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# RSU 63 NEWSLETTER

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Thank you to all of our staff, students, and community! We are grateful for each and every one of you!

May your holidays be filled with happiness, health, good cheer, and the warmth of family and friends!



HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS

## DISTRICT UPCOMING EVENTS

### December

16th - School Board Meeting 6:30pm

### January

6th - Policy Committee Meeting  
27th - Budget and Finance Meeting  
27th - School Board Meeting  
TBD - Curriculum Committee Meeting

### HOLBROOK

#### December

12th - Sports Photos  
13th - Early Release Day  
23rd - Jan 1st - Holiday Break

### EDDINGTON

#### December

5th - Winter Concert  
13th - Early Release Day  
23rd - Jan 1st - Holiday Break

### HOLDEN

#### December

3rd - Winter Concert  
13th - Early Release Day  
23rd - Jan 1st - Holiday Break

Be to sure to read your schools weekly newsletters for more details!

# TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Zach Chenier, Transportation Coordinator  
zchenier@rsu63.org



**We are hiring! Great pay, great hours, and great benefits!**

**Do you love to drive and want to make a difference? RSU 63 is looking for a full time Bus Driver and part time Van Driver!**

**Bus Driver Training Provided**



**Please remind your students to be respectful and follow the bus safety rules everyday!!  
STAY SEATED for SAFETY!**

## CURRICULUM CORNER

Tina Dumond  
Director of Curriculum  
Gifted and Talented Admin  
kdumond@rsu63.org

*You can find more information on our website at  
<https://www.rsu63.org/domain/32>*



## TESTING UPDATE

**Maine Through The Years (MTTY) Results:**

The results are in! RSU 63 students scored above the State Average! Well Done!

Click the link to see the compiled data presented at the November 25th Board Meeting!

<https://www.rsu63.org/Page/1483>

## Technology

George Cummings, Technology Coordinator  
gcummings@rsu63.org

### CYBERSECURITY 101: 7 BASIC INTERNET SAFETY TIPS

- Protect Your Personal Information With Strong Passwords
- Keep Personal Information Private
- Make Sure Your Devices Are Secure
- Pay Attention to Software Updates
- Be Careful About Wifi
- Set Up Two-Factor Authentication
- Back Up Your Personal Data



# Special Education

Carmen Rioux, Special Education Director

[croiux@rsu63.org](mailto:croiux@rsu63.org)

<https://www.rsu63.org/domain/31>

## What is a SEPAC?

**Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)** is a district-level, parent-driven group that provides input to the local school district on system-level challenges in special education and related services.

Scan the QR code for  
more SEPAC information  
and forms!



Please reach out to Ms.  
Rioux with any  
questions!  
SEPAC meetings will be  
starting soon!

## RSU 63 Business Office Grants and Donations

### Maine Environmental Education Association's 2024-2025 Mini-Grant

Awarded to Eddington Elementary for Outdoor  
Learning in the amount of \$788.87.

~Thank You Grade 1 and Mrs. Dumond for taking the  
time to write and apply for this grant!

**Kelly Theriault**  
Business Manager  
[ktheriault@rsu63.org](mailto:ktheriault@rsu63.org)



**Lisa Gamblin**  
Bookkeeper  
[lgamblin@rsu63.org](mailto:lgamblin@rsu63.org)



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# BOARD BUSINESS

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The School Consolidation Committee was formed at the November 25th Board Meeting. Committee agendas and meeting minutes will be posted on the RSU 63 website under the “District” tab. The “Consolidation” tab is where we will add information, facts, and data as we move through this process!

Please don't hesitate to submit your questions or concerns to  
**[consolidationinfo@rsu63.org](mailto:consolidationinfo@rsu63.org)**

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## Board Members

### **Town of Clifton**

Linda Graban, Term Expires March 2027 - Board Chair

### **Town of Holden**

Cherie Faulkner, Term Expires June 2027 - Vice Chair

Heather Lander, Term Expires June 2025

Amy Hart, Term Expires June 2026

Derrick Robertson, Term Expires June 2027

### **Town of Eddington**

Heather Grass, Term Expires June 2025

Rachel Downs, Term Expires June 2026

Brittany Wood, Term Expires June 2027

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# Sponsor A Child

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# Giving Tree



With help from our generous community members, the Holbrook School's Sponsor A Child program has been able to provide warm clothing, boots, winter jackets, holiday meals, and joy for children and families in our community who may be struggling during the holidays. We are hoping, with the help of our RSU 63 community, to help out our families in need again this year.

