



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

September 17, 2010

Gym Grand Opening! All 244 students and their teachers marked the opening of the gym with a lot of movement and music on Wednesday afternoon. We had an old-fashioned sock hop to celebrate the shiny new floor! One goal of the dance fit with the 5-2-1-0 goals for exercise and fun. The other point we were trying to make was that the floor has to stand up for another 25 years and to do that we need to wear gym-appropriate footwear. That day we wore socks! The *Dance, Dance Revolution* activity will now be used as an active reward for the 5-2-1-0 Summer Challenge and for other classroom rewards during the year. **X-Box Needed** - If you have an X-Box that is no longer being used at your home, we would love to accept the donation for our *Dance, Dance Revolution* game.

Mr. McCormick will be reviewing the rules regarding footwear in the gym during his PE classes, but we need the support of the community, as well. Please help us take care of the gym floor by entering the gym from the side door to the right of the gym doors when you arrive for games. Then walk only around the perimeter of the floor to help keep it free of sand, mud, and water. Thanks!

CONGRATULATIONS MRS. RICKER!

Penny Ricker has been selected to receive the 2009-2010 Artsonia Annual Leadership Award, an honor that is given to teachers from only ten schools per state across the United States. The award honors teachers who go beyond the classroom walls to encourage family and community involvement in Arts Education. It also recognizes significant achievement in the area of technology integration within the school arts program. Thank you, Mrs. Ricker, for all you offer to the children at BHCS in the area of arts education! Read more in the local newspapers.

Goal Setting Conferences Next Week

Parents, teachers and students will meet after school next week to discuss goals and plans for the year ahead. Specialists will hold office hours that will be posted on the office window. Some are listed below.

Our BHCS counselor, Megan Granger is available to join parent teacher conferences at the request of parents or teachers. Please also feel free to contact Megan at any time to discuss individual counseling or friendship group

options, as well as any aspects of the whole school guidance program at 374-2202, et.104.

Mr. McCormick, PE, Tues: 4-6, Wed: 4-6:30, Thurs: 4-6:30

Senora Cuello, Spanish, Mon: 3-5, Tues: 4-6:30, Wed: 3-5:30

Julie O'Neill, Speech, Monday: 3-5, Tuesday: 3:45-5, Friday: 3-5

Picture Day, Monday, September 27

8:00 AM, Pre-school children welcome.

6-8 Study Hall

Starting Monday after school, it will be held Mondays through Thursdays from 2:40 until 3:30. Please be prompt in picking your child up after study hall.

Soccer for K-2 Students! The Mighty Marvels!

On the K-2 playground soccer field at BHCS.

Practices from 5:15 to 6:00 PM on the following

Mondays: 9/20, 9/27, 10/5, 10/12, 10/18

Games on Saturdays, 9:30 to 10:30 AM from October 2 through October 23. Shin guards required, cleats recommended.

Questions? Call Katy Lacasse, 266-5434 or email Katylacasse@yahoo.com

Cancellation: There will be no Ultimate Frisbee next Friday due to a conflict with the field. It will also be canceled if it is raining.

PTF NEWS

•**Food for Making Strides 5K Run/Walk on Sat., Sept. 25:**

The PTF is providing the energy food for the runners during the race, as well as lunch for the runners and guests afterwards. We are looking for donations of sandwiches, oranges, chips and water, and items for a bake sale table. If you can help with any of these items, there is a sign up in the lobby, or you can let Melissa Emerton know (mlein4@aol.com). All proceeds will benefit Making Strides.

•Mark your calendars for Oct. 15 & 16, the weekend of the Blue Hill Foliage, Food and Wine Festival.

On Friday night (Oct. 15), the PTF will be hosting a Benefit Spaghetti Supper to replenish the BHCS Family Assistance Fund. In addition to the dinner there will be a Silent and a Chinese Auction for lots of great donations.

Let us know if you have something (goods OR services) you are willing to donate!

Della L. Martin, Principal • Loretta Smith, Secretary • Beth Jackson, Librarian • Matt Jurick, Technology Specialist

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PTF NEWS (continued)

Saturday (Oct. 16) will be a BHCS Family Fall Festival with pumpkin and scarecrow decorating, hayrides, baking contests and more! Also going on will be the annual Halloween Costume Exchange, where you can donate your outgrown costumes and pick up something new-to-you for this year's trick or treating! Watch for details.

•The monthly PTF meetings will be held the first Wednesday of the month at 8 AM in the library. The next PTF meeting will be October 6th. Everyone is welcome to help plan coming events.

•Mark your calendars, also, for Sat., Nov. 20 for the annual PTF Holiday Craft Fair. Tables are \$25 for 6 foot tables and \$30 for 8 foot tables. If you or someone you know is interested in a table, contact Linsley Simmons (460-6411, linsandrod@myfairpoint.net) or Beth Jackson (374-2202x106, bjackson@bhcs.org) for registration forms.

•The PTF continues to collect General Mills Boxtops for Education and Campbells' Labels for Education. Boxtops and labels can be turned into collection boxes in each classroom or a large one in the library, and they are tallied on a regular basis. There will be two classroom collection "deadlines" during the year where wing winners and a whole school winner will be announced. Dates will be announced next week. Used printer cartridges and cell phones are also collected for recycling which earns cash for the PTF to help BHCS. There is a collection box in the library.

