



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

September 10, 2010

Thanks for coming! Our annual Open House and Picnic was a grand event last night. It is always a pleasant evening, but last night was particularly successful for many reasons. There was a window of opportunity that was dry, somewhat sunny, that gave us just the right amount of time for the jazz band to wow us and for the delicious, healthy meal to be served outside. There were exciting classroom visits and meetings. The turnout was spectacular and everyone seemed to have fun. It takes many hands to put together such events. Sincere thanks go out to those who helped pull it off - those who organized, those who set up and cleaned up, the cooks, those who made the delicious salads, the servers, and the 5-2-1-0 team! And.... There's enough watermelon (lots of watermelon) left over for the students to enjoy at the gym's opening event next week! Thanks again, BHCS family, for a great evening. ~*Della Martin*

School Pictures will be taken on Monday, September 27. Information will be coming home next week.

Afternoon Plans - It is very important to make your afternoon plans before you send your child to school each day. It is very difficult to have last minute calls with changes of pick up or bus plans.

Bus Safety - For the safety of our children, NEVER pass the buses in the loading bus lane in front of the school. Also, never park your vehicle in front of the main entrance as it is also an emergency lane. Thanks.

Lego Donations Needed - Mrs. O'Neill is welcoming donations of Legos of any size for her room.

From the Athletic Director - We have a large number of students participating in fall sports this year, approximately 62! It is exciting to see so many students getting good exercise after school each day. The coaches are pleased to see so many happy faces on the field. The cross country team has 17 runners this year. On Thursday, they did a 2 mile run! The cross country trail needs some improvements before the home meet this month. The cross country coach, Kim Williamson, is asking for any willing volunteers to join her this Saturday to help spread erosion control mulch and clean up the trail for the season. The A soccer team will be entirely 7th and 8th grade students, 15 total. The B team is HUGE! So

huge, that we have decided to hire an additional coach and split the players into 2 groups. The players have been assigned to 2 different teams, both are practicing together on Monday 4:30 - 5:30. It is a happy day to see so many active children! Let's have a great season. ~ *Tara McKechnie*

ARRIVING UFO! Mark your Calendars - Ultimate Frisbee for students in grades 4 through 8 will start on Friday, September 17th. The group will meet on Fridays immediately after school and the fun will last until 4:00 PM. No experience is necessary and the program is free for everyone. If interested, fill out the attached permission slip.

Sports Schedule

Monday:

Cross Country 3:00 - 4:15

A Soccer 3:00 - 4:30

B Soccer 4:30 - 5:30

Tuesday:

Cross Country 3:00 - 4:15

A Soccer w/Castine 3:30 HOME game

Wednesday:

Cross Country 3:00 - 4:15

A Soccer 3:00 - 4:30

B Soccer 4:30 - 5:30

Thursday:

A Soccer @ Sedgwick 3:30

Cross Country @ All Saints School, Bangor (G/B) 4:15

B Soccer 4:30 - 5:30

Friday:

Ultimate Frisbee Returns 2:45 - 4:00

The "Hannaford Helps Schools" program started this week and runs through Dec. 5. For every 4 qualifying products (the list came home in packet from the office) that you buy at a Hannaford store, you earn a \$3 "school dollars" certificate, which can be dropped in the collection tower in Tradewinds or a manila envelope on the bulletin board by the school office. Last year BHCS was again the top collector among the Tradewinds schools, earning an EXTRA \$1000. It would be great if we could do that again!

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Library News

Library Volunteers Needed! If you have some time to help out in the library, stop by or contact Beth Jackson (x106; bjackson@bhcs.org). We need people to cover the desk while library classes are going on, and also to work on projects for the library and the school; it can be on a fixed schedule each week or on a more flexible basis.

*Students who return the completed Summer Reading Shell Game forms will get to choose a new book to kick off their fall reading.

PTF (Parent Teacher Friend Group) - The PTF will meet Wed., Sept. 15 at 8 AM in the library to plan upcoming fall events, including providing food for the hungry runners and walkers at the *Making Strides Walk/Run* on Sat., Sept. 25. Join us if you can, or get your name on the PTF email list (send to bjackson@bhcs.org) to be kept informed about what is coming up and how you can help. Help us make this another great year here at BHCS. Let Co-Chairs Melissa Emerton and Beth Jackson know if you have ideas for this year.

*Please return the BHCS Family Directory forms so we can update the directory and get it out to you. It is always a handy reference for contact information for classmates and friends.

At the Public Library -- Saturday Stories in September will take on the theme, Falling Into Fall. Each Saturday at 11:00 AM, children ages 4 and older will enjoy stories about leaf color change, apples, the equinox and animal hibernation. Along with stories there will be activities, crafts and more. On Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM, preschool children can enjoy stories with similar themes along with puppets, songs and crafts.

Brooklin School Dance – Friday, September 17, 7-10 PM, tickets are \$4.00. Grade 6-8.

Clarinet for Sale – Buffet Crampon B 12 Clarinet. Great condition. Includes case, 3 books. \$200. Please call 374-3840.

Cub Scouts Pack 97 – Meets at the Blue Hill Firehouse on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM. Boys in grades 1-5 can join anytime. For more information contact Cubmaster Dave Gulya at 460-0978 or email davegulya@hotmail.com.

Peninsula Metamorphic Arts & Learning (PMAL) will be celebrating the Wild, Wild, West at Arts Playhouse during September and October. Arts Playhouse is an after school program for students in

elementary and middle school. The program includes homework help, a healthy snack and creative, age-appropriate activities. Beginning September 13th, PMAL offers after-school enrichment from 3:00 to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday.

Monday - Crafts and Carpentry

Students will be building small projects with wood under the supervision of an experienced boatbuilder, Chris Muise.

Tuesday - Outdoor Wilderness Skills - Students will learn to use a compass, learn orienteering skills, learn to tie knots and lash ropes, and other useful outdoor skills.

Wednesday – Kids' Kitchen - Students will cook healthy meals under the expert supervision of Simmering Pot Founder, Hadley Friedman.

Thursday – Puppets - Students will design and create their very own puppets with Amy Grant. Once the puppets are ready, they will have a puppet show.

The cost of the program is \$15/day for one child and \$12/day for each additional sibling (*\$20/month additional materials fee for Kids' Kitchen). For additional information or to register, phone 374-5255 or e-mail chris.pmal@gmail.com.

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