



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

December 1, 2011

Tonight: Winter Village Carnival, Thursday, Dec. 1, starting at 4 PM, at the Town Hall. Please join the fun!

Thank YOU, Loretta!

We extend a HUGE thank you to Loretta Smith for organizing the Silent Auction for the "Family Assistance Fund" again this year. It takes a great deal of time to plan and pull off this kind of project and to make it as successful as it has been, but in the end it is so appreciated. Loretta has a great pulse on the needs of our BHCS community and she kindly and untiringly works to help those in need.

Thank you, Loretta, from all of us!

Thank you FROM Loretta

I would like to thank everyone who helped me raise money for the Family Assistance Fund. Together we brought in over \$1,000.00. I am very impressed and grateful to have the support to keep this important program running.

~~Loretta

Notes From the Bandroom

Good Luck to the BHCS Jazzband who play for the tree lighting tonight, Thursday, December 1st at 4:15 PM, and at the Bay School's Winterfaire on Saturday, December 3 at 10:00 AM. They sounded fantastic at Jazz Night and I encourage everyone to come out and hear them. Also, the 5-8 Winter Concert is Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 PM.

~~Mr. Schubeck

Sports School Study Hall Schedule

For the week of December 5-9, 2011, due to Parent/Teacher conferences, there will be no after school study hall for sports.

For the week of December 12-16, 2011 the after school study hall in Mrs. Davis' room will be as follows:

Mon., Dec. 12, 2011; 2:45-3:30 PM

Tues., Dec. 13, 2011; no study hall

Wed., Dec. 14, 2011; 2:45-3:30 PM

Thurs., Dec. 15, 2011; no study hall

Fri., Dec. 16, 2011; no study hall

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences Next Week

Please be sure that you have an appointment scheduled with your child's teacher for a conference next week. This is a critical piece of a child's educational program, as it assures that communication is working well. Please see the end of the newsletter for office hours for humanities teachers.

PEE-WEE Basketball

December 3rd, 10-11:30 AM at GSA.

Grades 1-4. \$10.00 per child.

Contact: Dennis Rackliffe, 374-2297.

Library News

The Book Fair will be here next week (Mon-Thurs.), during school and conferences until 5 PM. Stop by to find books for reading and gifts, and check out the Teacher Wish List board to see books they would like for their classrooms. As always, your support benefits the library!

PTF NEWS

•We send a big thank you to all the people who helped to make the Holiday Craft Fair such a big success. A special big thank you to Linsley Simmons for organizing the crafter tables, Erin Williamson for organizing the food table, all of you who showed up to help set up and clean up, those who donated food to the PTF table, and those who came to shop -- it takes a lot of people to make it a success!!

PTF has three exciting things coming up:

•On Sat., Dec. 17th we will host the Holiday Craft Making Workshop for kids from 10 AM-noon. We need lots of help! About 75 students come and everybody has a wonderful time. It takes about 30 adults to make it all work. If you can help, please let us know. For one of the projects we need lids from frozen juice containers.

•To raise money for educational programming, the PTF is selling *Go Local* discount cards good at local businesses. A sample card and order form is coming home with the newsletter, and the cards will be available starting Mon. Dec. 19 -- just in time to be stocking stuffers and help with last minute shopping and meals! The card is good for a whole year and makes a great gift. Our goal is to sell 500 cards, which may seem like a lot but is really just two cards per student in the school. If we sell 500, the PTF will

make \$8 per card and the person who has the card gets a year's worth of savings! A big thank you to Shawna Pasternak who contacted businesses and worked with the company that prints the cards. This will be the main fundraiser this school year and we appreciate your support.

•For all of you who have needed new "bobcat gear," it is on its way. Chris Billings has been working to bring together some old favorites, t-shirts and sweatshirts, with some new items, athletic bags, canvas bags and even a little tie-dye. Many items will be available with monogramming. By the end of next week samples should be ready for you to see in the lobby and we will be taking orders that will be ready for the holidays.

•Our next PTF meeting will be Wed., Dec. 7th at 6:30 PM in Mr. Baxter's room. We hope you can come!

•Hannaford Helps Schools certificates -- this Friday (12/3) is the last day to earn them! Stock up on qualifying items -- beans for chili, pasta, etc. Every four items earns a \$3 certificate. Look for the identifying shelf tags or search "Hannaford Helps Schools" for a list of participating brands.

•A shopping tip from Annie Rice -- Consider using the Boxtops for Education website for online shopping this year. If you shop some of your favorite stores through the Boxtops 4 Education website, you can earn free money for the school of your choice. There are so many stores to choose from. Take a look by going to:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/default.aspx>.

Just create a simple login, designate the school of your choice (BHCS!) and begin shopping. (This link also provides a list of stores -- it is worth a look!

http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/marketplace/BrowseStores.aspx?WT.ac=Mktplce_HC_SeeAllStores)

--Heather Nelson, PTF Co-Chair

Humanities Teachers' Office Hours for Week of December 5th

Bill Schubeck - Band

Monday, 3 - 6 PM

Tuesday, 3 - 4:30 PM

Thursday, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Beth Jackson - Library

Monday-Thursday, 3-5 PM

Penny Ricker - Art

Monday, 3 - 6 PM

Tuesday, 3 - 5 PM

Wednesday, 3 - 5 PM

Bob McCormick - PE

Monday, 3:30 - 5:30 PM

Tuesday, 3:30 - 5:30 PM

Wednesday, 3-6 PM

Audrey Means - Music

Tuesday, 4:30-7:30 PM

Thursday, 2:45-4:45 PM

Friday, 9:00-11:00 AM, or by appointment.

