peter Cowin. Students and staff were, in some cases, experiencing their first “hands on” time with the bees after spending time learning about beekeeping in the classroom and then building and painting the hives.

Over the summer vacation, the group landscaped the apiary area with pollinator-friendly flowers and plants and also fed the bees to help raise a strong brood.

Anne Cowin, who first came up with the idea of the Beekeeping Club, said it was a really satisfying experience to see the bees in their new home Hampden Academy—and to see the enthusiasm of the students who were handling bees for the first time.

“Today is a big day for us,” Mrs. Cowin said when the hives were installed. “After originally putting forward the idea last fall we are finally beekeeping on site, and we are eagerly anticipating getting our first honey from these hives later in the year. We want to thank all the administration and the RSU 22 Board of Directors, who have been so encouraging and positive in their attitude to this project. They have been right behind us all the way and very open to our ideas.”

Mrs. Cowin said the group hopes to attract some sponsorships from local companies to fund the purchase of honey extracting equipment. She would also like to see the group acquire an observation hive so that more students can witness the hive activity first hand without having to put on a bee suit! There are many aspects of the school curriculum that can incorporate beekeeping—everything from environmental biology to the logistics of running a small business in bee products.

She said the beekeepers have re-



The Hampden Academy Beekeeping Club installed their first two hives June 12 under the direction of Bee Whisperer Peter Cowin.



ceived a grant from the University of Maine and will be working with the university to provide information and data on pollinator activity.

“There are really so many aspects of this project to get excited about

and we are hoping that our new incoming class of freshmen will be joining the beekeeping club soon,” Mrs. Cowin said.

Mrs. Cowin added that community members who want to sponsor or

work with the Beekeeping Club can contact her at Hampden Academy.

If any business owners want to contribute in a more substantial fashion, she said the club would love to have them sponsor a hive!

Tips for homeowners who want to help the Beekeeping Project by making their lawns and gardens more ‘bee-friendly’

Interested in supporting Hampden Academy’s beekeeping project? Here are some things you can do:

First, plant some bee-friendly flowers—flowers that attract bees and give them more opportunities to pollinate. Examples of bee-friendly plants are:

- Early season (April/May): Crocuses, snowdrops, daffodils, tulips, dandelions.
- Mid season (June-mid Aug.): anise, hyssop, chives, borage, purple coneflower, St. Johns wort, evening primrose, roses, dandelions, thyme.
- Late season (Aug-Oct): aster, autumn dandelions, goldenrod, meadowsweet.

Second, make your yard bee-friendly:

- Choose non-chemical solutions to insect problems.
- Avoid using herbicides. Tolerate the “beauty” and usefulness of flowering weeds such as dandelions! Their presence means more variety of nectar and pollen sources for honeybees.
- Never apply pesticides to plants that are in bloom.
- Many garden centers and big box stores sell plants already treated with systemic pesticides or neonicotinoids, which make even the pollen (which the bees feed

to their larvae) poisonous. Always ask for plants that have not been treated with these pesticides.

- Provide a source of pesticide-free water and mud. A birdbath works nicely for bees and attracts butterflies and beneficial insects. Changing the water daily will prevent mosquitoes breeding there.
- Establish set asides and hedgerows. Bees need undisturbed areas for nesting. Set asides may be areas that are not moved and are left undisturbed.
- Minimize lawn area or mow less often. Mowing grass often kills bees. Mow when bees are less active—when it’s cool, overcast or windy. Allowing the lawn to revert to a more natural state will result in a profusion of bee forage and more potential nest sites over time.
- Maximize flower space and plant-species diversity.
- Provide lots of purple, blue, and yellow flowers—those are very attractive colors to bees.
- Emphasize native perennial plants, which are rich in nectar and pollen.
- Remember that early spring and late autumn are very challenging times for bees because of coolness, highly variable temperatures, and lack of flowers.

Winterport Pre-K openings still available

Pre-K openings are still available for children living in Winterport or Frankfort to attend the Winterport Pre-K at the Leroy H. Smith School. Please contact Waldo CAP at 338-3827 or visit the Smith School on **Wednesday, August 26**, for open enrollment. Visit www.rsu22.us/prek for program hours and days.

VU to sing National Anthem at Sea Dogs game

Voices Unlimited, Hampden Academy’s show choir group, is scheduled to sing the National Anthem at the Portland Sea Dogs-New Hampshire Fisher Cats baseball game August 25 at Hadlock Field in Portland.

Game time is 7 p.m.

Heidi Corliss, fine arts academic team leader at HA, said the Sea Dogs invited Hampden Academy to send a vocal group to perform at the Fisher Cats game, and she

selected Voices Unlimited to make the trip. The invitation offered half-price tickets; tickets for Voices Unlimited members are being funded by the Music Association.

In addition to the ball game, the trip will include a picnic lunch at Two Lights State Park in Cape Elizabeth.

The Portland Sea Dogs are the AA affiliate of the Boston Red Sox. The Fisher Cats, who play in Manchester, NH, are the AA affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays.

HA Robotics Team looking for new members

The Hampden Academy Robotics Team, which sent both its A and B teams to the VEX World Championships in Louisville, KY, last spring, is looking for new members.

All seven team members from last year—Crystal Grant, Nick Hashey, Nate Haiden, and Nate Cust of the A team

and Catherine Trojecki, Zack Perry, and Dylan Noyes of the B team—will be returning as seniors this fall

Todd Moore and Charlie Huff, technology education teachers and the Robotics team advisors, said they were planning on adding a third team this fall and maybe a fourth team if enough students are interested.

Fielding additional teams will allow more students to enjoy Robotics competition, they said. This fall’s recruits will also be needed to fill leadership roles when the seven veteran team members graduate next June.

As usual, this year’s game is totally different from last year’s competition

The 2015-16 game is called “Nothing But Net.” The robots have to pick up balls from around the arena and shoot them from the team’s corner into the team’s net. Robots get bonus points for picking up the robot of their alliance partner.

“It’s a totally new game with new rules,” said Mr. Moore. “It’s definitely going to be a learning process to design our robots so they work the way they need to work to be successful during the coming year.”

The Robotics Team is planning on competing in at least three events during the coming year, and it’s also hoping to repeat as host of the state championship meet.



Learning about water movement.

Hampden Academy Child Development Class Nursery School

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

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

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

Eileen Lafland retires after 21 years at Wagner, 31 years in public education

Eileen Lafland, special education teacher at Wagner Middle School for 21 years, retired at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

She spent 31 years in public education, including the last 25 years in RSU 22, all in special education.

She started her teaching career in Corinth, where she was in charge of the migrant education program for two years. Then she spent four years in the private sector, working with profoundly handicapped adults at the Multiple Handicapped Center in Bangor.