5-2-1-0 News

Harvest Lunch menu for Monday, Sept. 20th
Corn or Fish Chowder, Zucchini Muffins, Salad, and Apple. Everything for the harvest lunch was donated by the Old Ackley Farm in Blue Hill, Clayfield Farm in East Blue Hill, Blue-Zee Farm and Horsepower Farm in Penobscot, and Maine Shellfish in Ellsworth, or bought from local Maine growers. Thanks to all!!

Girl Scouts

7th Grade Girls and Parents,
Girl Scouts is still going to continue. If you are interested in continuing or rejoining PLEASE meet Lori and me on the 20th of September in the parking lot of the school at 4:30. We will get the girls registered and hand out the Fall Product sale stuff. We will also go over fund raising that we need to get going. If you are unable to make it please call me as soon as possible.
Christie Snow

Guinea Pig Dilemma

Beth Dickens recently became the foster parent to 5 guinea pigs that were anonymously dropped off at the doorstep of the co-op. The local small animal shelter will not take them, so she has volunteered to watch over them until homes are found. They are all females and fully-grown. They appear quite tame and are not skittish (by

guinea pig standards). Please contact her if you might be able to give them a home. Beth (Neils) Dickens
266-825. bethneils@roadrunner.com

On Line Auction to Support Nichols Day Camps

It's as easy as getting on line! Go to ~ www.biddingforgood.com/nicholsdaycamps and register to look over the items and then make a bid! Bidding started Sept 5th at 9:00 AM and will close Sept 19th at 5:00 PM.

Items for all levels: Paintings & Prints from: Jill Hoy, Jon Imber, Rebekah Raye, Penny Ricker, Francis Hamabe; Curves for 2 months, Gibson Financial Solutions advice for 2 hours, alpaca yarns, 2 Sara Sara's sweaters, hand blown glass vase, autographed Robert McCloskey book, gift box of Maine products, Geoff Warner Owl Stool workshop, 7 days in a waterfront condo on Lake Winnepesaukee, 5 days & 4 nights lodging in Cancun; the list is long and varied. You can view most of the items at the Blue Hill Public Library until the auction is over. Please check us out and support Nichols Day Camps. We are here for you and your families!

From the Sports Desk

Uniforms- All of the teams have been given uniforms. Our B team players will be using t-shirts until the new B uniforms arrive in October. B players should wear black shorts and socks.

Round Robin - A Night Soccer FUN-O-RAMA is planned for September 25th, Saturday, at Maine Maritime Academy. Players on A and B team soccer are invited to attend. The tournament is set up for the kids to have fun. A Team Coach, Penny Ricker and B Team Coach, Michael Astbury will be organizing the players and assigning them to games. Two games run on the turf at a time and the teams switch every half hour. Games are usually 22 minutes running time with free substitutions. Our coaches will work hard to be sure that every player has a chance to play. The games generally start at 2 o'clock, but may be starting earlier this year since another team will be joining the fun. Teams are asked to donate to food supplies to share with other teams. The school will provide a bus to and from the school for players. Look for details on starting time, bus time, schedule, and food donations from coaches at practice and in next week's newsletter.

Parent Meeting - Tuesday, September 21st there will be a parent meeting for fall sports in Mrs. McKechnie's classroom at 4 o'clock. We will go over the Athletic Policy and make sure families have all the information they need to have a fun and easy sport season.

Cross Country Trail Work - Thank you to Blake Eaton and Kim Williamson for all the work they have put into our trail behind the school. Blake spent all day last Saturday spreading erosion control mulch at the entrances to the trail. Kim has been lugging the remaining mulch in using 5 gallon buckets and a shovel! The cross country

team runners have been getting in shape by hauling buckets of mulch as well. We have a small pile of mulch left to spread and some trail repairs to get done before our home meet next Thursday. Kim will be working on the trail on Saturday between 9 and 11. If you have a couple hours to help out, it would be most appreciated.

BHCS is an active and busy place to be after school each day. 36 third and fourth grade students are enjoying intramural soccer twice a week, 32 fourth and fifth grade students are having fun playing on our B soccer teams three times a week, 15 sixth and seventh grade students are training on our A soccer team four times a week, and 17 cross country runners jog the trail during 3 or 4 practices each week. BHCS is developing good sportsmanship, physical skills, and team and individual responsibility for 100 athletes this fall. Just when we thought we couldn't get any more active, Ultimate Frisbee is starting today!

Next week's schedule:

Monday

Cross Country 3:00 - 4:15

A Team Soccer @ HOME w/Bay School 3:30

B2 Team Soccer @ Bay School 3:30

Tuesday

Cross Country 3:00 - 4:15

A Team Soccer 3:00 - 4:30

B1 Team Soccer 4:30 - 5:30

B2 Team Soccer 3:00 - 4:00

Wednesday

Cross Country 3:00 - 4:15

B1 Team Soccer @ HOME w/Bay School 3:30

Thursday

Cross Country HOME meet 4:15

A Team Soccer @ Penobscot 3:30 AWAY

Friday

No Ultimate Frisbee

A Team Soccer practice 3:00 - 4:15

B1 Team Soccer practice 4:30 - 5:30

B2 Team Soccer practice 3:00 - 4:00