Silvana Cuello - Modern Languages

Monday, 3-6 PM

Tuesday, 3-6 PM

Wednesday, 3-4 PM

Julie O'Neill - Speech/Language

Monday, 3-5 PM

Tuesday, 3-5 PM

Thursday, 3-4:30 PM

Matt Jurick - Technology

Monday-Thursday, 3-5 PM

Megan Granger - Guidance

Available upon request by parents.

Looking For a Pair of Downhill Ski Boots

Size 10-10.5 (women's). Contact Jane Haldane, 374-2266 or email at janehaldane@bhcs.org.

Dates to Remember:

Mon., Dec. 5	Grade 5 visits the Holt House
Dec. 5-9	Parent Conferences and Book Fair
Wed., Dec. 7	PTF Meeting, 6:30 PM
Thurs., Dec. 8	8 th Grade to Penobscot Theatre
Sat., Dec. 10	Lego Robotics Team in Augusta
Sun., Dec. 11	Grade 2 to the Grand
Mon., Dec. 12	Grade 6 to Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Tues., Dec. 13	Winter Concert - Gr. 5-8, 7 PM
Wed., Dec. 14	School Board Meeting, 5 PM
Thurs., Dec. 15	Winter Concert - Gr. K-4, 6:30 PM
Sat., Dec. 17	Kids' Holiday Workshop, 10 AM-Noon
Fri., Dec. 23	First day of vacation
Mon., Jan. 2	First day back in 2012!

BHCS PTF *Go Local* Discount Card Fundraiser

Fairwinds Florist Main St • Blue Hill Free local delivery	Merrill & Hinckley FREE 2 Liter Coke product w/ purchase of 2 large 2- topping pizzas	Yanni's Pizza Large 2-topping pizza for \$10	PMAL/Arts Playhouse 10% off tuition Valid January-June	Stylz Salon 10% off products
Waterfront Day Spa Main Street • Bucksport \$5 off any massage	Verde Salon 20% off Hair Cuts	Marlintoni's Bar & Grill Buy 1 entrée, get a dessert ½ off	Coastal Family Medicine 374-5007 • Brandt Rice M.D 15% off your visit	Acupuncture in Blue Hill Meaghan McKay, LAC \$5 off a service, self-pay clients only
Sunkissed Tanning Salon Main St • Bucksport 1 mo. unlimited tanning for \$45	Sara Sara's 15% off Total Purchase Blue Hill, Castine and Gardiner locations	Bookstacks 10% off books Main St • Bucksport	Sleigh Bell Shoppe & Lobster Crate 10% off live lobster Falls Bridge Road • Blue Hill	66 Steak & Seafood Buy 1 entrée, get a FREE dessert Main St • Blue Hill
Barncastle 10% off total purchase, excludes alcohol	Alamo Theater Free Small popcorn w/ purchase of a movie ticket	Stanley Subaru \$5 off an oil change Ellsworth	The Barnacle 15% off Total Purchase Water St • Blue Hill	Still available for free advertising for your business...

Facts about the *Go Local* Discount Card

- ▶ Cost is \$10 per card. Card is similar in size to a credit card, and will be available starting Dec. 19, 2011.
- ▶ **SHOPPING LOCALLY!!!! DINING LOCALLY!!!!**
- ▶ Card is valid for 1 whole year, which means you can use your discount card over and over again....
- ▶ **If every BHCS student sold just 2 cards, the PTF would make \$4000 to use for educational programming here at BHCS!**
- ▶ **SAVINGS..... SAVINGS..... SAVINGS.....** Examples of how the discount card can be used and how much you can save:
 - ▶ Purchase a card for \$10. Buy your wife flowers from Fairwinds Florist and have them delivered to her (\$5 savings), take her out to dinner at Barncastle, the amount you spend on dinner is \$50, but with your card you save \$5... **Your total savings for that day is \$10** (the price you paid for the card!).
 - ▶ Need to go to the doctor??? Coastal Family Medicine offers a discount of 15%, which is a savings of up to \$15 -- more than what you spent on the card... And the best part about this is you can save money every time!!!
 - ▶ Looking to buy books this holiday season? At Bookstacks in Bucksport you can save 10% off your total purchase of books.....
 - ▶ Do you like pizza? Both Merrill & Hinckley's and Yanni's Pizza have great deals on large pizzas.
 - ▶ Looking to buy some clothes??? Two great clothing stores in Blue Hill are offering 15% off your entire purchase. You could be saving lots of money by SHOPPING LOCALLY.....

Help the PTF spread the savings by offering this to your family, friends and neighbors – as gifts or the opportunity to purchase. It helps the PTF, the community, and YOU!