She returned to special education at Holbrook Middle School in Holden for four years and joined RSU 22 (then SAD 22) as an educational technician, splitting her time between Leroy H. Smith School and George B. Weatherbee School during her first year and then working at Smith full time during her second year.

She moved to Wagner Middle School when it opened up in the fall of 1991. She was an educational technician during her first two years at Wagner before moving into a teaching position.

A native of Bangor, Mrs. Lafland graduated from Bangor High School and received her degree in health, physical education, and recreation from the University of Maine at Presque Isle. She said she was initially interested in a career in recreation, but after working in the migrant education program in Corinth, she decided that she enjoyed special education and took courses at the University of Maine to get her special education degree.

Mrs. Lafland and her husband Larry live in Dedham. They have a son and three grandchildren in Switzerland and a daughter and one grandchild in North Carolina.

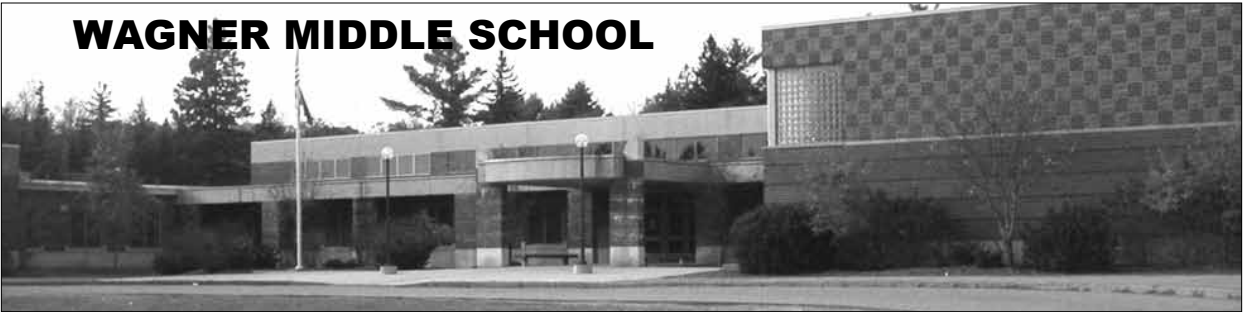
She says her retirement plans included sitting by the lake (they live on Phillips Lake) and enjoying the loons. She also expects to do some substitute teaching, probably in a school district closer to home.



Eileen Lafland



WAGNER 8TH GRADERS VISIT BOSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE—This past June, Wagner 8th Graders participated in their annual Boston Trip. Students visited Quincy Market and completed a tour of historic Fenway Park before embarking to Canobie Lake Theme Park in New Hampshire to round out the day. Above, the 8th grade class of 2015 pauses for a photo at the entrance to Canobie Lake.



WAGNER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal’s Message: Welcome to 2015-16

Dear Wagner Students and Families,
I hope you are having a wonderful summer. The Wagner Staff and I look forward to welcoming students back to school. Our first student day is Tuesday, September 1.
A special welcome goes out to students who will be attending Wagner for the very first time. Our record of educational excellence and our tradition of respect and pride in one’s self will continue to guide us in the coming school year.
This year we have several positive additions at Wagner. I am especially pleased that we are able to reintroduce full-time foreign language into our curriculum. Beginning this fall, all students in grades 5 through 8 will have the opportunity to study Spanish.

Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will take Spanish classes for 40-minute periods three days a week. Students in grade 5 will have Spanish classes for 40-minute periods one day a week.
Our Spanish teacher will be Jillian Liveridge, a veteran foreign language teacher with experience at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. This is an exciting opportunity for us to better prepare students for participation in a global society.
We are fortunate to live in Maine in the summer. Please enjoy what time is left. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns about the upcoming school year, do not hesitate to contact me.
—Richard Glencross, Principal



LEROY H. SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming events at Smith

Open House—Come to school on August 27, see your new classroom, meet your teachers, and say hello to new and old friends before school starts! Smith School will host a Back-to-School Open House on August 27, 2015, from 5:30-6:30. Grades 1-4 classrooms will be open from 5:30-6:15, and Kindergarten classes will be open from 6-6:30, followed by a time for kindergartners and their families to get acquainted with the school bus and its routines. During the designated times, teachers will be in classrooms ready to meet and greet students and their families and welcome everyone back to the new school year.

We hope to see you there!
Grandparents Day at Smith School is scheduled for Thursday, September 17. Students may invite their grandparents for lunch and a brief visit to their classrooms. A schedule and more information will come out once school is in session. Mark your calendars!

Farm Day—Smith School is excited to be hosting a Farm Day on Friday, September 18. Local farmers will be visiting, offering students a variety of stations, introducing them to everything from Dairy Goats and Milking to Honeybees.
If anyone is interested in participating or has a cider press that the school could borrow please contact Brittany Layman: blayman@rsu22.us or Dawn Moore: dmoore@rsu22.us or 223-4282.

Summer book swap huge success
Smith School’s Summer Book Swap was a huge success! Smith School students were able to come into the Smith School Library to swap books at their reading level each Monday and Thursday throughout the summer. Teachers volunteered their time to supervise the swaps. Thank you to everyone who participated! It was great to see so many readers!

Year-end fun at Smith School!

Smith School students enjoyed a lot of end of the year fun! Each grade level had a first-thing-in-the-morning recess two times a week for the last month of school. Students loved getting off the bus and being able to run around outside for a little while. We hope to have special weeks this upcoming year that will allow for more first-thing-in-the-morning recess.
Field Day was a huge success! The weather cooperated with us and provided a great opportunity for teamwork, movement and overall fun. Students participated in activities involving running, ball-handling skills, decision-making, and

perseverance. In addition to being a fun way to wrap up the school year, Field Day is a great opportunity to practice and reinforce the fitness skills and the habits of mind that students work on year round.
Students enjoyed a bike safety presentation through the Maine Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Education Program of Maine (a partnership of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine and the Maine Department of Transportation). They learned the rules of the road as well as safety tips for all bikers. The young adult presenters were great role models who instilled in our students the important safety measures they should follow while having fun.



HAMPDEN ACADEMY SCIENCE STUDENTS visited Smith School on May 27 to share their expertise in Physics and Chemistry. Smith students enjoyed a morning full of hands-on science experiments. The HA students demonstrated a multitude of experiments and then let the Smith School students give it a try. It was an exciting day full of surprises and fun.



4TH GRADERS VISIT LEONARD'S MILLS—
The entire 4th grade class from George B. Weatherbee School enjoyed a field trip to the Leonard's Mills Living History Site, part of the Maine Forest and Logging Museum in Bradley, on May 29. The trip was funded by the PTO and parent donations. Above, students watch and ask questions while a volunteer operates her spinning wheel. Left, Nico Kennedy tries writing his name with an old-fashioned quill pen.



