



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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April 27, 2011

Screen Time Awareness Week

Attached to this newsletter is a page to keep track of things that can be done instead of spending time with a screen! Keep track for the coming week, and return the form (with parent signature confirming limited screen time) for a "good job" surprise.

And take advantage of these offered activities:

*Tomorrow -- Thursday, April 28 -- 5-2-1-0 Family Spring Fling, from 5-7:30 PM.

This family event will highlight the many aspects of the 5-2-1-0 message in lots of fun ways. Come to the Cafeteria at 5 PM to enjoy the film "Recess Stories" created by Shelley Latham and Kenton Jakub (Beeswax Productions) and featuring many BHCS kids telling their recess stories. The Potluck starts at 5:30 and will feature two delicious soups provided by Healthy Peninsula and the Simmering Pot. Families are encouraged to bring something yummy to share. At 6 PM, the action moves to the Gym where there will be information and sampling tables (spring rolls, smoothies, fruit critters, snacks, water) provided by our Kitchen Staff, Healthy Peninsula, Blue Hill Memorial Hospital Dietary Department, the Farm to School Program, tours of Casa Verde, our greenhouse, and more. There will also be active demonstrations and instruction of circle dancing with Mr. Schubeck(6-6:30), hula hoping with Liza Moore(6:30-7) and zumba with Senora Cuello(7-7:30 – wear sneakers and cool clothing)! So come hungry and ready to move, learn and enjoy! Added bonus -- the first 100 students to tour the gym will get a 5-2-1-0 water bottle! Come for some or all of the offerings!

*Join Mrs. Granger and Mrs. Ricker for a Blue Hill Mountain hike on Friday afternoon. Meet at the mountain field parking lot at 3 PM, and bring your letterboxing kit if you have it.

*Ultimate Frisbee starts this Friday! From 2:45-4:00, students in grades 4-8 can gather out on the soccer field to begin Ultimate Frisbee. It will continue on Fridays, weather permitting. Students should bring a parent note saying they will be staying for Frisbee.

Paper crane update

The employees at the Oshkosh store in Kittery were very excited to receive the 1507 paper cranes made by BHCS students, which will be sent to Japan with others from around the country, along with the clothing donations for the tsunami and earthquake victims.

2011 Yearbook! Looking for advertisers!

Promote your business or your child. Take out an ad in this year's yearbook. Please contact Kathy Soper at 374-2703 for details.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten students will not attend school on Thursday and Friday, May 5 and 6, because of registration for next year's kindergarteners, the class of 2020!!

Student Garden Club starts next week!

Students in Grades 3-8 are invited to help with the greenhouse and other school gardens on the four Wednesdays in May from 2:45-4 PM. Their time will include a snack, some time for planting, weeding, mulching, and other garden-y things! Students should bring a parent note saying they are staying for Garden Club, and should meet Mrs. Reuter in the library.

PTF News

Contact Melissa Emerton if you want to help with next Tuesday's Staff Appreciation Day. (mlein4@aol.com, 479-2763)

From the Library

Thanks to Chloe Politte for donating two books by Kit Williams, Masquerade and ____ (you have to read the book to figure out the title!).

Community News

Calling all young writers! Be creative! Be inspired! The Blue Hill Public Library is pleased to announce the formation of a new young writers' group on Saturday, May 21, for ages 9-12. The group will meet monthly from 12:30-1:30 PM and writers should bring their lunch. The intention of this program is to get local kids together to share ideas and inspirations. The young writers' group will enable young people of all writing abilities, experiences, and genres to share their writing, listen to the work of others and be a part of a unique group of passionate young writers. It's free, friendly and very informal. The format of the meeting will be very loose and will be discussed at the first session. Some ideas might be a free-write or the use of a prompt. The results will be shared and discussed with the group. Meetings may also include a special guest speaker (professional writers) to speak about their books or to provide some advice. The most important goal of this group is to have fun! If you have any questions, please call Pat at 374-5515.

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T-Ball Club for K-2 Coming Soon.....

For more information, call Brooke Clapp at 374-3520.

**Come one, come all to the Blue Hill Contradance,
Emlen Hall at the Bay School, Friday, May 13!**

***Family dance** is from 7:15–8:00 PM with music by the All-Comers Band and all musicians are welcome to the open stage. Call for a tune list.
\$3.00 single - \$10.00 family.

***Contradance** is from 8:00-11:00 PM with music by Julia Plumb, Johanna Davis, and Adam Nordel. Kim Roberts calling. \$8.00.

**All are welcome! No partner or experience necessary. For more information contact: Fiona Schubeck, 735-7006 or fionarae@hotmail.com.

New Summer Youth Track and Field Program

GSA teacher and volunteer assistant track coach David Stearns is exploring interest in this program for 5 to 14-year-olds. The program will last from late June to early August and the cost will be about \$40 - \$50 for the entire program. If interested, please contact David Stearns at dstearns@georgestevens.org or 37403731.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 25-29(M-F) Screen Time Awareness Week

April 28 (TH) 5210 Family Spring Fling,
5:00-7:30 PM

May 5&6 (TH/F) Kindergarten Registration (no school
for current kindergarten students)

May 6 (F) Project Acceptance Day, Grades 5-8

May 11 (W) School Board, 5:00 PM

May 30 (M) Memorial Day – no school

June 7 (TU) K-4 Spring Concert

June 9 (TH) 5-8 Spring Concert

June 16 (TH) Graduation, 7:00 PM

June 21 (TU) Last Day of School