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Learning Update September 6, 2023

- **School Board Meeting**- September 18, 2023 at 6 pm
  Meeting to be held at the SAU Office-16 School Street Greenville, NH.
  - Live Stream**: Here**
  - To Phone in: (US) +1 402-809-1143 PIN: 389 129 660#

- **The River Center** - The River Center in Peterborough, NH offers a number of engaging activities for children as well as support for families.
  Please click HERE to view the Fall 2023 Program Flyer.
  - Upcoming events:
    - Messy Mondays will begin the third Monday of each month beginning in October. Children can explore a variety of creative activities. Details are at the link above.
    - Tabletop gaming for middle schoolers will begin weekly this fall. Reach out to the River Center for more information.

  Take a look at their website HERE for more information!

- **School Meal Prices -** It is time to complete your applications for free or reduced lunch prices. We encourage everyone to apply for this benefit. Updated information for this year's school meal program can be found HERE. You will 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. You can also apply online at https://www.mymealtime.com/Apps/SignIn.aspx

  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.

- **Fresh Picks Cafe-** Please find the Fresh Picks Cafe Parent Welcome Letter HERE

- **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

- **Mental Health and Social Media**- Below you'll find some links that you might find useful when talking to your teen about social media.
    - https://childmind.org/topics/screen-time-technology/
    - https://childmind.org/article/when-are-kids-ready-for-social-media/
    - https://www.forthealth.com/sessions/socialmedia

- **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 of the dangers and prevalence of fentanyl in fake pills and illicit drugs. Please use this LINK to learn more about the campaign.

- **Lunch Monitors**- Highbridge Hill Elementary School is 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: https://www.schoolspring.com/ 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!
  https://www.mascenic.org/page/employment-opportunities

- **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!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PREVIOUS MESSAGING

- **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!

- **Lunch - School lunches are no longer free of charge.** The MealTime application is NOW on our website to be printed and filled out. Completed applications can be dropped off at your child's school or at the SAU office. You can find the paper application here: www.mascenic.org. If you prefer to apply online, you will find the digital application at the link below: https://www.mymealtime.com/Apps/SignIn.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fApps%

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  - 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. We want the kids to eat no matter what!!
  - Depending on the status of the student (reduced or full price) the account will go into debt if no money is given at the point of sale, or no funds are in the account.
  - Although free students will not be charged, they still need to be rung up at the register for our records. It will go in as a 0.00 transaction.

- **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: https://nh.portal.cambiumast.com/resources/training-materials/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.

- **Important Message from our School Nursing Team:** Please do not send students to school with any symptoms of illness and to be sure to report illness, COVID-19 exposures, positive cases, and travel to the school nurse. For any questions, our School Nursing Team can be reached at:

  HHES: Ms.Kristy Zina 878-4387 ext. 2012

  BMS: Ms. Lindsay Heaphy 878-4800 ext. 3005

  MRHS: Ms. Abigail Nichols 878-1113 ext. 4005

- **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: https://www.nh988.com/

- **Covid-19 Absences**- If your child is absent from school due to COVID-19 quarantine, please know that these absences are excused.

- **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 to apply or for more information.

- **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 Joslyn LaPonsie 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

Please call Joslyn LaPonsie at 603-291-2008 with any questions.