Hudson Museum to partner with Weatherbee on Maine Indian history

The Hudson Museum at the University of Maine will be offering a pilot program at the Weatherbee School this coming school year on six Wednesday afternoons.

The Museum will offer in-school programs that focus on Maine Indian history and culture, using its collections and educational resources developed for the Museum's Maine Indian gallery.

Three programs will be offered two times each to allow students in the entire grade to participate.

The first program will allow students to use the Museum's Maine Indian Gallery free iPad app to explore the artistic traditions of the region, especially brown ash and sweetgrass basketry, birchbark work, and carving and decorative traditions.

The second program will focus on Native American games and arts and crafts activities. Students will play waltes (a traditional bowl and dice game), make a northeastern-style pouch, and learn about how to weave

and how objects were decorated.

The final program will focus on films that document work by Maine Indian artists. Objects made by these artists will be brought to the school.

The Hudson Museum is located in the Collins Center for the Arts on the University of Maine campus in Orono. We look forward to introducing students at Weatherbee School to our Museum.

Weatherbee News

Weatherbee Principal Christine Boone is pleased to announce that teaming will continue at Weatherbee School. Student data and overall feedback indicates that the teaming model introduced last year was a success.

Parents can learn more about what this year has in store and welcome new team members during the Weatherbee Curriculum Night on Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. and the Weatherbee Open House Oct. 13, also at 6 p.m. Please watch for other upcoming events on our website and follow us on Facebook!



Students at McGraw School enjoyed "Flashback Field Day" on June 12, aided by perfect weather and a large number of parent volunteers. Above left, they play a parachute game. Above right, they play musical beach towels.

McGraw students enjoy 'Flashback Field Day'

Students at Earl C. McGraw School enjoyed their traditional day-long, end-of-the-year Field Day on June 12, aided by perfect weather and a large number of parent volunteers.

Principal Kristin Briggs said Fran Allsbrook, co-president of the PTO, helped organize the volunteers.

"We had a tremendous amount of help," she said.

In addition to parent volunteers, the Hampden Public Safety Department cooked hot dogs and served watermelon and chips.

The theme was Flashback Field

Day, with a variety of old-fashioned games and activities, including:

- An obstacle course.
- Water balloon and beach ball relays.
- Sack races and bubble blowing.
- Parachute and balloon bumping games.
- Face painting and art activities.
- Musical beach towels, and a sponge relay.

At the end of the day, students watched a slide show in the gym while parents made popcorn using an old-fashioned popcorn machine.

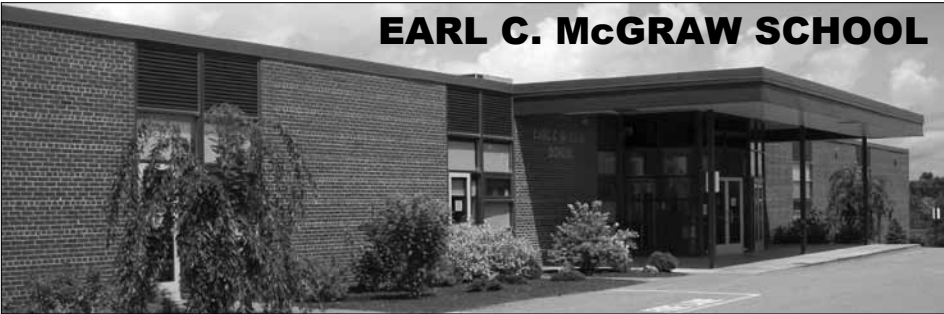
information about the upcoming year.

All students—kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade—are invited to the Open House from 5 to 6 p.m. During that time, students and parents will see their new classrooms and meet with their teachers and friends.

McGraw Open House set for August 27

McGraw School will welcome students and their parents back for the new school year at the annual Open House on Thursday, Aug. 27.

Kindergarten families are asked to come to the gym at 4 p.m. to learn about bus safety and to get important



McGraw Principal's Message:

Welcome Back!

By Kristin Briggs, Principal, McGraw School

Dear McGraw Families and Students,

It's hard to believe that it is already August and the beginning of the school year is coming up soon! I don't know about you, but I am so excited and ready for it to start.

I have had a wonderful summer! We have gone camping and enjoyed boating with friends on Sebec Lake. I've been able to spend lots of time with my family! I've also spent some nice quiet time, enjoying great books!

I can't wait to hear from all of you about what you did! I'm sure you have lots of wonderful stories to tell.

Don't forget to visit our school on Thursday, August 27th. Kindergarten friends are invited to arrive at 4 p.m. and enjoy a bus ride. Our first and second grade friends are invited to join us from 5 to 6 p.m.

See you all very soon!

—Mrs. Briggs

Reeds Brook to kick off 2015-16 with ‘Best First Day Ever’

Students attending Reeds Brook Middle School this fall can look forward to the Best First Day Ever when they start the new school year on Tuesday, September 1.

The idea is to kick off the school year with a first day filled with fun activities for students that emphasize citizenship and Reeds Brook’s core values of honesty, responsibility,

compassion and respect. The day’s events are being organized by an informal committee of teachers led by 8th grade social studies teacher David Haggan.

“Our goal is to bring a group of almost 400 students into the new school year and instill pride in our school, excitement for the coming academic year, and provide a day where the values we like to instill in the school body are presented to them in a positive and exciting way,” says Mr. Haggan.

21 RBMS students perform in annual Talent Show

Twenty-one Reeds Brook Middle School students performed in the annual Talent Show, which was held June 10 in the cafeteria.

- The students and their performances were:
- Camden Baker, “Star Spangled Banner.”
 - Sarah Stanicki, Anna Bishop, and Faith Ducas, “Not About Angels.”
 - Gavin Kearns, piano solo.
 - Jordan Robichaud & Gavin Kearns, “Titanium.”
 - Clara Bowlby, “On the Wing.”
 - Mikiko Frey & Aili Wiseman, “Tell You All About It.”
 - Chelsea Hoyt, “Dancing with Another Man.”
 - Brenna Muholland, “Home.”
 - Abby Hamel & Sarah Stanicki, “Who Knew.”
 - Robert Brown and Zach Scott, “Summer of ’69.”
 - Julianne Llerena & Zander Karris, “I’m Yours.”
 - Josie Guzman, “I Have Nothing.”
 - MiKayla Stillman, “Every Bit of Lovely.”
 - Aurelia Maietta, “Demons.”
 - Caroline Pickering, “Funny the Way It Is.”
 - Emi Verhar, “Don’t Rain on My Parade.”
 - Abby Hamel, “Human.”

Sixth grade teacher Jen Bowman-McKay, the show’s faculty advisor, said the level of talent was “amazing.” “It’s amazing every year,” she said.

