

November 10, 2022

Dear SAU 90 Staff and Families,

Tomorrow, there is no school in observance of Veterans Day. This federal holiday is observed annually honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. This day provides us with the opportunity to honor all service men and women in the area with our traditional assemblies and celebrations. We pride ourselves on partnering with our friends at the American Legion Post 35 in Hampton along with Commander Berk Bennett. It was a pleasure to honor our veterans through the activities, lessons, and assemblies in our schools this week. In honor of this holiday, we thank them for their service and pay tribute to all military veterans who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

With that said, Hampton Academy is collecting any Halloween candy for our troops. If you are interested in dropping off your leftovers, you may do so through November 30 in their foyer. We greatly appreciate all of the community support in helping with shipping fees while adopting boxes for delivery. Special thanks to Mrs. Frost for coordinating this annual drive that supports our troops. Hampton Academy is holding a Thanksgiving food drive until next Friday, November 18. We are requesting a number of non-perishable items that will make for a festive holiday meal. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Special thanks to our staff and families who take on these additional tasks that benefit so many!

With the wintery days ahead, we thought it would be a good time to remind you that our school board has approved snow days. Last year, we balanced days off with keeping our calendar in check. The current calendar builds in five snow days. All school delays and closures would be communicated through our messaging system. It is important that we have your current contacts. Please be sure that your information is up to date. If you are unsure, please contact your child's school or stop by the office during parent conferences.

At the school board meeting this past Tuesday, the board approved an increase in our substitute rates. Teacher substitutes rates have been raised to \$110/day and para educator rates have been raised to \$95/day in our efforts to address this district shortage which impacts our schools and students. If you love our children, and you have availability during the week, we encourage you to apply. We offer very flexible schedules and hope you will consider this opportunity. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Also, at the school board meeting we discussed the district's plan to establish a universal preschool task force. If you have an interest in participating in this work, please reach out to Dr. Lois DaSilva-Knapton or me. We will be establishing a committee that will study this endeavor and make recommendations to the school board for their review and consideration.

In partnership with SAU 21, this coming Monday on November 14th at 6:30, we will discuss Mental Health as it pertains to our middle and high school students. Former Chief Justice of New Hampshire, John Broderick will be in attendance along with a panel of students and mental health providers from our region. This event is open to all members of the SAU 21 and SAU 90 communities. Parents and guardians of middle and high school students are encouraged to attend with their child. Pizza will be available beginning at 6:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

Remember to thank a veteran over the long weekend!

Warmly,
Dr. Lois B. Costa
Superintendent of SAU 90

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