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## SUPERINTENDENT'S LEADERSHIP AWARD



Maple Run Unified School District is proud to announce the recipient of our annual Leadership Award. Our superintendent presented this award at the annual district-wide convocation on September 4th, 2020. The Leadership Award is given to a non-administrative MRUSD employee who:

- Displays exceptional performance in their action and behavior above and beyond their required duties,
- Takes extraordinary measures to achieve results that enhance the operation of the district,
- Positively impacts the school and community through selfless acts,
- Displays exceptional dedication, leadership, initiative and respect to carry out the mission of our district,
- Demonstrates a high quality of work performance including creativity and initiative, and exhibits a positive attitude towards fellow employees, students, the public, and work.

We would like to congratulate Derek Madden, this year's recipient of the MRUSD Superintendent's Leadership Award. Derek is the Facility Director at Saint Albans Town Educational Center. "Derek has proven time and time again that he is an asset to, not only SATEC, but all of MRUSD," said Superintendent Kevin Dirth at the convocation ceremony. "Whether is be collaborating with

Collins Perley to assess the upgrades proposed during the COVID-19 closure, or offering to assist Fairfield Center School with looking at their systems in place, Derek has been a go-to person for many in our district."

"At SATEC, Derek works to ensure that the health of the building is constantly monitored to make certain that the students and staff are able to work and learn in a healthy environment," says Angela Stebbins, SATEC Principal. "His knowledge, research, and professional connections have saved our district tens of thousands of dollars in power and heating costs over the years."

"At Fairfield, Derek has worked with us to help guide updates and repairs, including the addition of our quick lock-down system. This past summer alone, Derek worked alongside our new facility technician to look at our HVAC system to better control air circulation throughout the building," says Sean O'Dell, FCS Principal. "As principal, I am so very grateful for all the time and effort Derek has devoted to helping our children...he was never asked to do so...he just did it."

MRUSD thanks Derek Madden for all he has done for our district. He has received a certificate for his achievement and his name will join past recipients' on a plaque that is displayed at our central office.





*An Excerpt From*  
**Growing Green & Gold BFA Blog**

Dear BFA Community:

As we conclude our third week of school, it is about time I give public recognition to the many BFA staff who helped us to a successful week three. Last week I expressed my deep appreciation for all the meaningful hard work undertaken by BFA teachers to see a new learning model was ready for this fall. While the teachers are on the front lines, our solidly positive start necessitated a summer of immense work by many others. Our custodians adapted to new and more involved cleaning practices while also reworking much of our space during major construction projects. My administrative team has proven to be first-rate as everyone worked long hours to provide the structure and details needed to successfully implement hybrid learning during a pandemic. All of them led various committees, created new procedures (who had ever thought to have unidirectional movement throughout the school, temperature checking entries and the entire cafeteria and gym closed for the intended purposes?), and problem solved myriad connecting issues. Our administrative assistants provided the all-important fabric that wove everything together. And I know my daily communication with Nurse Val proved indispensable with having health and safety procedures front and center and ready for opening day.

We continue to march forward with meaningful student voice and involvement. Senior Zach Lovejoy will be heading up our monthly student-led assemblies. He is looking for students to take the stage at the PAC to showcase their work, talent, please contact him to become involved, or share an idea. Clubs were expanded this week with next week seeing all established clubs up and running.

The Governor's announcement that all schools will now be in Step 3 will have some impact on BFA/NCTC, although the change will be minimal given the state overall guidelines remain largely in place. The most immediate impact is that all our athletic teams may now compete. Tomorrow, Saturday, our cross country team competes on our home trails up at Hard'ack. The other change is that we may now use some of our cafeteria and gymnasium for their intended purpose.

Next week we will be conducting practice egress drills with our students. Senior class meetings will also be held at the Collins-Perley Complex.

This weekend looks to be a fabulous one with temperatures in the high 70s and foliage turning our landscape into a vibrant kaleidoscope of fall colors so I hope everyone is able to get out and about.

Sincerely,

Brett Blanchard  
Principal

[\*Read more from our blog!\*](#)





## The Hive 2020

The Northwest Career & Technical Center started their school year by building community through messages of self-care while also developing an understanding through a culminating activity that ended in the building of 18 sets of corn hole game boards to be sold as a fundraiser for SkillsUSA.

At the end of school last year, the Educator Effectiveness team wanted to create a string of activities to help students focus on social and emotional learning. Over the summer, during the pandemic, they developed start-of-the-year activities to build community across the various NCTC programs and focused on five core competencies known as the CASEL 5: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making. "Based on the five competencies, the activities were designed to learn some essential skills such as the importance of listening, presenting, and teamwork.

Hopefully they will learn a bit about themselves and how they interact with others," said Julie Faas, NCTC Medical Professions Instructor.

The theme of the week-long community activities was related to corn based on the final day where student-teams built corn hole boards and sewed bean bags. During the process of constructing the corn hole boards, the students, faculty and staff learned about the importance of relying on each other within our school and greater community.







## What's Happening at SATEC?



SATEC had a successful opening of school this fall! It has been so fantastic to see our students again.



3rd graders in Mrs. Bates Art Class drawing sunflowers outside.



SATEC received the 2020 Excellence in Worksite Wellness Award from the Vermont Department of Health. Many thanks to Lisa Sutton the SATEC school based wellness coordinator. Below is a list of accomplishments and areas we have worked on as a school in order to relieve this award:

- Promote healthy food choices at the workplace
- Go tobacco-free
- Help employees get daily physical activity
- Become a breastfeeding-friendly workplace
- Promote preventative care and safety
- Support the emotional wellbeing of employees



Dr. Goulet teaches French class to SATEC and SACS students remotely!