She noted that three Reeds Brook alumni who are now at Hampden Academy came back to perform at the talent show.

They were Bailey Giles, who brought his jazz band for an instrumental performance; Lexi Buzzini, who sang “That’s What Friends Are For”; and Noah Gardner, who performed an original song. Bailey and Noah were sophomores at HA in June; Lexi was a freshman.

The program, called “Rebels Got Talent,” raised funds for the Raish Peavey Haskell Children’s Cancer and Treatment Center in Brewer and the Reeds Brook greenhouse. A total of \$867 was raised from admissions; additional funds were raised through the Darling’s Ice Cream Truck. The truck, which sports the Darling’s auto logo, provides free ice cream at charitable events, but donations are accepted.

Ms. Bowman-McKay said the talent show’s theme was “children helping children.”

Eighth graders Isaac Anderson, Nick Gauthier, and Dylan Cannon provided technical support.



The day will start with a presentation by Noel March, United States Marshal for the District of Maine who is also a singer, musician, and storyteller. Mr. March, who lives in Hampden, was a parent volunteer on the 8th grade ice fishing trip last winter. Then, the students will be divided into small groups for a series of

workshops on the core values led by teams of two teachers each. Following the workshops, the students will go outside for a field day and barbecue. After the barbecue, the core values will be promoted by 8th grade teacher Karyn Field and technology integrator Chris Beckwith, posing as two “superheroes.”



7TH GRADERS RELEASE ATLANTIC SALMON FRY—
Students in Michele Freeman’s 7th grade science class at Reeds Brook Middle School released 190 Atlantic salmon fry into Souadabscook Stream during a field trip on May 26 to the park area off Paper Mill Road. The students raised the salmon fry in a temperature-controlled aquarium in the classroom during the winter and spring. They started with 200 eggs, which were provided by the Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery in East Orland. The 7th graders learned about the life cycle of the Atlantic salmon as they watched the eggs hatch into alevins, which feed off their yolk sacks. When the yolks are used up, the alevins are known as fry, and they are ready to start feeding and be returned to the river.



2015–2016 Calendar at a glance	
August 27, 31	Teacher Management Day
August 28	Inservice
September 1	First Day of School PreK-9
September 2	All Students Attend PreK-12
September 7	Holiday - No School
October 9	Inservice - No School
October 12	Holiday – No School
October 30	End First Quarter
November 10	Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences
November 11	Holiday - No School
November 25-27	Holiday Break – No School
December 23-31	Holiday Break – No School
January 1	Holiday – No School
January 18	Holiday – No School
January 22	End Second Quarter
January 25	Inservice – No School
February 15-19	Winter Vacation – No School
March 4	Inservice – No School
April 1	End Third Quarter
April 18-22	Spring Vacation – No School
May 30	Holiday – No School
June 12	High School Graduation
June 15*	Last Day of School for Students
* 3 storm days are included and may alter closing date	

8th graders tour USS Constitution, watch Red Sox win during Boston trip

About 100 8th graders from Reeds Brook Middle School toured the USS Constitution and a U.S. Navy destroyer and watched the Red Sox beat the Atlanta Braves during a day-long trip to Boston on June 16.

The trip was held on the day before the last day of school.

The 8th graders left Hampden at 6 a.m. aboard two Cyr coaches. In the morning, they visited the Charlestown Navy Yard and the Boston National Historical Park, where the USS Constitution is in dry dock undergoing extensive repairs.

The students received a VIP tour, thanks to Cmdr. Sean Kearns, the 73rd commander of the USS Constitution, the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat and a resident of Hampden. Cmdr. Kearns is a native of Winterport and graduate of Hampden Academy. His son, Gavin, was an 8th grader at Reeds Brook last year.

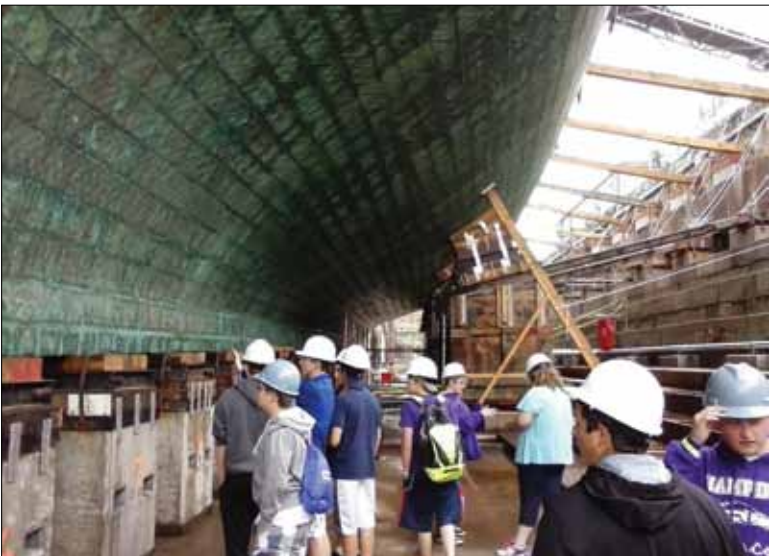
The students were divided into four groups for tours of:

- The dry dock, where the 3,400 copper sheets on the USS Constitution's hull are being removed and replaced.
- The Naval Museum.
- The deck of the USS Constitution.
- The USS Cassin Young, a U.S. Navy destroyer that was built at the Charleston Navy Yard and saw action during World War II.

After visiting the ship yard, the 8th graders were bused to the Boston Common, where they ate lunch, walked the Freedom Trail, and then walked two miles to Fenway Park.

At Fenway, the students were grouped with chaperones and issued bracelets with their name and ticket information—section, row, and seat number—so they couldn't get lost. They also wore white Class of 2019 t-shirts to identify them as members of the Reeds Brook group.

Before the game, the Red Sox had a promotion in which any group with over 100 people was allowed to des-



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ignate a "leader of the pack." RBMS teacher and trip organizer Lori Matthews put all the 8th graders' names in a hat and drew one name at random—Aaron Grodewald.

Aaron was able to go out on the field, and a video of him with his

name appeared on the Jumbotron screen, recognizing him as "leader of the pack" for Reeds Brook. He also received a baseball signed by an Atlanta player and a Red Sox player.

To top off the day, the Red Sox pounded out a season-high 18 hits

and beat the Braves, 9-4, snapping a 7-game losing streak. The students also got to see Red Sox infielder Brock Holt hit for the cycle—getting a single, double, triple, and home run in the same game. The last Red Sox player to do that was John Valentin in 1996.

ELA teachers using Lucy Calkins to teach three types of writing

English Language Arts teachers at Reeds Brook Middle School have started using the Lucy Calkins Writing Program to teach the three main types of writing—narrative, informational, and opinion/argument.

