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# RSU 63 NEWSLETTER

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## DISTRICT UPCOMING EVENTS

### April

- 1st: School Consolidation Committee Meeting
- 2nd: Policy Committee Meeting
- 4th: Holbrook Talent Show
- 9th: Holbrook World Cultures Fair
- 11th: Holbrook Last Day to Order Yearbook
- 28th: School Board Meeting

### May

- 7th: Eddington Spring Concert
- 19th: School Board Meeting
- 19th: District Budget Meeting
- 20th: Holbrook Book Fair

## Technology Update COMING SOON!!!!



Be on the look out for the launch of our redesigned  
RSU 63 website and RSU 63 MOBILE APP!!

District and school information will soon be available right at  
your fingertips!

We are so excited to offer this new feature to our school  
community and families!



Be sure to read your schools weekly newsletters!



# 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***

# Board News

The School Consolidation Committee will meet Tuesday, April 1st at 5:30pm at the Holbrook Middle School.

Agenda can be found on our website at  
<https://www.rsu63.org/Page/1481>

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



## **School Board Seats Available for the June 10, 2025 Municipal Elections**



**Holden: One 3-year Term**

**Eddington: One 3-year Term**





## CURRICULUM CORNER



March 25, 2025

Every week I receive something called the 'Marshall Memo' that provides articles of important ideas and research in K-12 education. One of the latest memos had an article on teacher recommended Math apps and I wanted to share this information with you all.

### "Math Apps and Online Tools"

In this Edutopia article, Emelina Minero recommends eleven math apps and online tools, some of which teachers have discovered during the pandemic (click the article link below for URLs of the apps):

#### 170 Math skills and practice:

- [Moose Math](#)– This free app helps younger students practice counting, addition, and subtraction; students play math games to earn points to build a town.
- [Happy Numbers](#), preK-5 – This subscription-based website breaks down math equations and helps students understand higher-order concepts; students become dinosaurs and hatch eggs when they solve problems.
- [Prodigy](#), grades 1-8 – This free game-based website targets student weaknesses identified in its pre-assessment and tracks students' progress on them.
- [Zearn](#), grades 1-5 – A free, self-paced program aligned with Eureka Math starts with fun warm-up activities, then has timed arithmetic problems with videos on new concepts.

#### Open-ended math tasks:

- [Open Middle](#), preK-12 – This program leaves parts of an equation blank and asks students to make them true.
- [Would you Rather](#), preK-12 – This site has students choose between two real-life examples and make a mathematical argument for their choice.
- [Which One Doesn't Belong](#), PreK-12 – This site shows four shapes, numbers, or graphs and asks students to tell which one doesn't belong, using math vocabulary.

#### Rich math tasks:

- [Fraction Talks](#), grades 1-12 – A website that encourages student observation and math discussions.
- [Visual Patterns](#), K-12 – Shows the beginning of a pattern and asks students to figure out the equation to fit the pattern.

#### Simulation tools:

- Applets (couldn't find) – These are a simple code with a specific objective – for example, statistics students manipulating and identifying sampling distribution patterns in graphs.
- [Desmos](#), grades 6-12 – A website and app with interactive math activities and a graphic calculator; some teachers have been able to integrate social-emotional learning into Demos.

"11 Teacher-Recommended Math Apps and Online Tools" by Emelina Minero in Edutopia, July 27, 2020"

Thank you!

Tina Dumond

RSU #63 Director of Curriculum and Instruction

RSU #63 Gifted and Talented Administrator

RSU #63 McKinney-Vento Liaison

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# 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 Spare Van Driver and Full time Bus Driver!**

**Bus Driver Training Provided**



**REGISTER NOW**

The Eddington School is currently accepting PreK and Kindergarten enrollment/registration paperwork. Children must be 4 years of age by October 15, 2025.

Registration forms can be found on the RSU #63 website ([www.rsu63.org](http://www.rsu63.org)) or can be picked up at the Eddington School.



Please check your schools lost and found for missing items!  
We have a variety of unclaimed items!!!



# Holbrook Middle School

# BASEBALL

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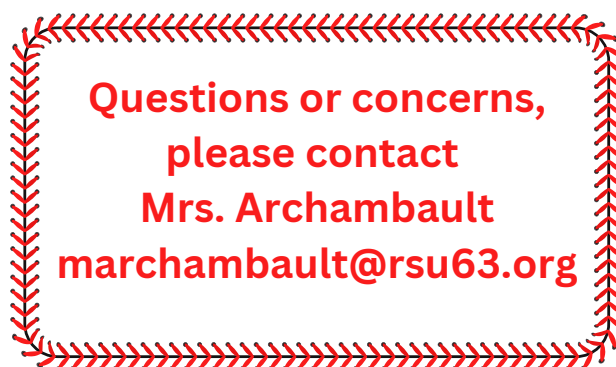
# SOFTBALL