8th grade band lesson outside in the tent with Mr. Allen!



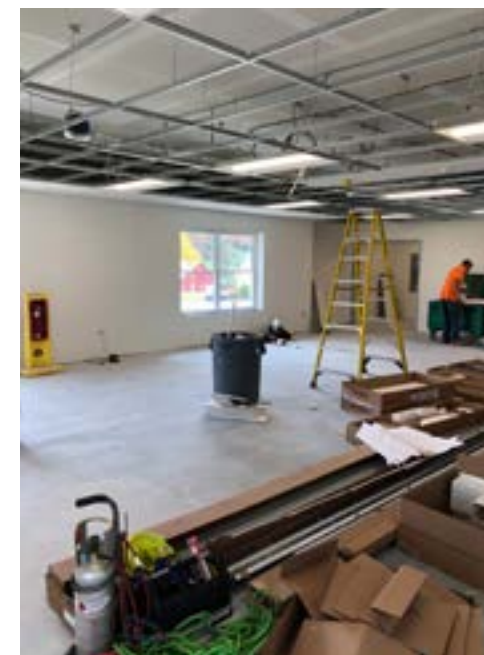
## Updates on Construction at FCS



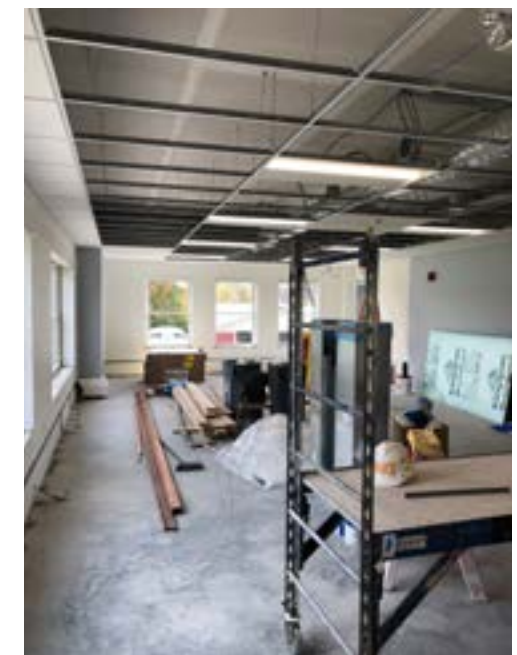
Our new music and art addition is nearing completion!



The athletic office and storage room.



Progress on the new music room.



A view of our new art room.





## What's Happening at SACS?



While all students at St. Albans City School experience familiar instruction indoors, this year classroom learning and recreation outdoors have been emphasized as never before. Teachers have been urged to not only instruct but to also play with children, thereby improving the connection between St. Albans City School's adults and students. Whenever the weather permits, students and teachers can be seen outside in large numbers enjoying the fresh air.

Sport competitions have finally begun. St. Albans City School and Fairfield held a dual meet at City School (9-29-2010). The students were so excited to compete that afternoon that the rain was not a big problem. Soccer competitions are of equal interest to students and they began on the 30th of September.

Hula hoops. Mr. Barker plays outdoors with his kindergarten students  
9-29-2020

Cross country. In spite of the rain, St. Albans City School and Fairfield Students enjoyed their first competition. Students were allowed to remove masks while running. 9-29-2020

Apples. Ms. Moss had her students took on an applesauce making project with apples grown in the school orchard.  
9-18-2020

Outdoor instruction. Mr. Jetter gathered his middle school students outdoors on a warm but gusty morning to teach them math. Students brought out the milk crates they use to store belongs in to use as seats.



## What's Happening at CPSC?



Sunday Selfie at Collins Perley

Since reopening after our Covid shutdown, Collins Perley has continued to grow our classes and hours while continuing to implement safety policies in this "new" normal we find ourselves living in. Starting on October 1, our hours will change to the following: Monday – Friday we are open from 5:00am – 8:00pm (with the gym closing between the 1:00pm – 3:00pm for deep cleaning), and Saturday/Sunday we are open from 7:00am – 5:00pm. The following are some changes that Collins Perley has implemented, due to Covid:

1. Gym Reservations: Please register for an account online and then make your reservations online! All reservations are for 1-hour, and start on the hour. Marks must be worn when entering the building and gym, but may be removed when working out. The mask must be worn again when cleaning the machine and moving to the next station.

2. Register for a Collins Perley Account: To help streamline our membership and class registration, we have moved to an online program. This new software will allow clients to create their own registration account, which would then allow them to make online reservations for classes or the gym. Our new link will be <https://collinsperleysports.myrec.com>. (we will eventually be putting this direct link on the MRUSD). From the main page of the site, select NEW ACCOUNT.

On the "Create Account" page, complete the form and "Submit & Add Account Member" at the bottom. Be sure to add everyone in your household that will be using Collins Perley. Once you have created your account, feel free to start buying memberships and scheduling classes... ALL online!!!!

Please keep your username and password private. Once you have completed the registration process, you will then be able to register for classes, gym time, or the tennis courts. Over time, there will be more features opened to help make your experience with Collins Perley as easy as possible.

Do whatever it takes to get your heart pumping, your blood boiling, and your mind engaged. Why? Because we are all in this together!!!! See, the Complex is not only here for your physical health, we are also here for your mental health. Only the BEST at the Plex... where we make fitness FUN!!!!!!