Seventh grade teacher Paula Sloane said her students practiced narrative writing in a unit called "Writing Realistic Fiction," in which they wrote short stories.

In the second unit, "Writing about Reading," the students selected books that they really enjoyed and wrote essays analyzing them. Then they wrote companion books to explain, develop, and extend ideas from their favorite books.

The third unit, "The Art of Argument," focused on opinion/argument writing. Students were asked to take a topic and give their opinion. However, they also had to explain the opposing view while maintaining their own argument.

In the first opinion paper, Ms. Sloane selected the topic, which was whether or not competitive sports are good for kids. She also provided research for the students that would support both a "yes" or "no" position.

The essay gave the students a



A panel of experts that included Principal Regan Nickels and three coaches provided feedback to students on essays they wrote on various aspects of competitive sports. The panelists were (l. to r.) Karyn Field, David Haggan, Mrs. Nickels, and Kim Haggan.

chance to state their opinion, look at the opposing side, and then back up their position using research.

For the second opinion essay, the students again wrote about competitive sports, but they had to narrow their focus and look at a particular aspect of competitive sports, either positive or negative, and take a position.

Some students argued that competitive sports cost too much, that they cause too many injuries, or that they are too stressful for children. Other students argued that competitive sports teach important life skills and teamwork. Still other

students focused on whether or not tryouts should be part of competitive sports for children.

"Students had to focus on something, positive or negative, and present their arguments, while acknowledging the opposing arguments," Ms. Sloane said.

For this assignment, Ms. Sloane felt it was important to provide a forum that would allow the students to have their voices heard.

"So many times, students write in isolation—they do an assignment, they hand it in, and they get a grade, but there's no sense that their voice is being heard," she says.

To do this, Ms. Sloane assembled a panel of experts—Principal Regan Nickels and three Reeds Brook teachers (Karyn Field, Kim Haggan, and David Haggan) who were also coaches—and allowed the students to read their essays and get feedback.

"Watching the students' faces when the panelists gave them feedback showed how valuable it [the feedback] was," she said. "The students were talking to the people who needed to hear their arguments. The panelists responded with thoughtful comments about their writing and their viewpoints, as well."

Ms. Sloane said the presentations were very successful. "We ran so long the kids had to come back the second day to finish," she said. "The following Monday after school, the students who hadn't presented all came back and did it. That showed me that they really wanted to have their voices heard. In middle school, a lot of students feel their voices aren't being heard. This was an opportunity for them to be heard."

The 6th and 8th grade ELA writing classes follow a similar program of study, with separate units on narrative, informational, and opinion/argument writing.

RSU 22 ADULT EDUCATION FALL 2015

A wide variety of educational, professional development and personal enrichment courses will again be made available for people to take through our program during the fall academic season. To contact us you can call our office at 862-6422 or email our program director at: mtardie@rsu26.org.

High School Completion, HiSET, and Basic Literacy Instruction

For adults looking to earn a high school diploma, a HiSET Certification or to improve basic literacy and ESL skills, we offer year-round opportunities for advancement. If you are interested in earning your Adult Education High School Diploma, you should get a copy of your high school transcript and schedule a meeting with one of our staff. You may be closer to earning a diploma

than you think. In January 2014, the HiSET replaced the GED and became Maine’s State High School Equivalency Diploma. Since then, our program has helped many of our residents earn this life-changing credential. Again, just contact our office at any time if you have questions about or interest in the HiSET.

Distance Learning Courses

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

Introduction to Microsoft Excel and Word	Introduction to QuickBooks 2015 A to Z Grant Writing	Accounting Fundamentals
Math Refresher	Grammar Refresher	Effective Business Writing
Genealogy Basics	Adobe / Acrobat Photoshop	Introduction to Java Programming
Designing Effective Websites	GRE, Praxis Test Preparation	Buying & Selling on eBay
		Writing Your Life Story

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

Career and Vocational Education

For people interested in vocational / career trainings, we have available during the fall months a variety of CNA, CRMA, PSS and MHSS programs. We also have access to self-paced online professional development programs offer-

ing certifications in the pharmacy tech, medical coding & billing and phlebotomy tech fields. Some of these courses combine online distance learning with hands-on training experiences.

Personal Enrichment Courses

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

Boston Quincy Market Bus Trip	Jewelry Making	iPad for Beginners
Green Smoothies	How to Buy & Sell on eBay	Adult Coloring Books
Zumba	Intermediate Beekeeping	Tai Chi
Rug Hooking	Cardio Fitness	Wreath Making
Basic CPR Certification	Maine Driving Dynamics	Basic First Aid
Baking & Cooking	Hunter’s Safety	Estate Planning
Introduction to the Ukulele	Basic Investment Strategies	Ballroom Dancing
Painting	Intro to Digital Photography	Nutrition & Metabolism
Beekeeping for Beginners	Self-Hypnosis & Meditation	Basic Strength & Conditioning
iMovies	Microsoft Word and Excel	Outdoor Navigation (GPS)

To view our complete Fall 2015 course schedule go to:
www.riversideadultedpartnership.com

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

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

Volunteers are welcome!

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

SCHOOL HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Hampden Academy 89 Western Ave., Hampden, ME 04444	LEIGH LARSON Principal	Grades 9-12 8:00 a.m.-2:05 p.m.	Main Office Guidance Office Athletic Office	862-3791 862-4111 862-3985
Earl C. McGraw Elementary 20 Main Road North, Hampden, ME 04444	KRISTIN BRIGGS Principal	Grades PreK-2 8:50 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Main Office	862-3830
Newburgh Early Childhood Center Newburgh Elementary School 2220 Western Ave., Newburgh, ME 04444	PENQUIS CAP	Pre-K 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Main Office	234-2781
Reeds Brook Middle School 28A Main Road South, Hampden, ME 04444	REGAN NICKELS Principal	Grades 6-8 7:40 a.m.-2:02 p.m.	Main Office	862-3540
Leroy H. Smith School 319 South Main St., Winterport, ME 04496	DAWN MOORE Principal	Pre-K & Grades K-4 7:50 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Main Office	223-4282
Samuel L. Wagner Middle School 19 Williams Way, Winterport, ME 04496	RICHARD GLENCROSS Principal	Grades 5-8 7:33 a.m.-2:10 p.m.	Main Office	223-4309
George B. Weatherbee School 22 Main Road North, Hampden, ME 04444	CHRISTINE BOONE Principal	Grades 3-5 8:50 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Main Office	862-3254

School Opening Information

All Grade Pre-K - 9 district students (Hampden, Newburgh, Winterport, Frankfort) will begin school on Tuesday, September 1, 2015. Grades 10-12 students will begin classes on Wednesday, September 2, 2015.

