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## **Learning Update March 20, 2024**

- **School Board Meeting-** April 1, 2024 at 6 pm  
The meeting will be held at the SAU Office-16 School Street, Greenville, NH.
  - **To Live Stream:** [www.youtube.com/@MRSDBoard](http://www.youtube.com/@MRSDBoard)
  - **To Phone in: (US) +1 402-809-1143**
  - **PIN: 389 129 660#**
- **New School Board Configuration** - Many thanks to Tom Falter and Julie Lampinen for their outstanding service to the students and staff of the Mascenic Regional School District. Welcome to Tim Somero and our new chairman Steve Spratt.
- **Fresh Picks Cafe-** will be transitioning to a new portal for parents to access online menus, FD Meal Planner. Starting April 1st, this system will replace our current web-based menu for your food service program. This new mobile platform brings you menu planning, nutrition information, and real-time allergen information. Please view the flyer [HERE](#).
  - **Meatless Monday**-Fresh Picks Café is renewing our participation in the Meatless Monday initiative. We participated in this initiative several years ago and are pleased and proud to bring it back to your schools. Just as the last time we participated in Meatless Mondays, the menu will be tailored to the preferences of your community – in schools where there is a lot of student and community interest in plant based and vegetarian offerings the full menu may be meatless for the day; in other schools, we may just highlight a meatless entrée while still offering other entrees with meat. Please view the flyer [HERE](#).
- **Solar Eclipse-** April 8 will be an early release day for Mascenic Schools to allow students and their families to safely view the solar eclipse. Greenville and New Ipswich are in the area of nearly 95% coverage. It is sure to be a show. Below you will find the dismissal times for each of our schools. Lunch will be provided to students and bus service will run in the afternoon like usual to get kids home early that day. [Here](#) is a solar eclipse viewing safety tip sheet. We will be sending home ISO-certified viewing glasses to every student. Also, please check out these [resources](#) for activities to do at home in anticipation of this wonderful learning opportunity. Our teachers are hard at work planning to prepare students with the knowledge and skills to get the most out of this potentially once-in-a-lifetime event.
  - **Dismissal Times**
    - **BMS: 11:00**
    - **MRHS: 11:15**
    - **HHES: 12:10**

- **Breakfast and Bingo-** The class of 2026 is hosting a [Community Breakfast and Bingo](#) night on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, from 5 pm - 7 pm. The buffet-style meal will be \$10 per plate and Bingo cards will cost \$2.00 each. Please RSVP to [cpeterson@mascenic.org](mailto:cpeterson@mascenic.org) if you plan to attend.
- **IMPORTANT - Updated COVID Protocol-** There is no longer a 5 day isolation period required for COVID-19. Please review the new protocol/procedures for COVID [HERE](#)!
- **Parent Summer Workshop-** Student Services is offering parent summer workshops to support education within the parent community. Learn more about Occupational Therapists, School Psychologists, and Board Certified Behavior Analysts and how they support kids. Please take the survey [HERE](#)
- **Ag in the Classroom-** A few of our teachers have partnered with Agriculture in the Classroom to bring a hands-on approach to learning to our students. You can check out some of the work here: <https://nhfarmtoschool.org/2024-webinar-series/>
- **Wellness Wins** - Each month, our Wellness Committee creates a newsletter with some helpful information. This month features an article from our friend The Running Guy & a piece on Cultivating a Health Centered Household! You can find the most recent installments here: [Wellness Wins](#)
- **COVID-19 Procedures-** Remember to stay home if you are sick! Please review the [Guidelines for Illness for the 23/24 School year](#). The guidelines have been updated and no longer require household/ family contacts to quarantine if they are free from symptoms. Those who test positive should isolate for at least the first 5 days of illness and may return if symptoms are improving. For any questions, our School Nursing Team can be reached at:  
 HHES: Ms.Kristy Zina                      603-878-4387 ext. 2012  
 BMS: Ms. Lindsay Heaphy              603-878-4800 ext. 3005  
 MRHS: Ms. Abigail Nichols              603-878-1113 ext. 4005
- **Yearbooks-** Click [HERE](#) to view the order form.
- **MRHS Senior Spotlight-** Each week Mascenic Regional High School features three graduating seniors in the Viking Senior Spotlight. Check out this week's Vikings here: <https://www.mascenic.org/o/mrhs/article/1466881>
- **HHES PTA-** is always looking for members. Contact the HHES office for more information.
- **The River Center** - The River Center in Peterborough, NH offers a number of engaging activities for children as well as support for families.


- Upcoming events:

- <https://www.rivercenternh.org/calendar.html>

Take a look at their website [HERE](#) for more information!

