



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

October 20, 2011

The Treasures of Blue Hill.....

In our little village we have many caring parents, teachers, staff and community members who all take part in raising and nurturing the treasures of Blue Hill, our children. We have found that this can be both a joy and a challenge at times. All children need to learn skills that will help them be successful academically, but they also need to learn skills to use in their relationships with adults and other children. Children are not born with these skills; they must be learned. They learn them through the adults in their lives who model and discuss them.

We are very thankful when parents involve each other and us in challenges that arise between students because we are able to approach issues as a team of parents and school staff. Recently we have seen some parents who have taken the high road and contacted other parents directly as problems between children have emerged, and then included school personnel, when it was appropriate and when they knew it would impact the school. We deeply appreciate this honest effort between parents. We thank you for doing your part to help with this important job by speaking up. When parents are not included in discussions of behavioral issues with their children there is a lost teaching opportunity. If we all make an effort to do the right thing, our village will be full of treasures. ~~Mrs. Granger and Mrs. Martin

Original Works packets coming home today!

Orders for items using your child's artwork are due next Thursday, Oct. 27. See added information in the packets. Contact Penny Ricker or Beth Jackson with questions. Proceeds will benefit arts activities here at BHCS.

MENU CHANGE

Tuesday, October 25th will be a bag lunch. Turkey Italian, carrot sticks, orange or apple, Graham cracker, milk.

Many Hands Make Light Work

Join us on Saturday from 10 AM – 2 PM for our fall Spruce Up. This is a fun annual event where

we get a lot done in just a few hours. Perhaps you enjoy repairing sandboxes, putting gardens to bed for the winter, raking woodchips, trimming shrubs, or solving puzzles of how to put playground equipment together. There is something for everyone! Foster will be grilling sausages for lunch. Other food donations are welcome. Contact Annie Rice at 374-2673 or Heather Nelson at 347-2202 with questions.

Reminder

While teachers appreciate the time to visit with parents, it is really important that we honor the procedure of not going directly to classrooms during the day. There are many busy events happening in each space, and many busy kids and teachers trying to get a lot done, so visits and interruptions can certainly throw off the flow. Please know that your concerns are very important to us, so do call for an appointment, or leave any messages or items in the office to be delivered to the classrooms.

Go Local News

Barry Dana, former Penobscot Nation Chief, will be at BHCS for the whole day, Tuesday, October 25. If you are interested in dropping by that day, contact Penny Ricker for more information.

Blue Hill's sculpture, The Window of the Sea Wind, is now living at Emerson Park. Many of our classes were able to visit the park on Tuesday to witness first-hand the placement of this sculpture that was done for Blue Hill as part of the Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium. The artist was Hitoshi Tanaka from Japan. When the crane workers finally secured the piece on its base, our 5th and 6th graders were the first to climb up on it. All students at BHCS got to choose a special piece of granite from the symposium.

Benefit Concert for Dolly Fisher Fund for Heating Assistance...

The concert will be held at the Blue Hill Congregational Church, Saturday, October 29th, 7 PM, featuring folk musicians of the Sweet Chariot

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

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Music Festival including Dillon Bustin, Jennifer Armstrong, Dean Stevens, and Doug Day. It's a family friendly evening. For more info contact Wendy Ritger, 374-2891, bhcongo@yahoo.com.

Sports Desk

Fall sports are just about finished. Cross country runners had their last meet yesterday. The 7th grade A team players are off to Kieve next week, so 6th grade B team soccer players will be helping the A team at their last game next Wednesday. Our A team has been invited to participate in a tournament with Pemetic, MDES, Deer Isle-Stonington, Trenton, Tremont, and Bar Harbor from October 31 – November 4th. We do not know when the games will be or where the games will be held yet. The schedule will be created after the teams have played their last games because the schedule is based on standings.

To celebrate the end of the season, each sports team will present awards at an end-of-the-year time. Coaches will give out certificates at that event. I am taking orders for varsity letters. If you would like a varsity letter to collect pins, please send in \$9 with your name. We will need 12 orders as a minimum. I will place the order on November 4th.

Mark your calendars for these end-of-the-season fun nights!

*Both B soccer teams are having a fun game at 2:45 PM and then passing out certificates at 3:30 PM on November 2nd, right at BHCS. Following the game, pizza will be served! Please send in \$6 for your child to Mrs. McKechnie before November 2nd, so we can order ahead of time.

*The Cross Country team is going to Marlintoni's for dinner and passing out certificates on November 3rd. There are more details to come on this idea.

The A soccer team is having a fun game at 2:45 and then passing out certificates at 3:30 PM on November 4th at the BHCS field. A team will have a pizza party ON THE FIELD at the end! Let's hope it doesn't rain - that could get messy. Please send in \$6 by November 4th to Mrs. McKechnie, so we can order pizza!

B team game changes:

As requested by coaches, the game scheduled for October 31st is canceled. Happy Halloween B team! In order to better match the kids with

other teams, we are taking 6th and 7th grade B soccer players ONLY to Surry October 20th and 5th grade B soccer players ONLY to Brooksville on November 1st.

~Mrs. McKechnie



Travel Team Basketball

There will be tryouts for the grades 7/8 boys travel team on Friday, October 18, from 6-8 PM in the BHCS gym.

Benefit Supper - Baked Beans and Casseroles

Saturday, November 5, Sedgwick School Gym, 5:30 PM. All proceeds will benefit Nancy Torrey Gale, who is battling melanoma cancer, and her family.

Blue Hill Soccer Club (Mighty Marvels)

This week both games are away for our teams. The 1-2 grades will be playing at 11:30 AM on the Demeyer 3 Field (3rd on left) in Ellsworth, off Rte. 1 A across from the State Police Barracks. The 3-5 grades will be playing at 12:30 PM at the Gouldsboro



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Community Center in Gouldsboro. Take Rte 1 to Gouldsboro until you reach 195 (Pond Rd.) on the left. The community center is roughly 4 miles down on the left. Please call Jim or Katye with any questions, 374-5813.

Results Basketball Clinic

Boys and Girls in 2nd – 8th Grade

**October 15th at Glenburn Elementary School
5th - 8th grades from 9 AM to 1 PM

2nd – 5th grades from 1:30 – 5:30 PM (5th graders may choose which session to attend).

**October 29th at Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor

2nd – 5th grades from 9 AM to 1 PM

5th – 8th grades from 2 – 6 PM (5th graders may choose which session to attend.)

**November 5th at George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill

2nd – 5th grades from 9 AM to 1 PM

5th – 8th grades from 2 – 6 PM (5th graders may choose which session to attend).

Cost: \$30 per session (family prices available)

CONTACT: resultsbasketballclinics@yahoo.com or 207-540-2621.

YMCA Rec League Basketball

If you are interested in participating in a YMCA Rec League Basketball Program for grades 3-4, please call Jeffrey Allen for details at 266-9242.

Bath Salts and Opiate Forum –

What's happening in our local communities?

Monday, November 14th at the Blue Hill Town Hall, 5:30 – 7:30 PM. For more information contact Healthy Peninsula at 359-2441.

Participants include Acadia Hospital, Blue Hill Memorial Hospital, Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, and the Open Door Recovery Center.

Dates to Remember:

Sat., Oct. 22: Fall Playground Spruce Up, 10 AM – 2 PM

Oct. 20 and 21: Middle School teachers at MAMLE conference (Th and F)

Oct. 24 – 28: Camp Kieve – 7th Grade

Tues., Oct. 25: Barry Dana, former Chief of the Penobscot Nation visits BHCS

Thurs., Oct. 27: Original Works order due

Thurs., Nov. 3: Internet Safety Night