# Season

## 2024-2025



**Practice schedules and game  
schedules are coming soon!!**



**Questions or concerns,  
please contact  
Mrs. Archambault  
[marchambault@rsu63.org](mailto:marchambault@rsu63.org)**





# Holbrook

## After School Clubs



**Art Club**

**Volleyball Club**

**Dungeons and Dragons Club**

**Chess and Board Games Club**

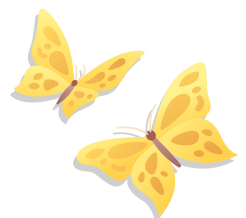
**World Culture Club**

**Work/Study Club**

**WEDNESDAYS:**

**HOLBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Bus Transportation is available**





# JOIN OUR TEAM!

## HIRING IMMEDIATELY

**Special Education Teacher – Holbrook**

**Special Education Teacher – Eddington**

**ELL/MLL Teacher – District Position**

**MTSS Teacher – Holbrook**

**Music Teacher – District**

**Ed Tech II Title I/RTI – Eddington**

**Speech Language Pathologist – District**

**Van Driver – Spare**

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

**Softball Coach (A & B Team)**

**2025–2026 School Year**

**Principal – Holbrook Middle School**

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

# **CHEFS**

## **Clifton, Holden, Eddington**

### **Food Support**



#### **HOURS:**

**Every Thursday, 5:00pm to 6:00pm**

**2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month, 9:00am to 10:00am**

CHEFS could use non-perishable items.

Staple items we like to keep on hand are: peanut butter, canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.), canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti-o's, etc.), canned vegetables, canned fruit, soup, boxed pasta, cans or jars of spaghetti sauce, and toilet tissue. Donations may be dropped off at the school in the entry way near the Superintendent's Office, whenever the school is open!



# Cold & Flu Season is still lingering.....

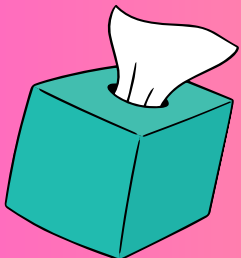


Flu and other viruses are here and we want to remind you that children who are sick should stay home. It is very important to not spread the virus through contact on the bus or in the classroom. If your child is very tired, has a headache or stomach ache, has diarrhea or vomiting and is achy and out of sorts, he or she may have the flu or one of the many other viruses that are plentiful this year. We remind you that fruits and vegetables, exercise (especially outside in the fresh air), and plenty of sleep are the keys to staying healthy. These all help our immune systems work well. It is not too late to get a flu shot. Even if it doesn't prevent the flu, it can help with the severity and length of time you remain sick. Thank you for helping to keep our school community well.



## KEEPING YOUR CHILD HOME — NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Please review hand washing with your child. We will remind them to use their elbow for sneezes and coughs and to wash hands throughout the day. Hand washing is the single most important thing you can do to prevent yourself from getting sick. Getting enough sleep and eating healthy foods help too. Kids usually feel better first thing in the morning and body temperature is at its lowest. This is deceptive, they may still be ill. Keep your child home if they have a temperature, inflamed reddened eyes (not related to allergies), open sores on the skin or mouth (unless covered) vomiting, diarrhea, difficulty breathing, or wheezing (not improved by medication), or an unexplained rash.



If you're not sure if your child should stay home, feel free to call or email [dbickford@rsu63.org](mailto:dbickford@rsu63.org)

# **SNOW MUCH FUN!!!**

**Pre-k participated in the "Take Me Outside" Winter Challenge from February 24th until March 7th. Each day we they did something "different" and fun for the kids! They did an obstacle course in the snow, snow bowling, snow painting, snow sledding, and so much more!**







# YOGA IN EDDINGTON

Eddington School Gym

Wednesday Evenings

6:00pm

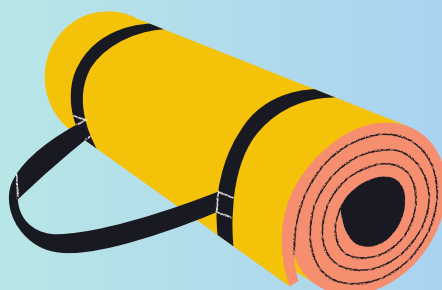
Ages 16+

Join us for a variety of Yoga styles, mindfulness, & meditation

Cost: \$10

(a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Holbrook Rec Program)

Please bring a mat, blanket, and blocks if you have them





## Registration is Now Open!

**Holbrookrec.com**

**Late registrations are subject to a \$25 late fee.**

Holbrook Recreation once again will be offering Tee Ball & Farm League baseball & Softball programs this spring. We are excited to turn the corner to warmer weather, as we gear up for the upcoming baseball season. We are looking for volunteers and sponsors for both Tee Ball & Farm League, remember that these programs can't run without your help! Information and registration for each program listed below.

**Volunteer coaches and SPONSORS are needed**, if you want to coach a team or sponsor, please contact Tom Smith at [thomassmith550@gmail.com](mailto:thomassmith550@gmail.com) or 944-3005.

### **T-Ball - Ages 4-6**

Tee ball is an introduction to baseball for girls and boys ages 4-6 (age of child is prior to August 1st, 2024) and is devoted to teaching fair play, sportsmanship fundamental skills and having fun. Tee Ball is just that batters will hit off a tee, learn baserunning, fielding positions and many other skills. Program will start with indoor sessions in March.

### **Farm League Baseball & Softball - Ages 6-8**

Farm League is a developmental league next step up from Tee ball, which is designed to continue building on baseball fundamentals, sportsmanship, and fair play. This league will be a coach pitch and is an introduction to a more competitive environment with weekly games and practices. Farm league is for girls and boys ages 6-8 who may not be ready for Little League baseball and softball Minors program (age of child is prior to August 1st, 2024).

Indoor sessions will be as follows:

Softball Farm League- Dedham Gym April 14<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Farm League baseball- Holbrook School April 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Tee Ball – Holbrook School April 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

- **Outdoor schedule will be posted when available.**