- **School Meal Prices** - We encourage families to apply for the reduced or free meal program at the link below or by asking your school for a paper application. Click [HERE](#) to see information on meal prices as well as how to download the mobile application to manage your student's lunch account and see the weekly menu. Apply online at [MealTime Applications - Sign In](#)

A few other notes about meals:

- No matter what, we will never deny a student their first reimbursable meal (no a la carte, no seconds). This goes for breakfast and lunch.
  - Students with negative meal balances will no longer be able to purchase a la carte items. However, a traditional meal will be provided.
  - If no money is given for paid meals or the account has no available funds, student accounts will go into debt (negative balance). This does not apply to free meals.
  - All students, regardless of payment status, will stop at the register. Free meals will be charged \$0.00.
- **College Guidance Network** - The New Hampshire Department of Education has created a support network for families of students looking into post-secondary schooling. Resources and information can be found here: [College Guidance Network](#)
- **Lunch Monitors**- Highbridge Hill Elementary School and Boynton Middle School are looking for Lunch Monitors. If you are interested in spending time with some really amazing kids for a short period of time each day, please consider joining our team. We would greatly appreciate your support!
-  **Mascenic Mobile App** - We want to remind everyone that we have a mobile app that allows you instant access to school and district news. If you have not had a chance to download the app, please visit the [Google Play Store](#) (Android devices) or the [App Store](#) (Apple devices) to get it. If you enable push notifications, you will be alerted when there is a new newsworthy event.
- **Substitutes Needed**- The link to apply is here: [SchoolSpring](#). Search for the job by using ID number 4297282.  
**If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please visit the website to apply!** [Employment Opportunities | Mascenic Regional School District](#)

- **Reminder to check the emails/messages from your child's school!**  
You'll find information about drama club donations, athletics, music events, dances, school events, etc!
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### **HIGHLIGHTS FROM PREVIOUS MESSAGING**

- **Understanding CSI status** - This November, Highbridge Hill Elementary School was identified as a Comprehensive Support & Improvement school by the Department of Education based on the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment scores for our 22/23 grade 3 & 4 students. This identification is based on several indicators. To learn more about CSI status, please view [this portion](#) of the 11/20 School Board Meeting.
- **St. Paul's Advanced Studies Program.** Since 1958, talented and engaged students from around New Hampshire have come together for the Advanced Studies Program (ASP) at St. Paul's School in Concord, NH. It is a unique, immersive, and transformative program, that is equal parts academic, exploration, college preparation, and summer fun. **On Wednesday, October 26, 12 students met with the Director of St. Paul's Advanced Studies Program.** Any students interested in this summer program may stop by the Mascenic Counseling Center for more information. There is an application process, and financial aid is available.
- [Here](#) is a link to student-driven, developed, and curated writing at MRHS. Students have written these pieces as part of a Viking Block or as part of a class and submit them to be published on their website. We are sharing the link with you because we are proud of the work they have done to promote their own writing!
- **The New Hampshire Education Department** is excited to announce the launch of the NH SAS **Family Portal**, a secure website that will allow families access to student assessment results, interpretive guides, and more. A recording of last week's webinar can be found here: [NH Family Portal Webinar Recording](#).
- **New Covenant Church Food Pantry: FYI** - The food pantry at New Covenant Church in Greenville has expanded significantly due to its new partnership with the New Hampshire Food Bank. They still have the flexibility to serve anyone who walks in the door without requesting family information. They simply ask for the number of people in the household. But they now have a much greater quantity and variety of food. It's currently operating on Tuesdays from 12 to 2, but that time frame may expand as well.

- **New Hampshire Rapid Response Access Point-** NH DHHS has created a hotline that provides 24/7 access to mental health and/or substance use crisis support via telephone, text, and chat services. If you or someone else is in need of support, dial **833-710-6477**. More information can be found at [NH Rapid Response Access Point](#)
- **Seeking Bus Drivers!** Community Transportation is seeking part-time Bus Drivers. Excellent opportunity for parents and grandparents! A clean driving record and a good attitude are a must, training is provided. Please call Community Transportation at 603-532-4079 or email them at [commtran@gmail.com](mailto:commtran@gmail.com) to apply or for more information.
- **Mental Health and Social Media-** Below, you'll find some links that you might find helpful when talking to your teen about social media.
  - [Screen Time & Technology - Child Mind Institute](#)
  - [When Are Kids Ready for Social Media? - Child Mind Institute](#)
  - [What Social Media Does To Your Child and What You Can Do About It — Fort Health](#)
- **New Hampshire Loves Reading-**Please click [HERE](#) to view the NH Loves Reading page which includes helpful information and literacy resources.
- **Substance Misuse Campaign-**“No Safe Experience” is a New Hampshire-based, statewide campaign that focuses on awareness by educating youth, young adults, and families about the dangers and prevalence of fentanyl in fake pills and illicit drugs. Please use this [LINK](#) to learn more about the campaign.
- **Substitute Teacher Application Information:** If you are interested in substitute teaching, we have placed a copy of our application in our Parent Resource section on our website that you may print out and complete (*please scroll down through the documents in the Parent Resource section to see “MRSD Employment Application”*). If you would like to pick up a paper copy, please call Joslyn LaPonsie at the SAU office at 603- 291-2008. Once you have completed your application, you may scan it and email it to [jlaponsie@mascenic.org](mailto:jlaponsie@mascenic.org) or drop it by the SAU office at 16 School Street, Greenville. Once we have your completed application, we will call to set up an interview with you.
- Our process for being hired as a substitute teacher in our district consists of the following:
  - Completed employment application
  - Interviewing with one of our administrators
  - Reference checks conducted

- Once you have been approved to substitute, we will then have you complete the following:
  - Criminal Background Check
  - Completion of W-4 Employee Withholding Certificate, I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification form
  - Direct Deposit Form
  - Substitute availability form