



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

December 8, 2010

Harlem Super Stars Join Us For Pep Rally!

Seven-Footer and Super-Chicken

complimented our entire student body on Thursday after the assembly that kicked off the BHCS basketball season. They said that our kids were the most respectful and enthusiastic that they had seen in some time. It was a special treat to have these players from the Harlem Super Stars come and provide a show just for us before their evening performance in Ellsworth to support cancer research. P.J. Keenan, a former BHCS student and Abbie and Jacob's aunt, and the Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce provided this opportunity. We "jumped" at the chance to see their tricks and to hear their message about aspirations, hard work, respect for each other, and the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Payson Allen had a very *UPLIFTING* experience with them at the assembly.... Ask him about it some day.

Library

*The Book Fair is up and running, and will continue through Monday because of the snow day. Thanks for shopping locally at BHCS!
*The BEEM Mixed Bag Fundraiser is also set up in the library. Stop by to find some fun and useful bags, also computer, iPad, and iPhone covers, and pencil cases -- great for presents!
*Thanks to Chris Billings for donating a bag of "already been loved" books which will find their way into the library, classrooms, and the next RIF distribution. We always welcome donations of books you have outgrown.

Brownies

Brownie Troop #951, Grade 3 Girls, will be meeting in the cafeteria at GSA on December 9th for their Christmas party (not at BHCS this week).

Patriots Tickets ... They could be yours!

Making Strides is raffling off sets of two tickets to the PATRIOTS V. DOLPHINS game on January 2, 2011. The tickets are \$20 each, but there are only 100 of them being sold. Be the first to get yours and contact Katie Danielson at school (374-2202) or Katye Lacasse at 266-5434. The drawing will be on December 20!

Enjoy Our Lobby Displays

Please take a minute to look at the collections that live in our lobby display case from time to time. At present there is a collection of Corgi dogs belonging to Ms. Nelson and a collection of Littlest Pet Shop bobble heads from Mary Richardson. Thank you, Becky Richardson for organizing this for us. If anyone has a collection for us to enjoy, please let us know.

PTF News

*The two Family Movie Nights this fall have added \$500 to the BHCS Family Assistance Fund! Thanks to all who helped and came. Shawna Pasternak won Friday's wreath drawing for bringing something to add to the food sale table.
*Needs for the Kids' Holiday Workshop on Sat., Dec. 18: birchbark, small pine cones, tuna and small pet food cans. Drop any donations off in the library.
*The sign up forms for the annual Helping Hands and Holiday Ham dinners project are coming home today. See the flier for more information. The wing coordinators this year are Tera Gellerson (K-2), Rena Flores (3-5), and Sharon Scheff (6-8).

Pee Wee Basketball

10 – 11:30 AM
Saturday at GSA

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

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**Peninsula Metamorphic Arts & Learning
Announces the January and February Offerings
for their After School Arts Playhouse**

Monday: *Mad Scientists' Training Lab* -

A how-to lab for budding Mad Scientists

Tuesday: *Lights, Camera, PRINT!* -

Photography beginnings...

Wednesday: *Tigers, Dragons, Rabbits and Fat*

Tuesday, oh my! Explore other cultural kitchens

and crafts as we prepare first for Chinese New

Year and then for Mardi Gras

Thursday: *Project Style* - a sewing workshop.

Cost is \$15/day for one child and \$12/day for

each additional sibling.

*Tigers, Dragons, Rabbits, and Fat Tuesday has
an additional charge of \$20/month for materials.

The program runs from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

each day and includes homework help, a healthy
snack and creative, age-appropriate activities.

To register contact Chris at

chris.pmal@gmail.com or 374-5255.

**From Friends at Union River Book & Toy
Company in Ellsworth....**

We are very excited to bring to your attention
a couple more special book events. On Sunday,
December 12th, two Maine children's book
authors will be at the store as part of Ellsworth's
Sidewalk Winter Family Festival, autographing
their latest books. Fran Hodgkins, (*Andre* and
Between the Tides) will be here from 12:00
until 2:00 PM and Lynn Plourde, (*Moose, of
Course!* and *The Blizzard Wizard*,) from 1:00
until 3:00 PM. On Thursday, December 16th,
from 4:30 to 6:30 PM, Noel Paul Stookey, of
Peter, Paul & Mary, will be signing copies of
the brand new book *The Night Before
Christmas* which includes an audio CD with the
late Mary Travers reciting the poem and also
two songs from P,P&M.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Week of Dec. 6: Conferences and Book Fair

Wed., Dec. 8: Board Meeting at 5:00 PM

Sat., Dec. 11: Robotics Teams to Augusta

**Sun., Dec 12: Grade 2 to The Grand in
Ellsworth for "The Nutcracker"**

Mon., Dec. 13: 6th Grade to Boston

**Thurs., Dec. 16: K-4 Winter Concert, 6:30
PM**

**Sat., Dec. 18, PTF Holiday Kids' Workshop,
10 AM - Noon**

Mon., Dec. 20: 5-8 Winter Concert, 7:00 PM

**Thurs., Dec. 23: Christmas Vacation Begins
(last student day Dec. 22)**