



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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March 2, 2012

Grades Close Next Week!

Please remind your child to complete all assigned work on time. If you have questions, call his/her teachers. Conferences will be held during the week of March 19th, and teachers will be contacting you for appointments. These are really important meetings and we look forward to seeing you.

Notice to 7th and 8th Grade Parents About Choice-Based Specials!

Coming home today will be schedules for your child's Choice-Based Specials for the last term of the year. Please look them over and discuss them with your child. If you feel that changes need to be made, please look in the same block for the alternatives. You can indicate your wishes for changes on the sheet by circling specials in a different color. Sign and return them at the beginning of next week regardless of whether you made changes or not. We will try to accommodate when possible. Thank you.

PTF News

TONIGHT is BEAR Night (Be Enthusiastic About Reading!) in the library from 6:30 – 9 PM.

*The next PTF Meeting is Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 PM in the library.

Library

We celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with our RIF (Reading is Fundamental) book distribution where students were able to choose a new book and several "already been loved" books to add to their personal libraries. There has been lots of Dr. Seuss reading all week, with special help from the 6th graders who have been reading partners for many younger students. Lunch was Seuss-ish as well, and a great time was had by all!

Pee Wee Basketball

Tournament, March 10 @ GSA, 10 AM – Noon.

Still Wondering.....Bridge, Anyone?

We are taking an informal survey of kids who might be interested in learning duplicate bridge. Elvira Bass has connected with the foundation started by Bill Gates and Warren Buffet to bring bridge playing to our youth in this digital age of iPods and video games. Also, bridge can have a significant impact on

math proficiency. Ms. Bass stopped in today to offer this opportunity to us, if there was interest. She has \$5,000 to spend on finding a teacher and getting kids motivated with t-shirts, trophies, and such. So, if your child is interested in a club after school next year to learn the skills of bridge, please send an email, a note, or give me a call. This is really a great opportunity for kids.

Good Luck Swimmers!

The following swimmers have qualified and will be swimming in the State YMCA Swim Meet this weekend at the University of Maine (Orono):

Emma McKechnie, Miriam Nelson, Ana Maria Scheff, Yevgeniya Vinyeyeva, Jack McKechnie, Calvin Nelson, Henry Scheff, and Ethan Vinall.

Ballet Classes

Sedgwick Dance Studio is offering a Beginning Vaganova Ballet Class for 5-year-old students on Tuesday afternoons from 4:45 - 5:30 PM. This classical ballet class will be led by GSA student Megan Malaby of Hancock, former Bossov Ballet student who last year danced at the "Dance Open" Ballet Festival in St. Petersburg, Russia where she trained under some of Russia's finest teachers... Andrei Bossov, Natalya Getman, Anna Karpova, Vladimir Karpov, Gennady Seljutsky, and Angelina Armenskaya to name a few.

Next class: Tues, March 6th, wear leotard, tights and ballet slippers if you have them or something movable to dance in. To learn more please contact Jennifer Trowbridge at 359-5562 or j.trowbridge@georgestevens.org.

Blue Hill Heritage Trust

As part of the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend, Blue Hill Heritage Trust is hosting a snowshoe scavenger hunt on March 3 from 10 AM – Noon at the Blue Hill Mountain field (Hayes Trail). Snowshoes and snacks will be provided. The scavenger hunt will take place regardless of snow conditions. For more information, call [374-5118](tel:374-5118) or visit www.bluehillheritagetrust.org.

Dates to Remember

Fri., Mar. 2	Dr. Seuss's Birthday!
	BEAR Night, 6:30 – 9 PM
Tues., Mar. 6	Jazz band to Orrington
	PTF Meeting, 6:30 PM
Wed., Mar. 14	School Board Mtg., 5 PM

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