



# RSU 21 Community News

Dear RSU 21 Families,

We have one more free snow day for students if we have additional winter weather. After that, we will start using the at-home blizzard bag materials provided to students. We may have a significant storm next week that lasts multiple days in our area, meaning a blizzard bag snow day may come into play.

If you want to register for at-home meals for blizzard bag snow days, [please use this form](#) and fill it out by **Monday, March 13**. \*\*Please note that if food kits are sent home, it does not necessarily indicate that we will have a snow day the following day, it's just so families can prepare.\*\*

Finally, we are excited to announce that after feedback from our community survey, we have selected our next speaker and topic in our Family University forum series!

On Wednesday, April 5, **Adrien Cormack** will facilitate a discussion on body image, self-esteem and social media from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the MSK Cafetorium. An invitation to register for the event will be sent next week, so please look for that and let us know if you will attend!

Have a great weekend!

Much love,

Dr. Cooper

## KES Art Exhibit at Brick Store Museum



The Brick Store Museum (117 Main Street, Kennebunk) is hosting a display of artwork from Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade Students from March 11 through April 8, 2023.

Opening this Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., admission to the show is free for all students and their families.

Thank you for supporting our students' artistic endeavors!



## "Collaborative Robot" Demo at M.L. Day



Last Friday, representatives from Industrial Automation Services brought in one of their "collaborative robots" to demonstrate how these machines help to do work and highlight high-tech STEM careers in our community. A collaborative robot is the latest generation of industrial robots that are safe to interact with as they work with their human counterparts and are programmed to stop work whenever they sense that their function will cause harm to a person, product, or environment. Many thanks to Mark Chapman, the parent of a first grade student, for bringing this opportunity M.L. Day Community School!

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## Our Thaw-some Snow Team



RSU 21 is fortunate to have a dedicated team of operations and transportation staff who gear up early in the morning and late at night to get behind the wheel of a snow plow and clear our communities' roads during snow storms. These are just a few of the folks we are so grateful for...we could not get to school safely without you!

*(Back row, from left: Wayne Ramsdell, Tommy Jellison, David Reynolds, Shawn Ignham, Jeff Boynton; Front row from left: Jennifer Owen, Art Lewis, Tate Porter, Tony Burke, Thomas Platt, Margaret Welch).*

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## Huntington Commons Donates Play House



Kennebunk Elementary School Counselor Austin Muir has a new way to connect with students: a modern-styled play house with three floors and life-like furniture--and it's all thanks to Huntington Commons and a resident there--Ralph.

"I came across this concept for a play house and I knew Ralph would love to work on it because of his background--he builds and continues to enjoy making things--so he helped us with his skills and knowledge to put it together," said Emily Morin, Life Enrichment Manager with Sunrise Senior Living.

"It's an incredible upgrade," said Muir, as he and Morin placed furniture pieces throughout the display.



"I use play as part of relationship building every day with students, and this kind of toy display opens a lot of doors for communication: the detail and modern feel, being able to access three levels of a house--it's so neat and I know students will engage with that," said Muir.

"Ralph enjoyed knowing it was going to kids," said Morin.

"It created a lot of excitement that it's going to have a great purpose."



# KHS Girls Basketball Team Receives Class A South Sportsmanship Award



*Coach Rebecca Manikian, Anya Horne, Cassie Mackenzie, Amelia Tartre, Addie Clark, Delaney Hanson, Simone Houdlette*

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## Winter Sports Schedules

The updated athletics schedule is [here](#).

Need some fan gear? Show your Rams pride by visiting the [online apparel store](#). Let's go Rams!



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## In Case You Missed It

- Pre-K Enrollment is underway! For a look at a typical day, check out [this video](#). For more info, or to enroll, visit the [Pre-K website](#).

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## Community Resources

In a moment of crisis, you do not have to be alone.  
Sometimes you need a conversation--not an internet search.

Dial 2-1-1 for the Maine Hotline. This service can help with issues like acute crisis, financial assistance, mental health, addiction treatment, health care, or heating and utilities assistance. Additionally, the national Suicide Hotline is 9-8-8.

[Here is a list of more resources](#) available to everyone throughout our district and beyond.

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