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

School Nutrition 2015-2016

Our school cafeterias continue to meet federal nutrition standards for school meals, ensuring that meals are healthy and well-balanced and provide students all the nutrition they need to succeed at school. Please encourage your kids to choose school lunch and breakfast!!

School meals offer students milk, fruits and vegetables, proteins and grains, with limits on saturated fat and portion size. The following are some of our nutrition guidelines:

- Age-appropriate calorie limits
- Healthy servings of vegetables and fruits (students must take at least one serving of fruit or vegetable with their lunch meal)
- A wide variety of vegetables, including dark green and red/orange vegetables
- Fat-free or 1% milk (flavored milk must be fat-free)
- Whole grains, including bread, pastas, rice, and breakfast items – all grains will be a minimum of 51% whole grain
- Less sodium
- Legumes (dried peas or beans) at least once weekly
- Students will be offered 1 cup of fruit or vegetable with breakfast

We’re always working to offer RSU 22 students healthy and tasty food choices. We incorporate locally grown and produced foods into our menus whenever possible. We are excited to be serving vegetables grown in our own school garden and green house located at the Reeds Brook Middle School! School meals are a great value and a huge convenience for busy families. We look forward to welcoming your children to our cafeterias this fall!

Lunch prices: Grades K-5 - \$2.30
Grades 6-8- \$2.50
Grades 9-12 -\$ 2.70
Reduced price - .40
Adult - \$4.00
Breakfast - \$ 1.45

Breakfast is FREE for Free AND Reduced students
Cold lunch or snack milk - .55
(there is no free milk program)

Elementary Schools Menu:

- Sept 1:** Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets, Rice Pilaf, Whole Grain Bread Stick, Sliced Carrots, Fresh Fruit
Sept 2: Breakfast for Lunch: Pancakes and Sausage, 100% Juice Box, Potato Oval Patty, Honeydew Melon
Sept 3: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Whole Grain Yeast Roll, Caesar Salad, Pears
Sept 4: Pizza, Raw Veggie Sticks with Dip, Teddy Grams, Applesauce

All meals come with choice of chocolate skim or plain skim or 1% low fat milk

Menus for the month will go home with children after school starts and will always be posted on each school’s website. On the first day of school, September 1, Grade 9 at Hampden Academy will be treated to an Orientation Lunch sponsored by the Student Council.

A La Carte menus and price lists for Middle Schools and High School are posted in the cafeterias, home rooms, and on-line. Copies are available to all students at the schools.

Children who received free or reduced priced meals last school year will continue to do so this year until new applications are processed. Please return your completed Application for Free or Reduced Priced Meals within the first week of school. The applications are available online at each school’s website. Children who receive Free or Reduced priced meals can get a FREE breakfast at all schools.

**** PLEASE NOTE:** Our school district has the Nutri-Kids electronic Point of Service system. Your children will begin the year with the balance they had in their accounts at the end of last school year. Money can be put in accounts electronically at myschoolbucks.com or brought to school. All children K-12 have a lunch ID number that you need to deposit money on-line. You may put as much money in accounts as you like and you can find out electronically or through your child’s school what the balance is at any time. This is a DEBIT system. Children need to have money in their accounts in order to purchase meals. With questions please call Chris Greenier at 862-3543, or e-mail cgreenier@rsu22.us.

Special Education Records

Attention individuals who attended RSU #22 schools and whose birthday is before December 31, 1989: The district is in the process of destroying special education records for students who will turn 26 years old as of the December 31, 2015. 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, 2015.

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

Emil P. Genest, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

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

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

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

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

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

The school also keeps records of prior pesticide applications and information about the pesticides used. You may review these records, a copy of the school’s Integrated Pest management Policy, and the Pesticides in School regulation (CMR 01-026 Chapter 27) by contacting our IPM coordinator, Emil Genest, 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 a 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 Richard Lyons	
Asst. Superintendent Emil Genest	
Curriculum Office - Mary Giard	862-3844
Special Services - Lynne Wells	862-2774
School Food Service-Chris Greenier	862-3543
Adult Education Office	862-6422
Technology Systems Coordinator	862-3335
Hampden Academy Main Office	862-3791
Guidance Office	862-4111
Athletic Office	862-3985
Alternative Education	862-6429
Earl C. McGraw School	862-3830
Newburgh Early Childhood Center at Newburgh Elementary School	
Penquis CAP partnership	234-2781
Reeds Brook Middle School	862-3540
Leroy H. Smith School	223-4282
Samuel L. Wagner Middle School	223-4309
George B. Weatherbee School	862-3254
Transportation: John T. Cyr & Sons	862-3984
Melanie Van Aken (fax)	862-2054

2015-2016 School Calendar

August					September					October				
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Hampden

6-12 students, AM & PM buses

Hampden 6-12 students have the same bus number in the morning as they do in the afternoon. Please have students outside ready waiting for the bus 5 minutes before the bus arrives.

Run #22

Starts at 6:40 from the corner of Meadow Road and Route 69 headed towards Kennebec Road, including end of Piper Woods Road to the Hampden/Winterport town line on Route 69, end of Rae Way, end of Woods Road, left on Kennebec Road to Newburgh town line, including end of Merchant Road from Box 1420 Kennebec Road to Box 202, turn right on Emerald Drive, right on Wessnette Drive, right on Monroe Road to town line, end of Norway Drive, end of Liberty Lane, drop students at RBMS, drop students at HA.

Run #23

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

Run #26

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

Run #28

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

Attention Bus #28 Students

To alleviate the number of students who ride Bus #28 in the afternoon, it will pick up at RBMS first, leave from the school, drop off students on Main Road to Daisey Lane and circle in the Terrace, then return to Hampden Academy and pick up the HA students.

Run #31

Starts at 6:40 Patterson Road, Meadow Road, Gray Stone Creek Road, Ichabod Lane, Rt. 69 from Meadow Road to the intersection blinking light in Newburgh, Rt. 9 Western Avenue to Sawyer Road, right on Sawyer Road, left on Canaan Road, drop students at RBMS, drop students at HA.

Run #34

Starts at 6:40 right on Miller Road, left on Fowler Road, right on Shaw Hill Road, right on Bog Road, right on Pond Road, right on North County to town line, left on Stetson Drive, right on Route 9 to Sawyer Road, Route 9 from Box 1088 to 372 including left on Deer Hill Lane, end of Goodell Farm Road, right on Aarons Way, left on Dunton Circle, right on Silver Drift Lane, right on Johnny’s Way, right on Bowen Drive, drop students at RBMS & HA.

Run #36

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

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.