The Holbrook Giving Tree is now up outside the Holbrook office and is filled with gift tags for children in our district. If you would like to take a tag to help an RSU 63 family, please have the item returned to the Holbrook Office no later than **December 10th**. No need to wrap anything! If you have any questions, you can reach out to Ms. Hutchins or Ms. McCarthy. Donations to the Sponsor A Child Program can be sent to the Holbrook School or instead of a monetary donation, you can volunteer to be a shopper to help us acquire the things some of our families will need this holiday season. We welcome any contributions, and your help is greatly appreciated.

If you know of a family within our community who would benefit from this program, either as a recipient or as a sponsor/shopper, please let us know. May your holiday season be bright and hopeful, as you have given to others through your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Thank you for helping us spread joy and happiness this Christmas season.

Warmest Regards,  
Desiree McCarthy [dmccarthy@rsu63.org](mailto:dmccarthy@rsu63.org)  
Ashley Hutchins [ahutchins@rsu63.org](mailto:ahutchins@rsu63.org)



# Holbrook Athletics

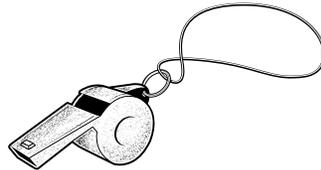
## Winter Sports Season 2024-2025

Please contact Michele Archambault with any questions or concerns!  
marchambault@rsu63.org

**Good Sportsmanship starts with you!**



Our student athletes are learning, they are improving, and they are working hard!  
Be the example and cheer for all!



**Please remember to support our Ref's!  
We can not have games without them!!**



**Click the link for Holbrook Athletic Schedules**

**<https://www.rsu63.org/site/default.aspx?DomainID=197>**



Each year the 8th-grade students interview veterans and participate in the Cole Land Transportation Museum's essay contest: **What Freedom Means to Me After Interviewing a Veteran**. The museum reads through essays submitted by both middle and high school students and selects the top 4.

Mackenzie Reardon placed 4th out of all the essays submitted! She had the privilege of reading her essay at the Cole Land Transportation Museum's Veterans Day ceremony with the veteran she interviewed standing next to her.  
**Congratulations Mackenzie!**



Students in Mrs. Blake's 1st grade class are practicing their reading skills by sharing their stories with Mrs. Davis's Pre-K students! What a great mentoring program! Well done Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Davis, and students!

# Good News!



Both PreK classrooms have adopted a calf through the "Discovery Dairy" program. We are learning about dairying in the state, what food items are made from cow's milk and about our calf. We get monthly updates on the growth of our calf and pictures as well.

For Halloween, Ms. Leland and Mrs. Davis dressed up as their cows, Tina and Wynonna. Miss Morghan and Mrs. Connor dressed up as farmers. We took the opportunity to learn more about dairying even on Halloween. (The picture attached is from Halloween at school)

On November 5th, we did a school-wide voting on our favorite calf, to teach the students about voting and elections. All the students in PreK- 1st grade were given a ballot and they voted on Tina or Wynonna. They selected their vote and then placed it in the ballot box. Votes were counted at the end of the day and Ms.

Leland's classroom calf, Tina, was the Eddington Winner. There was a nationwide campaign for "America's favorite calf" through Discovery dairy that we were also involved with. Nationwide, Wynonna placed 56th in the nation and Tina came in at 72nd place. We watched the "Live Watch Party" along with over 2000 other classrooms across the nation for the winner to be announced. The students are so engaged and we look forward to meeting Tina and Wynonna in the spring. They live on Witter Farm at the University of Maine.

# JOIN OUR TEAM!

**HIRING IMMEDIATELY**

**Special Education Teacher - Holbrook**

**Special Education Teacher - Eddington**

**ELL/MLL Teacher - District Position**

**MTSS Teacher - Holbrook**

**Music Teacher - District**

**Elementary RTI - Eddington**

**Speech Language Pathologist - District**

**Van Driver - Spare**

**Bus Driver (Willing to Train!!)**

**Cheering Coach**

Please submit resume to Megan Harvey,  
Administrative Assistant  
[mharvey@rsu63.org](mailto:mharvey@rsu63.org)

# Holbrook After School Programs



**Academic  
Enrichment**



**World  
Cultures**



**Risk  
Club**

**Please email Mrs. Hutchins with  
questions or concerns  
[ahutchins@rsu63.org](mailto:ahutchins@rsu63.org)  
Holbrook Clubs meet every  
Wednesday and transportation home  
is provided**

# HOT COCOA

## Recipe

**1/4 CUP**  
COCOA POWDER

**4 CUPS**  
MILK

**1/2 CUP**  
SUGAR

**1/8 TSP**  
CINNAMON

**1/3 CUP**  
HOT WATER

**1 TSP**  
VANILLA



**SERVE WITH**

**WHIPPED CREAM OR MARSHMALLOWS**

