



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

November 10, 2011

Supervision at School

Please remember that students are not to arrive at school before 7:30 AM, and they are not to be in the building after 2:45 PM when the buses leave, unless there is a scheduled practice, a study hall, or an appointment. Teachers spend a lot of time in the building, but they are involved in the many meetings, duties, and commitments of providing an excellent educational program for our children. Also, if your child will not be following his/her usual routine after school, please let us know. It is important for us to know where you expect your child to be. There are serious risks when students are not supervised, so please help us enforce this common sense need for safety.

Our Voc Ed Room Needs A Facelift!

The vocational education room located near the art room was designed 20 years ago as a multipurpose room for many programs. As all things go, attention needs to be given to this area once again, in order to create a warm and inviting space for students and staff to work. The room needs a complete overhaul to improve functionality. We need it for many programs including occupational therapy, vocational education, life skills, special cooking classes, washing and drying of sports uniforms and kitchen/maintenance materials, and as a locker room for the visiting sports teams.

Parents can help! We are in need of volunteers to bring the vision to life. The next stage of the project will be preparing the new walls for paint (sanding & priming). If you can help with this or would like to help with other stages of this project in the future, please let Tera Gellerson or Shani Billings know when you are available.

Additionally, to raise funds to help with this project, you can purchase tickets for the Chinese raffle for various items such as hair cuts & color, dog grooming services, food items, and gift items. All proceeds will go to this project. Tickets can be purchased for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 at the PTF Craft Fair. The drawing will be held in December.

Also, we express a BIG thank you to Ronnie Billings, Jason Billings & Todd Gellerson for giving up two of their Saturdays recently to tear down the existing temporary wall in this room, replacing it with a permanent one that is up to code. They

also enclosed the school laundry and built a walk-in storage closet for the OT equipment. Their time and help is greatly appreciated!

Silent Auction to Benefit Family Assistance

Come in next week to make a bid on the items in our silent auction. All proceeds will go to help families in need this winter.

Winter Sports Information

Monday, Nov. 14 at 6 PM – Mandatory parent meeting in the cafeteria.

FOOD DRIVE – We are looking for non-perishable food items for our Tree of Life food drive on November 16. We are filling the boxes! Thanks!

Thank you, Making Strides!!!

The Special Education Staff at Blue Hill Consolidated School would like to thank Making Strides for the generous donations of three iPads and additional monetary funds. Through these generous donation, our unique and diverse learners can access curriculum in a fun and innovative way!

Artsonia

Artsonia is an online place where we digitally archive student work. It is a great way to share artwork with relatives and friends who can access the site. Students enjoy reading comments and forming fan clubs. Please do not feel you have to purchase things from this site or even register your child. That is a personal decision for each family. It helps to keep a record from year to year of student progress, but as with any free site they will try to sell you things. I have ordered cards from them, and other than a steep shipping price, I was pleased with the product. The good news is they have tee-shirts with a single image unlike the three that Original Works now uses. If you have any concerns or question, please call, 374-5784. ~Penny Ricker

PTF

•The Holiday Craft Fair is coming on 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**

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

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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.)

Garden Club News

This week we took the beans out of their pods. We made pizza for snack. The dough was made from the wheat we grew. The sauce was made from the tomatoes we grew. It was pepper pizza. There was cheese, too. It was so yummy!! We cleaned up the outside garden and planted more lettuce in the greenhouse. I can't wait till next time.

by Sydney Walsh

To All XC Team Members:

I wanted to say a big heartfelt THANK YOU to each and every one of you for my personalized warm up and cards. I am so grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness. I will wear it with pride. Thanks for a great season. You guys are the best!

Love, Coach Kim

Christmas Angels Program

The Christmas Angels Program of the First Congregational Church of Blue Hill provides gifts of clothing for children in need on Blue Hill Peninsula and Deer Isle/Stonington. To be a Christmas Angel or to donate to the program call Kim Williamson at peony13@me.com or 374-2092. For help from the program call Wendy Ritger 374-2891 by Monday, Nov. 21.

Free Community Meal

The Simmering Pot—A Community Created Supper, Mondays 2:30 to 6:00 PM at the First Congregational Church of Blue Hill. Eat in or take out. No charge, donations accepted. For more info call 374-2891.

Beginning Vaganova Ballet Class

Sedgwick Dance Studio will be offering a Beginning Vaganova Ballet Class for 4th and 5th grade students. This classical ballet class will be led by GSA student, Megan Malaby of Hancock. To learn more about this class please contact Jennifer Trowbridge at j.trowbridge@georgestevens.org or call 359-5562.

BENEFIT SUPPER

**First Congregational Church of Blue Hill,
Saturday November 12, 5:30 PM.**

Baked beans, casseroles, desserts by the Ladies Day Circle. To benefit the Dolly Fisher Fund, helping people on the Blue Hill Peninsula with fuel and necessities. The need is great.

Suggested Donations: Adults: \$7; children 6-12: \$4; children under 6: free. For more info, call 374-2891.

Dates to Remember:

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