



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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Fall BACK this Weekend!

Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday night. Won't it be nice to have a bit more light in the morning? And, I know middle school kids will love another hour of sleep. I have to admit, I will, too!

~Mrs. M

Tonight!! Internet Safety Night for parents and students in grades 3-6, at 6 PM in the library.

Rec Night at BHCS

Students from BHCS in grades 5-8 are invited to share in the fun of our first Rec Night, Friday, November 4th from 7-9 PM. Activities will be happening in the cafeteria and the library. Thank you, 5-2-1-0 Committee, for sponsoring this event for our teens and tweens.

Garden Club Report

This week we took the seeds out of the huge white ghost pumpkin. We got to take home 2 seeds each from the big pumpkin. We then composted the pumpkin. We carved the pumpkins we grew and then they went to Fairwinds Florist for their window. We toasted the small seeds from the pumpkins and had them for our snack. We ground the wheat seeds and made flour for pizza. We also cut Swiss chard for the Tree of Life.

From Shelby Williamson

Notes From the Band Room

This Saturday, many 6th and 7th grade band students will attend the District VI Honor's Festival at the Center Drive School in Orrington. The students will leave by bus at 7:45 AM, rehearse all day, and then perform for parents and community members at 5:00 PM. On the program is "Hey Jude" by the Beatles, "Allegretto" by Beethoven, "Precision March" by Harold Bennett, and "Battlestar" by Chris Bernotas. Also performing will be the District VI Honor's Chorus. It should prove to be a great show.

The Jazzband season has officially started with after school rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday until 3:30 PM. The public is invited to hear the

Jazzband perform at Jazz Night on Thursday, November 17th at 4:00 PM in the band room. The band is really rockin' this year, so please come out and support them.

~Mr. Schubeck

Picture retake day is this Friday.

If you bought a package and want a retake you must send your original package in on Friday.

Annual Tree of Life Food Drive and Go Local Jeopardy

We are collecting non-perishable food items for the November 16th food drive. Our students will meet in their Theme Teams to deliver the food to the Food Panty from 9:30 – 10:30 AM. While half the school is up there, the other half will be participating in a multi-age Go Local Jeopardy game in the cafeteria. We'll see who knows the most about our town.

Project Acceptance for Grades 7&8

Next Thursday, Nov. 10, Union 93 middle school students will gather at BHCS to explore the theme of being the first responder in a bullying situation. Carrie Jones, co-editor of the book, Dear Bully: 70 Authors Tell Their Stories, will be here along with Scot Cannon to help share their perspectives on the topic. Students will also participate in a number of workshops led by middle school teachers.

PTF

•Costume Collection Box -- There is a box in the lobby for Halloween costumes you don't plan to use another year. They will be stored until next October when we will have a Halloween Costume Exchange.

•PTF meeting: Wed., Nov. 9, 6:30 PM in Mr. Baxter's room.

•The Holiday Craft Fair is coming right up! Mark your calendars for Sat., Nov. 19 from 10 AM-2 PM. There will be great opportunities for shopping; we will be looking for donations for the PTF food table. We will also have a Winter Clothing and Gear Exchange set up in the cafeteria. (There will be a collection box in the lobby starting Nov. 14, or things can be dropped off on the day of the fair.)

Original Works

We will be making one more submission of orders on Monday, Nov. 7. While Original Works can't guarantee they will be back by the holidays, they will do the best they can (last year the late orders were back in plenty of time).

Fall Sports Wrap Up!

Cross Country had a terrific season. Kim Williamson has instilled a love of athleticism in these runners that is impressive. The team has grown from 17 runners last year to 31! The girls won 5 out of 7 of their meets and the team won the PVMSCC League Sportsmanship Award. The recipient for the Sportsmanship Award is selected by votes from all of the opposing teams. So, not only was the BHCS team successful, they were gracious about their achievement and exhibited above and beyond respect to officials and other participants.

Coach McCormick awarded certificates at the last intramural soccer practice on October 18th. He had an incredible team of 36 third and fourth grade soccer players. We are so lucky to have a coach for beginning players who makes them all feel so successful as beginners.

B team won their last game at Brooksville on Tuesday night and celebrated a super season on Wednesday. Mark Baxter and Kyle Snow have done a wonderful job encouraging these 24 young athletes to learn and improve their skills. The B teams practiced and played together as much as they could, while still maintaining adequate playing time for all. The coaches thoughtfully assessed the skills of their students and flexibly grouped to meet their needs and keep games with smaller schools fun and competitive. You would never guess these two coaching pros were first-year BHCS coaches!

WHAT AN AMAZING TOURNAMENT GAME! Last Friday night, the A soccer team played MDES. MDES is one of the best teams in the Island League; some might say they really could have been considered the top seeded team. The game was a nail-biter! BHCS tied the game 1-1. Then tied it again in overtime 1-1. To decide the game each team was given 5 penalty kicks! Coach Astbury was quite proud of the way his team played together. The parents cheered like crazy. It was an amazing tournament game. We are so lucky to have an A team coach who ensures high standards of safety, physical training, and sportsmanship.

In all, we have watched 107 sports participants in grades 3-8 develop a sense of individual and team responsibilities, we have cheered at 42 events, and we have earned a reputation on the peninsula as a

school that teaches sportsmanship as well as high quality physical skill. Thank you to our coaches who inspire our children to achieve their personal best!
PLEASE TURN IN ALL UNIFORMS TO MRS. McKECHNIE!

On behalf of the whole student body, thank you, Mrs. McKechnie, for a wonderful season!

Results Basketball Clinic

**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 and multiple clinic discounts available)

Presented by Coach Mark Baxter and his staff of collegiate coaches and athletes who travel the state providing towns with top-level basketball instruction. Their mission is to help develop the fundamentals of basketball including shooting, ball handling, passing, and offensive/defensive skills. Participants will be given individual instruction and attention in age appropriate groups. There will be shooting contests and games. They will be learning, practicing, and HAVING FUN! CONTACT: 207-540-2621 or resultsbasketballclinics@yahoo.com.

Christmas Angels, Blue Hill Congregational Church, provides gifts of clothing for children in need on the Peninsula and Deer Isle/Stonington. To contribute, either by shopping for a child or family, or with a cash donation, call Kim Williamson, peony13@me.com or 374-2092. For help from program, call Wendy Ritger 374-2891 or bhcongo@yahoo.com, by Nov. 21.

Dates to Remember:

Thurs., Nov. 3	3-6 Internet Safety Night, 6 PM
Fri., Nov. 4	Picture Retakes
Fri., Nov. 4	5-8 Rec Night, BHCS Café, 7-9 PM
Wed., Nov. 9	School Board, 5 PM
Wed., Nov. 9	PTF Meeting, 6:30 PM
Thurs., Nov. 10	Project Acceptance Day, Gr. 7/8
Fri., Nov. 11	Veterans' Day, No School
Wed., Nov. 16	Food delivery to the Food Pantry
Thurs., Nov. 17	Flu Clinic
Fri., Nov. 18	BHCS Thanksgiving Meal
Sat., Nov. 19	PTF Holiday Craft Fair 10 AM-2 PM
Wed., Nov. 23-	
Fri., Nov. 25	No School, Thanksgiving Holiday