



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

May 3, 2012

Spring Concerts are Coming!

K-4 Concert, Thursday, May 31, 6:30 PM

5-8 Concert, June 4, 7:00 PM

Spring Fling - A Huge Success Again This Year!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to or participated in our second annual Spring Fling this week. The displays that demonstrated healthy choices and other community opportunities were very informative, and the healthy food samples were delicious!

Thank you, Mr. McCormick, for your efforts working with the children to create the "Jump Rope for Heart Circus." It was so fun, and \$168 was raised for the American Heart Association.

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. No school that day for current K kids. Thanks.

PTF News

*There has been lots going on during Screen Awareness Week, and we aren't finished yet! Still to come are small group craft workshops on Thursday, and Ultimate Frisbee (Gr. 3-8, weather permitting), Fun in the Gym (Gr. K-2, sign up required), and the Family Potluck (5:30 PM) and Variety Show (6 PM) in the cafeteria on Friday. Thanks to EVERYONE who has helped to make this such a fun week by attending or helping with the activities!

*Next Tuesday is Staff Appreciation Day. A sign-up sheet was sent home earlier in the week, but if it didn't make it to your house you can contact Melissa Emerton (479-2763) to see how you can help.

*The next PTF meeting is Wednesday, May 9 at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome!

Touch-A-Truck

Peninsula Montessori will be hosting Touch-A-Truck on Saturday, May 12th (raindate - May 19) at the Blue Hill Consolidated School from 10 AM to 1 PM.

There will be fun for the whole family. Lots of trucks to explore (school bus, tractor trailer, excavators, etc.), plus a children's gear yard sale, face painting

and refreshments. Cost - \$5.00 per family. We hope to see you there!

Can you help Mrs. Means with end of the year plans? Each year, at the end of the school year, Mrs. Means likes to set up "Music Stations" for the students in grades K-8. It is a great way to celebrate the end of the year but still keep students focused on learning and discovering new things about music. They enjoy the hands-on learning activities that rotate every 10 minutes or so. Some of the activities include music journals, a reading tent, piano and classroom instrument exploration, making rhymes, and computer stations. This year Mrs. Means would like to add maraca/rattle making, but needs help collecting the mini 8-oz. empty water bottles and a variety of materials to go inside. If you can donate any bottles or materials such as old beads, small paper clips, small rocks, small shells, bolts and nuts (anything that would make an interesting sound), it would be greatly appreciated. Stickers for decoration are also welcome. Thank you.

Blue Hill Public Library

Artistic bookmaker Anne-Claude Cotty will conduct a second bookmaking workshop for adults and children age 8 and up at the Library on **Saturday May 12 from 9:00-11:30 AM**. This workshop will have the theme, "Gardens in Bloom," featuring "flowers and creatures with words tumbling gracefully in amazing waterfall books." Parents are encouraged to accompany younger children.

Anne-Claude Cotty is well known for her artists' books and exhibits her work periodically at the Blue Hill Library, along with a group of artists who learned from her. The exhibits are always popular and generate a lot of interest in the genre.

The program is free but space is limited and registration is required. Participants can sign up using the Library's online events calendar or by calling the Library at 374-5515.

Mighty Marvels Soccer

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 8th at 6:30 PM in the BHCS cafeteria for a pre-season parent meeting for the Mighty Marvels Soccer team (grades 1-5 only). Anyone interested should attend or contact Katye or Jim Lacasse at 374-5813.

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

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Peaceable Kingdom Day Camp is offered Monday-Friday June 25-29, 9 AM to Noon, for children ages 5-10 (flexibility is available in ages), at First Congregational Church of Blue Hill. The camp includes indoor and outdoor art, song, and nature activities. No fee, donations are welcome. For info, please contact Wendy Ritger at bhcongo@yahoo.com or call 374-2891.

Blue Hill Heritage Trust will be sponsoring an *Art on the Land Photography Workshop*, July 6-8. Designed for children from ages 10 to 18. No camera or experience necessary. Free, but registration is required. Please call for more info. 374-5118.

Blue Hill Heritage Trust will also be hosting the official opening of its Snow's Cove Preserve in Sedgwick on May 12 at 10 AM. Blue Hill Heritage Trust invites the public to enjoy a guided walk along the trails of the property. Participants will learn about the features of this property that make it unique and hear the history of how it came to be available for public use. Trail mix will be provided. Participants are asked to park at the Sedgwick Elementary School. To pre-register for this walk go to: info@bluehillheritagetrust.org or (207)374-5118.

Benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Nancy Gale

May 5 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM

George Stevens Academy Cafeteria

\$7.00 per person or \$20.00 per family

If you have questions or would like to donate something for the dinner, please call Lisa

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Dates to Remember

Friday, May 4	Family Potluck (5:30 PM) and Variety Show (6 PM)
May 7 and 8	Kindergarten Registration, No school for current Kindergarten students.
Wed., May 9	Grades $\frac{3}{4}$ to Acadia School Board, 5:00 PM PTF Meeting, 6:30 PM
Tues., May 17	Grade 2 to COA
Tues., May 22	Grade 6 to Challenger Space Center
Thurs., May 24	Grade 7 to MLTI conference
Wed., June 13	Graduation for Grade 8, 7:00 PM
Fri., June 15	Last Student Day