



Regional School Unit #34

Alton, Bradley, and Old Town

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Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Highlights

- I've attached the December newsletter for our River Runners program.
- *Community Connections* is soon off to the printing presses. Much thanks to all of the staff and community members who shared articles and photos, and for Dave Wollstadt's idea and hard work to bring things together with our municipalities. Gossamer Press has been a fantastic partner over the years as well – we have a talented community!
- Last Wednesday night a teacher from each grade span and I began participating in an Anti-Racism Study Group, hosted by the Maine Curriculum Leaders Association and facilitated by the very engaging Alvin A.A. Rosales.
- While much work is still underway during the current school year, we're also devoting attention to outlining engaging and effective extended year programming for our students. It's exciting to talk about warmer days! We aim to build on the successes of our existing summer programs, and aim to bring in more community partners and pre-service educators to provide even more opportunities for kids.

OTHS STEM Leaders Program and Honors Diploma Program Highlights

- Our senior class continues to have a very large group of students on track to earn the OTHS Honors Diploma, OTHS STEM Leaders Diploma, or both! These students' efforts, and those of their teachers and mentors, is especially notable as they've been working hard to earn not only a regular diploma but also a diploma of extra distinction throughout the limitations of the pandemic. Much thanks to Mrs. Gardner, who is hard at work guiding all of the students in their capstone projects and arranging teams to review the 31 capstones.

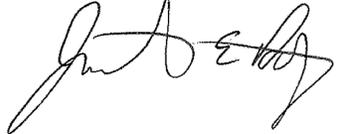
ESEA Programs (Title IA, IIA, IVA)

- Elementary school parents/caregivers, we seek your input! RSU #34 has some dedicated grant funds at the elementary school level, focused on engaging families in education. Please let us know your thoughts here! <https://forms.gle/moeyjGv4JbpHDYQ77>
- RSU #34 has begun planning for the 2021-2022 ESEA program applications and budget, in parallel with the development of the local

Every student deserves to make continuous progress in school.

budget. For more information about how to be involved in the process,
please email Jon.Doty@rsu34.org

Respectfully Submitted,

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