



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

June 17, 2011

Have a Wonderful Summer!

As we wind down for the summer, it is a good time to reflect on our year at school. All images that come to my mind are special and exciting. From the first back-to-school picnic to the whole-school assembly where we all said good-bye to our 8th graders, each memory is a warm and satisfying one. There have been struggles, there always will be, but at our school they are not insurmountable and overwhelming, and our team of parents, teachers, staff, and students make it possible to handle things in a professional and family focused way. We know that many hands make work light and many hearts offer support and strength. These characteristics make Blue Hill one of the best places to live and learn. Thank you all for a very successful year.

~~Della

Reminder

Lunch money must be paid by the last day of school, June 21. Loretta will be calling those whose lunch bills are not settled.

Step-Up Day

On Tuesday morning at 8:10, students will get a chance to "step-up" to get a sense of what the next school year will bring. The class lists are not finalized until the first week in August, but they will get a chance to meet with teachers at the next grade level and see what those classrooms are like.

Field Day 2011

Our traditional Field Day will be on Tuesday afternoon (12:15 – 2:15 PM). It's a fun day for the children to enjoy each other and their teachers.....but sometimes (most times) kids can get a bit wet tossing sponges or water balloons. You may want to send in a dry change of clothes for the ride home.

Library

*All library books need to be returned or paid for, unless they have been checked out for over the summer. Our library depends on it!

Theme News

BHCS moves from "5-2-1-0" to "Go Local!" for next year's theme, as 2012 marks the 250th anniversary of the European settling of Blue Hill. A packet is coming home with ideas for summer activities around the two themes.

Look for the Summer Trails Passport featuring 10 area trails, news about the Public Library's summer reading program, the creation of a sculpture for Blue Hill at the Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium, Holbrook Island Sanctuary's "I Hiked..." challenge, 5210 cookbook and info, and more!

PTF

*Please keep collecting General Mills Boxtops for Education and Campbells Labels for Education over the summer! We will also continue recycling used printer cartridges and cell phones to benefit BHCS.

Community

Sat., June 25, 3:30-5:30 PM: Train to Trails: Enjoy a train ride and hike a trail on the Downeast Scenic Railroad. Depart from the platform adjacent to Cadillac Mountain Sports, rain or shine. The first 150 participants will get a free train ride to the Sunrise Trail at Washington Junction. Local organizations will host information booths at the trailhead offering resources for outdoor recreation. Sponsored by Ellsworth Area Healthy Communities, including Healthy Peninsula.

Peninsula Metamorphic Arts & Learning

Welcome to Summer Sale on their summer Day Camps of Imagination. Register before July 1st with a \$50 deposit and get 20% off tuition! Contact Chris at 374-5255 or chris.pmal@gmail.com to register today! For more information, visit their website at www.peninsulametamorphic.com.

Recess Stories Two

Calling all kid actors entering grades 3-8! Calling all story ideas! Recess Stories: Season Two is going to be shooting this summer at BHCS.

Week #1: July 18th

Week #2: July 25th

Week #3: August 1st

Monday – Friday, 2 PM-5 PM

Come for 1 week, a couple of days, or every day.

For more info or to sign up: 374-5906

www.Recess-Stories.com

T-Ball

Thursday, June 23, will be the last day of T-Ball. We will have a game against Surry at 3:30 PM at the AA Field.

Wear your T-Ball shirts. Go Blue Jays!

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

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GSA Asks.....Why should you consider being a host family to a GSA international student?

“As a host family, sharing our home with international students has been one of the most rewarding and enjoyable decisions we’ve made as a family. Johnny, Ha, and Vivian got the real American home experience, and we and our children benefitted and learned from the cultural perspectives that these wonderful students brought into our lives.”

—Fred & Prudy Heilner, host parents to Johnny (China, 2010-11), Ha (Vietnam, 2008-09), and Vivian (France, 2006-07).

We have several students needing host families for next year. Families with children and families without children have hosted international students— in some cases hosting two or even three students at a time! Come hear from host families, home-stay students, and GSA staff about this opportunity. Find out exactly what’s required and what support you will receive from GSA if you choose to host an international student.

Host Family Information Meeting

Monday, June 20th from 4:30 PM until 5:30 PM in the GSA Library. Light refreshments will be served. If you cannot attend, but would like information, please telephone Kathy Pelletier at GSA at 374-2808 or send email to Kathy at k.pelletier@georgestevevs.org.

**Family Friendly Kallet/Larsen Benefit Concert
Sunday, June 26, 7:00 PM at Alamoosook Lakeside Inn.**

Cindy Kallet and Grey Larsen will give a concert to benefit Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust. They are folk musicians whose repertoire is drawn from many traditions. They are best known for renditions of Irish and Scandinavian music and of the music of southern Ohio and Indiana. Grey plays Irish flute, tin whistle, fiddle, harmonium and concertina, and Cindy plays guitar, harmonium and viola. They perform separately and together all over the US. For more on Cindy and Grey, visit www.kalletlarsen.com. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12; for advance tickets call Emily Hawkins at [\(207\) 348-9901](tel:2073489901). Admission at the door will be offered, but seating will be limited.

Upcoming Events:

June 21 (TU)	Last Day of School
June 20 (M)	K to Curtis Cove, 10 AM - 1 PM
June 20 (M)	Grade 5 to Fort Knox
June 21 (TU)	Step-Up Day, 8:10 AM
	Last Day of School (full day)