



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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Autumn

by Emily Dickinson

The morns are meeker than they were,
The nuts are getting brown;
The berry's cheek is plumper,
The rose is out of town.

The maple wears a gayer scarf,
The field a scarlet gown.
Lest I should be old-fashioned,
I'll put a trinket on.

Something Different!

A discussion at the last PTF meeting generated an idea that makes a lot of sense. This weekly newsletter, *Explorations*, will now be produced for you on Wednesdays so that you will have a better idea of upcoming events by mid-week. If you have items for the newsletter, please get them to us by Tuesday afternoon.

Grade Seven Parents and Students

A representative from Camp Kieve is coming to speak to us about the leadership school program on October 13th at 6:00 in Mr. Cole's room. He will go over the goals of the program, what a day in the program looks like and answer any questions you might have. Hope to see many of you there that evening.

School Photos

Picture orders are due by October 18. Families with 3 children can buy 2 and get 1 free. Picture RETAKES will be done on November 5th, in the morning. More information will come later.

BHCS Art at the Co-op

Check out student work at the Blue Hill Co-op Cafe during the month of October. Several area schools were asked to contribute work supporting local farms and produce. It is a beautiful display of artwork. Our 5th grades as well as some 6th graders worked on this project.

Trio Cleonice to Perform at BHCS

Through Kneisel Hall, we have a guest concert for the children on Fri., Oct. 15th at 10:30 AM in the cafeteria. We welcome everyone. The group is violin, cello, and piano, and since it is around Halloween, they will be performing *Beethoven "Ghost" Trio* whose slow movement is supposedly

based on the ghost scenes in Macbeth! We will be learning a bit about Beethoven, as well as the composer Smetana.

Lunch Menu Change

Due to the musical performance in the cafeteria on Friday, there is a lunch menu change.

Wednesday: Baked chicken, rice, salad, pears, Jello, and milk.

Friday: Bag Lunch - turkey and cheese sandwich, carrot sticks, apple, string cheese, cookie, and milk.

Library

Thanks to Jackson and Matt Billings for donating an audiobook version of *The Hobbit*, and to Miss Nelson for donating *Writers in the Kitchen: Children's Book Authors Share Memories of their Favorite Recipes*. Also, thanks to the Gellerson family for donating some already been loved books that will find homes in the library, classrooms, and our next Reading is Fundamental book distribution.

BHCS WEBSITE - Most of you probably noticed that the BHCS Website has not been updated for some time. We are in the process of changing several things about the website and have held off publishing for a bit hoping to get that transition completed sooner. Because things often take more time than anticipated, we have decided to get things rolling again on the old site and will keep you posted about when the new one is ready. So, for now, continue to go to www.bhcs.org for our school postings. The minutes from the October PTF meeting will be posted on the website, under the PTF link.

PTF

*Several years ago the PTF helped to establish the BHCS Family Assistance Fund (FAF) operated through the office to help families in need, particularly through the winter months. Over the last several years, the PTF has raised over \$8000 through benefit suppers, silent auctions and raffles, movie nights, PTF cookbook sales, and donations helping numerous BHCS families. The fund currently stands at \$10, and cold weather is coming! Help make the Warm Hearts, Warm Homes weekend @ BHCS on Oct. 15 and 16 a success in replenishing the fund (and also helping the Food Pantry(FP)), and have some family fun at the same time. We never know when we might find ourselves in need...

To help make these events a success, you can:

*donate to the Silent Auction and Raffle. Be creative! -- a special meal or food items, a themed basket, artwork, handmade things, gift items, help around the house

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(cleaning, yardwork, etc.), etc. It would be great to see many families and students involved, in addition to local businesses. We would like to start displaying items next Wednesday. Contact Melissa Emerton, Shani Billings or Beth Jackson if you have something to donate or have questions.

*donate to the Bake Sale and Snack Tables for the Benefit Supper and Saturday's Fall Family Fest.

*help at the events.

*come to the Benefit Spaghetti Supper on Friday, Oct. 15 from 5:30-7 PM (\$6/adult, \$4/student, \$20/family), with music by the 8th grade combo.

*enter the Fall Cooking Contest (recipes containing apples, squash, pumpkin, or other "fall" items -- sweet or savory) -- details coming home next Wednesday, items due Saturday morning.

*come to the Fall Family Fest on Saturday between 10 AM-2 PM. The event is free but donations will be gratefully accepted. Food will be for sale. All will benefit the FAF and the FP.

*donate to or pick out something at the free Halloween Costume Exchange on Saturday from 10 AM-noon.

*help with some greenhouse and playground jobs in the morning.

Sign-up sheets are in the lobby, or you can let PTF co-chairs Melissa Emerton (mlein4@aol.com, 479-2763) or Beth Jackson (bjackson@bhcs.org, 374-2202) know how you can help.

Thanks are already in order for 100 pumpkins donated by Trudi and Jeff Beardsworth at the Old Ackley Farm!

Girl Scouts

Are you a 2nd grade girl interested in joining Girl Scouts? There will be a meeting for girls and parent(s) in the BHCS library on Thursday (10/14) at 3 PM. If you have any questions, call Rena Flores at 214-2361.

5210

The minutes from the 5210 meetings, as well as links to other useful sites, are posted under the 5210 link on the BHCS website.

Piano Lessons

Holly Weinberg is offering two opportunities for pre-school music at her studio in East Blue Hill: Thursdays beginning this week, there is a 10:00 class for children ages 0-3 - singing, rhythmic games, pre piano activities, pitch recognition, and general fun music making.

Another class for 4-5 year olds is offered at 11:00.

Also, recreational piano lessons for adults offered by appointment. Evenings available.

Please call 374-3546 for more information or email:

hbweinberg@yahoo.com

From the Sports Desk

Uniforms for B team:

Unfortunately, we have decided to forgo new uniforms for B soccer for this season. Since the kids are already outfitted, we are going to stick with the t-shirts for the season and hope to order new ones after next year's budget is available for Fall 2011. The good news is that this leaves funds for the upcoming basketball season uniforms. With so many interested players, we will need some new B basketball uniforms.

Next week's sports schedule:

Monday:

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday:

3:00 XC practice

3:00 B2 practice @ AA field

3:30 A @ HOME w/Sedgwick

4:00 B1 practice @ AA field

Wednesday

3:00 XC practice

3:30 A practice

Thursday

3:00 A @ HOME w/Penobscot

4:15 XC @ Airline (leave at 2:15)

Friday

2:45 Ultimate Frisbee

For Legends of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole fans...

Author Kathryn Lasky (Deer Isle summer resident) will appear at the Stonington Opera House on Sat., Oct. 9 at 7 PM as part of a special screening of the new animated feature, which opened recently in theaters. She will answer questions after the movie. Tickets for the movie and Q and A session can be purchased starting at 6:30 the night of the show.

Upcoming Events:

Fri., Oct. 8: NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service

Mon., Oct. 11: NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day

Wed., Oct. 13: School Board Meeting, 5 PM

Wed.-Fri., Oct. 13-15: 5/6 Science Camp

Fri., Oct. 15: PTF Benefit Supper for BHCS

Family Assistance Fund, 5:30-7 PM

Sat., Oct. 16: PTF Fall Family Fest, 10 AM-2 PM,

Halloween Costume Exchange 10 AM-noon

Greenhouse/Playground Spruce Up, 10

AM to Noon

Mon.-Fri., Oct. 25-29: 7th Grade, Camp Kieve

Sat., Nov. 20: PTF Holiday Craft Fair