



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

March 29, 2012

### Modern Woodman School Speech Contest

The following students were the classroom winner of the Modern Woodman Speech Contest:

**Ben Cole, Ellie Gellerson, Nellie Haldane, Joseph Norwood, Jackson Billings, Alissa Muise, Mariah Reinke, Isaac Webb, Isabella Connolly, Emily Eisenhauer, Raine Smith, and Katrina Walls.**

Each of these students presented an articulate, seriously researched, and well-prepared speech related to the topic of volunteering. It was a good chance for the audience to witness quality writing and speaking, skills that are needed for their college and career readiness. The top two finalists will attend the Union #93 contest in Castine on April 26<sup>th</sup>, and an alternate is chosen in case either of these cannot attend. This year's alternate, coming in at 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Isaac Webb, in 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Mariah Reinke, and in 1<sup>st</sup> place was Jackson Billings – our school champion! Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Kate Kennedy, was the speech contest organizer. This was the first time that our school has participated in this prestigious competition, so thank you, Mrs. Kennedy, for bringing it to BHCS. Congratulations to them all!

### Congratulations Blue Hill Jazz Kids and Mr. Schubeck!

The Senior Jazz Band placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in this year's state competition! The Junior Jazz Band did well and improved their scores from the district competition. And, Matt Stephens won a Musicianship Award! Thank you, Mr. Schubeck, and all musicians for representing Blue Hill Consolidated School so well! (See the list of all musicians on the last page.)

### ART SHOW

There is an artist reception for BHCS students Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30-6:00 PM. There will be food, of course, and live music provided by the BHCS jazz musicians! Student work will be on display at the Blue Hill Public Library for the month of April.

### Pre-School Straw Vote at Town Meeting

When you vote on Friday, April 6, there will be an opportunity for you to weigh in on the concept of providing pre-school education at BHCS. Please take

the time to express your interests so that we can make decisions about Pre-K. Thanks.

### PTF

\*Easter Egg Hunt @ BHCS this Saturday, March 31st, 11 AM. Bring your basket or bag and search for eggs!

\*The next PTF meeting will be Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:30 PM in the library.

\*The PTF will be selling refreshments at the Blue Hill Town Meeting on Sat., April 7th and would welcome donations of snacks, baked items, water and coffee. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby. Thanks!

### BEEM NEWS

The BEEM auction is still set up in the lobby but will be taken down at noon tomorrow and moved to Barncastle for the BEEM Bash on Friday night from 6-10 PM. If you have not yet bought tickets, you can still get them at the door and enjoy this exciting evening.

### We Have a Boatload of Food!

Through March, we have been collecting food items for the Hancock County Food Drive. It has been a huge success and our canoe is full. Thanks to everyone who sent in donations!

### Farm League Sign-Up

Any interested kids from ages 7-9 who would like to play Farm League Baseball and did not get to sign up last Thursday can do so on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> after school in the lobby. For more information contact Rick Sawyer @374-5784.

### Little League Reminder

For all who signed up for Little League, the paperwork needs to be passed in to the office by Friday! If your paperwork is not in, you may not participate in the Little League try-outs due to the insurance policy.

### Little League Try-outs!

When: Saturday, March 31st, 12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM

Where: GSA Gym

What to bring: Glove, indoor appropriate sneakers, and a bat and helmet if you have one. We will have bats and helmets available for those kids who do not

have them. For any questions, please call Brooke or Troy @374-3520.

**Notice: Latest Water Testing**

Our most recent number for the routine arsenic testing was 2.7 ppb, well below the state requirement of 10 ppb. Problems we have had in the past seem to be solved.

**Health Notice: Strep Throat**

A case of Strep Throat has been diagnosed in school. This is an infection that is contagious if not treated. It usually takes 1-3 days after exposure for symptoms to occur. Symptoms of Strep Throat may be, but not limited to, sore throat, difficulty swallowing, unexplained fever, rash, chills, headache, or stomach pain. If your child exhibits any of these symptoms, he/she should stay home and see their health care provider. If any of these symptoms occur in school, he/she will need to be taken out of school and seen by their health care provider to confirm whether or not they have Strep Throat. Strep Throat can lead to serious complications if left untreated even if the symptoms go away on their own. If your child tests positive, they will need to remain out of school until 24 hours of antibiotic therapy has started. Please remember not to share dishes, glasses, eating utensils, and to replace your child's toothbrush. Please contact me at school if you have any questions or concerns, and if your child is diagnosed with Strep Throat.

Thank you, Debbie Candage, RN,BSN/School Nurse

**BHCS Spring Fling, Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 5- 7:30 PM, featuring American Heart Association's "Jump Rope for Heart Health" and sponsored by 5-2-1-0:**

Students at BHCS have been "Jumping for Heart Health" since the beginning of February. The 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been learning about the heart, how to keep their hearts healthy, and about medical research that has led to the incredible medical advances that are saving the lives of babies and children born with heart problems. In addition to the classroom lessons, Mr. McCormick has incorporated jumping ropes into his class activities, with all the students learning cool jump-rope techniques and tricks. And these kids LOVE to JUMP ROPE!!!

