

Dear RSU 10 Community,

I would like to take a moment to recognize the losses our communities have experienced over the last month.

Meg Doughty, who taught for 30 years at MVHS retired last year due to her health and passed away this November. There will be a service to remember Meg on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 at MVHS. We welcome all who would like to join in remembering Meg.

In a tragic accident, our MVHS student Daniel Batty passed away. Many members of our communities were friends and acquaintances of Daniel and his family. Daniel had a strong connection to our community football program and supported youth who came after him.

Earlier this week we lost our beloved bus driver, Bruce Bulger. Bruce not only drove busses, but was a lifelong community member as a graduate of Rumford High School and a champion of our students and their activities. Often helping our students and families behind the scenes! There will be an opportunity for the community to remember Bruce at MVHS on Friday December 10th at 5:00.

Most recently our community learned a couple of our students have lost their father due to a terminal illness. Bill Kelley, was not only their father, but a coach and champion to many of our students, especially those of color. He has left an important legacy to those he has touched.

As we remember these and others we have lost, it is most important we focus on what we have learned from them and how they have each left us better than we were. We must move forward in our lives and take care of our health, reach out to those around us for support and lend support to those who need it.

Please be kind to one another!

Sincerely, Deb Alden