K-5 students, AM & PM buses

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

Run #22

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

Run #23

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

Run #24

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

Run #25

Starts at 7:50 on Patterson Road, left on Meadow Road, Gray Stone Creek Road, left on Ichabod Lane, right on Meadow Road, end of Gray Stone Creek Road, right on Route 69 from Meadow Road to the intersection blinking light in Newburgh, including end of Babcock Lane, left on Butternut Lane, left on Acorn Drive, right on Route 9 Western Avenue Box 2021 to Box 1102, right on Sawyer Road, left on Caanan Road.

Run #26

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

Run #29

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

Run #31

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

Run #34

Starts at 7:50 right on Miller Road, left on Fowler Road, right on Shaw Hill Road, right on Bog Road, right on Pond Road, right on North County to town line, left on Stetson Drive, right on Mayo Road, drop students at McGraw & Weatherbee.

Run #35

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

Run #36

Starts at 7:50 at 1 Main Road North to Box 440, including left on Daisey Lane, left on Horseshoe Lane, left on Charles Street to Edgewood Dr., left on Stoneybrook Road, left on Linden Street, right on Williams Street, right on George Street, left on Sunset Avenue. right on Westbrook Terrace, end of Carver Road, right on Riverview Road, left on Marion Dr., left on Francis Dr., left on Sophie Lane, Main Road North, including end of Dudley Street (Short Wharf Road), end of Elm Street East, 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, right 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 6:45 on Black Hill Road, end of Lake Road, left on North Searsport Road 6:50, end of 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, right on Hamm Road, straight on Marsh Stream Road, left on Town Hill Road, left on Swanville Road, end of Parker 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, 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.

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 Moyse 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. Drop Wagner students, drop Smith 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 Wagner students, drop Smith 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 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, left on Marine Street, right on Holmes Street, including end of Mechanic Street and Parsonage Street. Drop Wagner students, drop Smith students, continue to HA and drop HA students.

Run #29
Starts at 6:45 K-8 ONLY, Route 1A North Winterport line to School Street, including end of Landing Lane, left on Old County Road, left on Riverview Heights, end of Perry Drive, end of Garden Drive, end of Birch Drive, left on Upper Oak Point (K-12), right on Hackett Road, end of Lower Oak Point, end of Penobscot Lane, end of Seabreeze Lane, right on B. Johnson Lane, including end of Taylor Lane, end of Roxy Lane, end of Sky View Lane, end of Memorial Drive, end of Merrill Street, end of School Street, right on Wig Street, left on Park Drive, left on Rob Clark Road. Drop Wagner students, drop Smith 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 (Mylon 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 Wagner students, drop Smith 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. Drop Wagner students, drop Smith students, continue to HA and drop HA students.

9-12 (HA) students AM Buses on Route 1A

Bus #27
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 #24
P/U 7:25-7:30 Route 1A Main Road from box #303 to box #909 just before but not including Memorial Drive, ends of the following roads - Steamboat, Church Street, Sampson Street, Kaler Street, Elm Street, Ferry Street, Water Street, Willow Street, Commercial Street, Silver Lane, Dean Street, Washington Street, Pleasant Street, School Street, Merrill Street. Pick up locations will be on Main Road.

Bus #32
P/U 7:25-7:30 Route 1A Main Road from Memorial Drive to box #1221 including ends of the following roads – Skyview Lane,

Attention parents of Winterport students, Grades 9-12:

After bus unloads at Wager 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 #24
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 #32
P/U Route 1A Main Road from Memorial Drive to box #1221 including ends of the following roads – Skyview Lane, Seabreeze Lane, B. Johnson Lane, Taylor Lane, Roxy Lane, Penobscot Lane. Pick up locations will be on Main Road.

Bus #25
P/U on Route 1A Main Road from Lower Oak Point to Birch Drive – Hackett Road. 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.

Seabreeze Lane, B. Johnson Lane, Taylor Lane, Roxy Lane, Penobscot Lane. Pick up locations will be on Main Road.

Bus #25
P/U 7:25-7:30 on Route 1A Main Road from Lower Oak Point to Birch Drive – Hackett Road. Pick up locations will be on Main Road.

Bus #35
P/U 7:25-7:30 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, Riverheights, Old County Road. Pick up locations will be on Main Road.

PM buses

Run #25HA
Leaves Hampden Academy 2:11 Route 1A North after B. Johnson Lane to Route 1A South Winterport town line, including end of Penobscot Lane, end of Seabreeze Lane, end of Sky View Lane, end of Memorial Drive, end of Cushing Street, end of Elm Street, end of Lebanon Street, end of Wig Street, end of Merrill Street, end of School Street, end of Washington Street, end of Dean Street, end of Commercial Street, end of Ferry Street, end of Kaler Street, end of Sampson Street, end of Church Street, end of Steamboat Street, end of Marine Street, end of Holmes Street, including Silver Lane, Water Street, Lincoln Street, Mechanic Street, Parsonage Street, right on Mt. View, right on Fox Run, right on Stream Road, end of Elderberry Street, end of Hasey Lane, end of Pineview Drive, (Mylon Lane/Spruce Drive), end of Fisher Road, end of Tibbets Bridge, right on Kendall, Goshen Road, Haley Road, Monroe Road, (Winterport side of Route 69), Clark Road, end of Joshua Lane, end of Windy Hill, end of Brown Lane, end of Rabbit Hill, end of North Road, end of Perkins Road.

Run #37
Leaves Hampden Academy 2:11, Route 1A North from Winterport town line to and including B. Johnson Lane, including end of Landing Road, Old County Road, Riverview Heights, end of Perry Road, end of Garden Drive, end of Birch Drive, left on Upper Oak Point, end of Hackett Road, end of Lower Oak Point, Baker Road from Route 1A, including end of Moyes Road, Back Winterport Road from Hampden town line to the end of Coles Corner Road, including 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.

Newburgh

Newburgh K-12 students have the same bus number in the morning as they do in the afternoon. Please have students outside ready waiting for the bus 5 minutes before the bus arrives.

6-12 students, AM & PM buses

Run #21
Starts at 6:40 on Chapman Road (Western Avenue end), end of Flynn Road, right on Kennebec Road to Christmas Tree Farm, end of Dahlia Farm Road, end of Grant Road, right on Littlefield Road to Box 310, right on Severance Road, right on Kennebec Road to town line, end of Babcock Road. Drop students

at RBMS continue to HA and drop HA students.

Run #30
Starts at 6:40 on Lindsay Road (Route 9 Western Avenue end), end of Bates Road, left on North Road to Box 1223, end of Kenniston Road, straight on North County Road, left on Route 69 to intersection of the blinking light on Route 69 and Route 9. Drop students at RBMS continue to HA and drop HA students.

Run #33
Starts at 6:40 on Mudget Road (Kennebec Road end), end of Frank West Road, end of Croxford Road, left on Route 9, end of Thurlow Road, right on Miles Road, end of Red School House Road, right on Route 9 to Dixmont town line, end of Kennard Road, all of Route 9 to Hampden line. Drop students at RBMS continue to HA and drop HA students.

