



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

April 26, 2012

### **Good Luck Tonight!**

Best of luck to Jackson Billings and Mariah Reinke tonight as they represent themselves and BHCS in the Union #93 Woodman School Speech Contest in Castine at Maine Maritime's Delano Auditorium, this evening at 5:00 PM. The public is welcome.

### **Calling all Kindergarteners!**

Do you know Blue Hill residents who have a child who will be entering kindergarten next fall? Please call us to make sure we have them on our list for registration on May 7 and 8. Thanks.

### **Become Involved**

Here at Blue Hill Consolidated School, we are very grateful for our Parent, Teachers, and Friends group. Time and again they provide us with special activities for the kids and with funds to help out with old traditions and new ideas. So, thank you, members of the PTF. Right now they are looking for a Co-President to work alongside Heather Nelson, our Kindergarten teacher, as she steers the group ahead. The rewards of this kind of work can be huge, so perhaps you will consider taking on this challenge. Please let me know if you are interested.

### **Screen Awareness Week is April 30 – May 4th**

The PTF is sponsoring a week's worth of fun activities to make it easy for you to give up TV, computer, and video games for a whole week. Please sign-up before Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, as many activities have limited numbers and they will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis. If you have questions, please call Heather Nelson at 374-2202.

~~Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2:40-4:00 PM - Garden Club with Mrs. Reuter and Miss Nelson for K and 1<sup>st</sup> graders.

~~Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2:40-4:00 PM – Book Club with Mrs. Lewandowski and Ms. Jackson in the library to discuss Racing in the Rain.

~~Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> - **Spring Fling for Everyone!**

5-6 PM, visit exhibits and sample healthy snacks in the cafeteria. Then, from 6-7 PM, the first ever Jump Rope for Heart Circus will take place in the Blue Hill Consolidated School gym. The students in grades K-8 will perform a variety of circus events. They have been preparing for this event for the past 2 months. Please have your children seated in the gym by 6:00 PM. This event is for all students and their families. Please have all K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students dressed as their favorite animal. Donations will be accepted for the American Heart Association.

~~Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hike Blue Hill Mountain with Mrs. Granger! Meet in the parking lot at the base of the mountain at 3 PM and climb together.

~~Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Puppets for K-2!! 2:40 – 4 PM Meet in Miss Nelson's class.

~~Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Marbleizing Paper with Mrs. Ricker in the art room, Grades 3-5, 2:40 – 4 PM.

~~ Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Creative Sewing with Becky Richardson, in the library, 2:40 – 4 PM.

~~Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Fun in the Gym for K-2 with Melissa Emerton!

~~Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Ultimate Frisbee from 2:40-4:00 PM for Grades 3-8, with John Richardson on the soccer field!

**And, don't forget on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Pot Luck Dinner in the café at 5:30 PM and the Variety Show at 6:00 PM!**

### **BHCS Water Caution**

A recent test of our water has indicated that we had 11 ppb of arsenic in the water; the limit by state regulations is now 10 ppb. The filter was re-examined on Tuesday and the professionals think they have found and repaired the faulty mechanism. Another test will be done within the week, but in the meantime we have been drinking bottled water from Tradewinds (we appreciate their donation) or water that has been obtained from GSA where they meet the same school requirements as us.

### **It's Spring - Time to Review the School's Dress**

**Code!** We encourage all students to dress appropriately and cleanly, in order to add to a positive learning environment.

- shorts and skirts must be of an appropriate length
- no pajamas
- one inch straps for tank tops, no plunging armholes
- no halter tops
- no exposed underwear, or skin between shirt and pants
- no hats or kerchiefs in the school building
- no clothing which promotes drugs, alcohol, tobacco, profanity, disrespect, or unlawful activity
- sneakers must be worn for all gym classes
- no slippers in grades 3-8
- no footless-tights (leggings) unless worn with a skirt or shorts of appropriate length.

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

**Reminder - Parents of 5th - 8th graders.**

Please send in the consent forms for the health education units on the endocrine, reproduction, puberty, and hygiene classes.

Thanks,

Deborah L. Candage, RN, BSN

**Sports News**

Intramural baseball will be starting May 7. Third and fourth grade students are eligible to participate in the BHCS Intramural Baseball Program. Look for a schedule and permission slip this week.

A-Baseball and A-Softball Families: Thank you for attending the parent meeting last Monday. Families are now ready, the athletes have uniforms, and everyone is on the same page with expectations. The printed schedules are amazingly still accurate. It should be a great season!

The Fields: Thank you to Glen Astbury and Christie Snow and her family for all of their hard work on our softball field this April vacation! You may not have noticed how fabulous it looks, as it is tough to see from the parking lot, but the edging around the field has never looked sharper, the gravel has been raked smooth, even in the dugouts where it is still holding water nicely despite all the rain. We have new benches made by Blake Eaton, and Franklin Burke is rejuvenating the backstop. It is looking better than ever. Thank you, to all these hard workers!

Thank you, also, to the crew working on the baseball field, including Denny Rackliffe and his family, Rod Simmons, and the Scheff's for the use of their tractor to keep the AA field looking fine. It has a new crisp baseline from home plate to first base and should be draining better than it did last season.

**Ultimate Frisbee** – Our fearless Frisbee leader is back! John Richardson will be flying some disc on Fridays with students in grades 4-8. The schedule is available on the school website on the Athletics calendar. Cancellations will be posted on the site as needed. Here are the first four dates: April 27 (THIS FRIDAY), May 4, May 11, and May 18. We are thinking Frisbee will continue into June also: June 1 and June 8. Join the fun!

**Farm League**

There will be a practice for 1st grade students interested in playing Farm League on Saturday, April 28, from Noon - 2:00 PM at the AA field.

Registration forms will be available then. If you have questions call Krissy Emerton 374-5991.

**Peaceable Kingdom** is a children's day camp at First Congregational Church of Blue Hill, June 25 – 29, 9:00 am to noon, for ages 5-10: nature, art, music, games. No charge [donations accepted]. For information contact Wendy Ritger, 374-2891 or [bhcongo@yahoo.com](mailto:bhcongo@yahoo.com).

**The Simmering Pot** A Community Created Supper, Mondays 2:30 to 6:00 pm at First Congregational Church of Blue Hill, Maine. Eat in or take out. No charge, donations accepted. Info, call 374-2891.

**Spaghetti Supper**

The Brooksville 8th graders are having a spaghetti dinner Saturday, April 28th, 5-7 PM, to raise funds for the class trip to Montreal and graduation.

**Kollegewidwok Yacht Club**

The Rusty Duym Community Sailing Week, June 18 to June 22, will be held at the Kollegewidwok Yacht Club, in Blue Hill. This is a week of free sailing instruction made possible by generous donations to the Rusty Duym Memorial Scholarship, which honors Rusty Duym, an inspirational member of our community who was a passionate & skilled sailor. Please go to [www.kollegewidwokyc.org](http://www.kollegewidwokyc.org) to register or call Prudy Heilner at 374-5485.

**Dutch Soccer Camp**

May 18, 19, 20 at Brooklin.

Grades K- HS.

Call 359-2133 for registration or questions.

**Dates to Remember**

Tues., May 1	<i>SPRING FLING, 5-7:30 PM, with "JUMP ROPE FOR HEART HEALTH" and the BIG TOP CIRCUS EVENT</i>
May 7 and 8	Kindergarten Registration, No school for current Kindergarten students.
Wed., June 13	Graduation for Grade 8, 7:00 PM
Fri., June 15	Last Student Day