



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

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May 11, 2011

### Yearbooks for 2011....Note the Change!

Please send in your Yearbook Order Forms to Loretta by May 20th (see attached). This year the yearbooks will be printed to order, so you **MUST ORDER IN ADVANCE** to ensure your child's copy.

Project Acceptance was a huge success on Friday of last week. The theme was *The Friendship Puzzle* and there were about 200 middle school students (5-8) from the Union who participated. Our keynote speaker was Nora Raleigh Baskin, author of *Anything But Typical*. Nora was an exceptional person to work with our kids, very inspiring, and she was genuinely impressed with them. From the Kieve Leadership Academy, three camp leaders joined us for team and leadership building activities. The Project Acceptance organizing team consisted of librarians and guidance personnel from all over the Union. Beth Jackson and Megan Granger committed many hours to this project, and I am so grateful for their dedication to this valuable event. This was the 5<sup>th</sup> year of Project Acceptance and it gets better and better each year with valuable lessons of friendship, relationships, and acceptance.

### Hip Hop Dance

Chris Grant will teach a New York Style hip hop dance and technique class for all levels in the GSA gym on Saturday, May 14th from 10 am - noon, a second Saturday workshop from 1-3 PM and an after school workshop on Wednesday, May 18th from 3-4:30 PM.

### Sports News

Any game changes that have happened due to weather are listed on our website, including the rescheduling of the Trenton games that was rained out last week for the A Teams. They have been rescheduled for May 17. Other games that were not played due to rain are cancelled.

### *A letter from Sandy Phoenix, formerly in Lesotho, Africa, now on Deer Isle.*

Hello All,

As some of you may know, I completed three years of working and volunteering in Lesotho, Southern Africa, in December. But Lesotho and Phelisanong are still in my heart and on my mind and I want to continue to help feed and care for the orphans there. Some of you participated in the Spelling Bee last August, and many BHCS students and parents have worked to give me donations for the Mamello School. Thank you for all the work you have done in the past.

Aids Orphan Care is a non-profit organization in Providence RI, started by a friend of mine who also worked in Lesotho. All of the donation money goes to programs and people we were directly connected with - Phelisanong and the Mamello English Medium Primary School, the Baylor Pediatric Clinic, and the Tsepong Clinic.

On May 15th, I will travel from Maine to Rhode Island to participate...that means walk....in the first walk-a-thon to benefit these programs. Thank you if you are able to go to the Aids Orphans Care website and donate under my name. If you cannot donate at this time, I hope you are inspired by the stories you find on the website.

If you can donate, here's how to do it....it's really easy!

1. Go to <http://aidsorphancare.org/>
2. Click on the Walk-a-thon box at the bottom.
3. On the next page click on 'find a walker' at the top.
4. On the next page put my weblink/nickname of **sandyp**.
5. On the next page click on Sandy Phoenix.
6. Make a donation.

Thank you in advance for any interest or donation. Sala hantle....go well.

~~Sandy Phoenix

### PTF News

\*The May PTF meeting will be tonight, Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30 in the library (or Mr. Baxter's 5th grade room, if the School Board meeting isn't finished).

\*If you can spare an hour or two (or more) **this Saturday, May 14, we could really use your help at the Playground Spruce-Up from 9 AM-1 PM!** There will be jobs for all, including prepping gardens, trimming bushes, moving mulch, and lots more. The more people who come to help, the more we can get done!! Snacks, and Bianco sausages by Foster, will be provided! Bring your tools and energy, and see you Saturday! We are also looking for help with fixing some planter boxes, the fence for the butterfly garden, and welding of a drainage grate. Contact Annie Rice, Cate Reuter, Beth Jackson or Heather Nelson with questions.

### Library

\*Thanks to Caper Loomis for donating some already been loved books.

\*The After-School Book Club for students in grades 6-8 will be meeting with Brooklin author Ellen Booraem to discuss her book, The Unnameables on Friday, May 13 from 2:45-4 PM.

### 2010-11 Yearbooks!

The Yearbook Committee is hard at work producing a keepsake for BHCS students and families. Please complete and return the order form below to ORDER this year's yearbook. We will be taking orders until May 20<sup>th</sup> – so order yours now! **THE YEABOOKS WILL BE PRINTED TO ORDER THIS YEAR, SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE YOU MUST ORDER IN ADVANCE.**

We are also still accepting advertisements for the yearbook. If you would like to congratulate your graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grader or promote your business with an advertisement, please call Kathy Soper at 374-2703.

Thank You!

### Upcoming Events:

May 13(F)	Middle School Book Club, 2:45-4 PM
May 14 (Sa)	Playground Spruce Up, 9 AM - 1 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