



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

January 12, 2012

NO SCHOOL, Monday, January 16.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Correction: For those who received the paper copy of *Explorations* last week, I must correct an oversight. It was 6th grader, Ellie Gellerson, who placed third in the school Geography Bee. Congratulations and apologies to Ellie!

5-8 Rec Night -- Friday, Jan. 20

The 5210 Committee is sponsoring another BHCS 5-8 Rec Night on Friday, Jan. 20 from 7-9 PM. It will include games in the library, Dance Dance Revolution and snacks in the cafeteria, and activities in the Gym. Contact Denise Black if you could donate healthy snacks, and/or be a parent chaperone for the evening (bluehillkarate@gmail.com; 266-4902).

Library

Thanks to Ellie Gellerson for some already been loved books.

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual BEEM BASH at Barncastle, March 30!

What is BEEM and what does BEEM do? In the last BEEM (**B**lue Hill **E**ducational **E**nrichment **M**onies) grant cycle, teachers were able to purchase several things. One was a weather station that is now positioned on the flat roof outside a classroom. We got six Bamboo Tablets and a scanner for our Animation technology class. The cooks were able to purchase a scale to measure homemade breads and plastic reusable tumblers for the water fountain that is available at lunch (two healthier and greener alternatives). We are so very grateful to BEEM for these extras for the students at BHCS, a reward for great ideas beyond our school budget. This is all made

possible through donations from people like you and from fund raising events like the BEEM BASH!

PTF News

•Last night's PTF meeting was very productive and we mapped out a number of activities for the rest of the year. Mark your calendars, and watch for some others that are still being firmed up:

*Friday, Feb. 3: Family Movie Night

*Friday, March 16: Family Potluck & Variety Show

*April 30-May 4: Screen Time Awareness Week

*May 7-11: Staff Appreciation Week

•We also looked at our available funds and responded to several requests. We currently have \$2250 to spend (with \$1000 in reserve), and approved: \$200 for small stipends for former students coming back to work with Mr. Schubeck and our musicians; \$200 for K-2 sleds; \$1000 towards an Artist in Residence/Arts Week in the Spring for local author/illustrator/artist Rebekah Raye to spend a week in the school working with all students, along with some whole school activities; and \$400 towards Staff Appreciation plans. Depending on how discount card sales and the boxtops collection goes, there should be more funds available as the year goes along.

•The next PTF meeting will be **Tuesday, Feb. 7** at 6 PM in the library, trying a different night to see how it works.

•Do you have your discount card yet?

PeeWee Basketball

January 14, 10 AM to Noon

BES White @ DIS (1)

DIS (2) @ BES Red

Sedgwick @ Penobscot

Blue Hill BYE, Practice @ GSA

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