There will be a "Grand Finale" on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at BHCS to celebrate their skills and bring awareness to our community about the importance of exercise and healthy choices for our heart health. We would like to invite all parents and siblings to join the children in an event like no other! Starting at 5 PM in the lobby and cafeteria, there will be interesting and

fun tables to visit, including food tasting, creative "veggie" fun, gardening and greenhouse activities, and meeting and greeting some of our own healthcare providers and resources from the Blue Hill community.

At 6 PM Mr. McCormick has planned a very exciting "BIG TOP CIRCUS" event involving every student in the school. He has a line-up of jump roping, basketball, juggling, gymnastics, and many other events that will give the students a chance to "SHOW OFF" their healthy talents and skills. This event is free; however, envelopes for donations to the American Heart Association will be provided and any donation would be appreciated.

***Healthcare and health conscious organizations/individuals are also invited to share your skills/knowledge in the form of an educational table and/or activity in the pre-show browsing in the lobby/cafeteria. We would love to have you participate. Please contact Debbie Candage, RN,BSN/School Nurse at 374-2202 or [dcandage@bhcs.org](mailto:dcandage@bhcs.org) to reserve a space and/or for more information.***

**Peninsula Metamorphic Arts & Learning (PMAL) Announces Summer Schedule for Day Camps of Imagination**

PMAL in Blue Hill has released its summer schedule for Day Camps of Imagination. These learning-based camps are designed to find fun ways to interact with our world. They provide a personal and supportive environment that fosters creativity of thought and expression. Each day they dive into the theme with exploration, games, songs, hands-on experience, and a healthy dose of imagination. Registration will be capped at 12 to ensure a quality small group experience with a high staff ratio. Before care is available from 7:30 AM for \$8/day and after care until 5 PM for \$12/day. For more information, contact Kipp at [kipp@pmalcenter.com](mailto:kipp@pmalcenter.com) or (207) 374-5255.

**Brooklin hosts Spring Dutch Soccer Academy Camp**

May 18, 19, 20, 2012

Tuition: \$50 for kids grades K-3 and \$70 for kids grades 4-8. For registration and times:

Amanda Gray-Fill

PO Box 120

Brooklin, ME 04614

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## **Junior Jazzband**

### Saxophone

Gavin Mote  
Alec Cole  
Joseph Norwood  
Emma McKechnie  
Isaac Wardwell

### Flute

Mazie Smallidge  
Marie Louise Boulet  
Michaela White

### Clarinet

Nellie Haldane  
Miriam Nelson

### Trombones

Isla Brownlow  
Tess Williamson  
Jeremiah Scheff

### Trumpets

Ben Cole  
Payson Allen  
Matthew Billings

### Rhythm Section

Dylan Nason  
Kessler Parrott  
Taylor Schildroth

## **Jazzband**

### Saxophone

Arlo Stabler  
Isaac Webb  
Trent Williamson  
Erin Niehoff  
Summit Colman  
Abigail Jakob  
Nina Quigley  
Lanie Billings

### Trumpets

Jackson Billings  
Celia Hurvitt  
Ben Politte  
Kyle Rice  
Matt Stephens  
Sam Scheff  
Mira Schubeck

### Trombones

Schuyler Williamson  
Jack McKechnie  
Tyler Ray  
Isla Brownlow

### Rhythm Section

Joseph Boulet  
Jake Bowden  
Mariah Reinke  
Beowulf Urban  
John Larson  
Noah Davis

## ***CONGRATULATIONS!!!!***

### ***Dates to Remember***

Fri., March 30	BEEM BASH, 6-10 PM at Barncastle
Sat., March 31	PTF Easter Egg Hunt at BHCS, 11 AM 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance in the gym, 7-10 PM
Tues., April 3	PTF Meeting, 6:30 PM Deadline – Principal’s Poster Contest
Fri., April 6	Voting at the Town Hall
Sat., April 7	TOWN MEETING with Grade 7 luncheon, student art, and other displays and performances
Mon., April 9	8 <sup>th</sup> Graders at MMA
Tues. /Wed, April 10-11	Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory performances, 7 PM
Wed., April 11	School Board, 5 PM
Thurs., April 12	Project Citizen Showcase, BHCS Cafe, 7:00 PM
Fri., April 13	Student Art Show / Student Musicians at the Blue Hill Public Library
April 16-20	SPRING VACATION
Tues., May 1	SPRING FLING, 5-7:30 PM, with “JUMP ROPE FOR HEART HEALTH” and the BIG TOP CIRCUS EVENT.