K-5 students, AM & PM buses

Run #21
Starts at 7:40 on Chapman Road (Western Avenue end), end of Flynn Road, right on Kennebec Road to Christmas Tree Farm, end of Dahlia Farm Road, right on Littlefield Road to Box 310, right on Severance Road, right on Kennebec Road to town line, end of Babcock Road. Drop students at Weatherbee continue to McGraw and drop McGraw students.

Run #30
Starts at 7:40 on Lindsay Road (Route 9 Western Avenue end), end of Bates Road, left on North Road to Box 1223, end of Kenniston Road, straight on North County Road, left on Route 69 to intersection of the blinking light on Route 69 and Route 9. Drop students at Weatherbee continue to McGraw and drop McGraw students.

Run #33
Starts at 7:40 on Mudget Road (Kennebec Road end), end of Frank West Road, end of Croxford Road, left on Route 9, end of Thurlow Road, right on Miles Road, end of Red School House Road, right on Route 9, to Dixmont town line, end of Kennard Road, making a stop at Newburgh School and all of Route 9 to Hampden line. Drop students at Weatherbee continue to McGraw and drop McGraw students.

Newburgh Head Start AM & PM Bus runs

Run #33
AM bus only covers the following Roads - Mudget Road, Miles Road and Route 9 from the town line Dixmont to the old Newburgh School.

Run #21
PM bus only covers the following Roads - Chapman Road, Kennebec Road from the Christmas Tree Farm to the town line Hampden/Newburgh, Littlefield Road, Severance Road, end of Daliah Farm Road.

Run #30
PM bus only covers the following roads - Lindsey Road, North Road, North County Road, Route 69 from North Road to box 2142.

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.



RSU 22 Education Foundation

Community Partners for Inspired Education

Education Foundation plans 5K Fun Run in October to support Mini-Grant Program, Reeds Brook Trail System

The RSU 22 Education Foundation helped celebrate the unofficial unveiling of the Reeds Brook Trail System last October with a 5K Fun Run and 1 mile Walk, and over 150 runners and walkers participated.

This beautiful trail system came to life through a partnership between students, teachers and community members and is a multi-purpose network of paths available for all to access for both educational and recreational purposes. This worthy and innovative project, supported by many groups such as the Penobscot Valley Ski Club and a grant from Katahdin Trust Company, will provide outdoor and hands-on learning environments as well as year round access for training and competition for various athletics teams.

Most recently, the trail system underwent a number of additional improvements, and it is time to celebrate again. It's still summer but plans are ongoing to offer this successful event again this October.

Proceeds for the 5K Fun Run and 1 mile Walk will support the Trail System as well as the Education Foundation's Mini-Grants, a program allowing educators in the RSU 22 school system to draw funds for innovative projects not otherwise covered by the school budget.

Final dates will be posted shortly throughout the community, on racewire.com and sub5.com,



Off and running at the start of the Reeds Brook Trail.



The Hampden Academy Bronco with fans.



Zach Scott on the Reeds Brook Trail.

so be on the lookout.

Run, walk, or simply cheer on! If you would like to support the Reeds Brook Trail System di-

rectly, a restricted fund is also available through the Education Foundation. All donations are tax deductible as permissible by law.

Congratulations to 17 RSU 22 Teachers Earning Gold Star Awards!

Just before the close of the school year, 17 teachers in RSU 22 received Gold Star Awards from students and their families for their exemplary teaching. For a gift of \$25, which goes to the Mini Grants for Teachers Program, teachers received an award certificate and letter from the Education Foundation.

The 17 awards given out this year netted \$425 for the RSU 22 Education-Foundation's Mini Grants Program, which allows educators to receive small grants of up to \$250 for innovative projects that may not be covered by the regular school budget.

Teachers receiving Gold Star awards this year were (in alphabetical order): Jodi Bisson, Michael Ditzel, Jason Dorr, Kimberly Haggan, David Haggan, Georgeanne Jackson, Cynthia Kelley, Kristin Leithiser, Pat Lyons, Dr. Ruth Lyons, Matt Madore, Rebecca Mallory, Morgan McCluskey, Tricia Richardson, Brad Veitch, Christy Whitehouse, and Gwen Winston. Congratulations to all the awardees, and thank you for the generous support from our District families.

The Gold Star Awards are given out twice a year and are an excellent way to let that special teacher know that you appreciate them as well as helping support educationally inspired activities. The next chance to give a Gold Star will be in December just before the holiday break, so be on the lookout for flyers in your child's folder.

The Irena Sendler Project—Education Foundation invites artists from Kansas for 3 Performances of 'Life in a Jar'

Irena Sendler was a Roman Catholic social worker who saved approximately 2500 Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto in Poland during the 2nd World War. While being recognized with the 'Righteous Among the Nations' award from the government of Israel in 1965, her story was largely forgotten until 1999, when four teenagers from rural Kansas brought history to life in a play they performed at their local high school.

The remarkable story of survival is brought to the surface in this play, as Irena had to convince the parents to give up their children in order to save the children's lives. Promising to reunite them with relatives after the war, she smuggled the children out of the ghetto and placed them with Polish families. Irena wrote down the children's names on pieces of paper and hid them in mason jars and buried the jars under a tree. The work of the students led to a subsequent visit with Irena in Poland, a major Hallmark motion picture, and Irena being nominated for the peace Nobel prize in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

The RSU 22 Education Foundation is pleased to sponsor the original troupe, who will visit us and perform the play, *Life In A Jar*, three times in November, twice for the general public on Sunday, November 8, and on Monday morning for Hampden Academy and 8th grade middle school students. There will be no cost to the public as sponsors have been found to pay for the actors' travel expenses, and we are pleased to be able to feature the beautiful Performing Arts Center. We hope to fill it three times for the benefit of the greater Hampden community!

This project will be conducted in close collaboration with the history and language arts teachers and building



Scene from "Life in a Jar."



Irene Sendler

principals at Hampden Academy and both middle schools, where the topic of the Holocaust is covered in 8th grade.

Please mark this important date on your calendar. For further information and to watch a short video clip, please go to www.irenasendler.org/video/.

Foundation Board seeks to expand

The RSU#22 Education Foundation is actively seeking new board members and committee volunteers to join a growing non-profit organization that supports the students and teachers in the school district. Serving the towns of Frankfort, Hampden, Newburgh and Winterport, the Education Foundation funds initiatives with grants that help foster innovative educational projects. If you have a desire to connect with others who share an interest in quality education for children please consider joining the team.

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

To learn more about the RSU22 Education Foundation, visit www.rsu22educationfoundation.org.