



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

May 17, 2012

Artist in Residence

It has been a fun and productive week with Rebekah Raye in the art room. If you stop by, you will see many wonderful pieces of art in the hallways. Lions, and tigers, and bears....and more! One dimensional pieces, two dimensional pieces, and a *Bear from the City*. Thank you Rebekah, for a fantastic week! And, thanks to the PTF for helping to sponsor this exciting opportunity!

If you are interested in copies of Rebekah's books (Thanks to the Animals, The Very Best Bed, and Bear-ly There), they are available for \$17 each in the library. Make checks out to BHCS and indicate if you would like it autographed to someone specific.

PTF

*The PTF Yard Sale will be Saturday, June 2 from 9 AM-noon in the gym. Spaces (12'x6') are available for \$10; tables are \$5 extra. You can rent your own space, or donate items to the PTF tables. Items for the PTF (no electronics, please) can be dropped off Friday afternoon or Saturday morning in the gym, or you can contact Melissa Emerton if you would like to drop things off earlier at her house, or to arrange for a pick up. You should also contact her to reserve a space (479-2763; mlein4@aol.com) in the gym.

Project Citizen Kids at the State Capital

Last Friday, the Bulge Divulge group of Project Citizen went to the State House in Augusta with their advisor, Kate Kennedy, to compete at the state level. While they didn't win, we were so proud of the work they put in and how they carried themselves while there. They were the most professional group that Mrs. Kennedy saw! Our students also got to speak with Maine Education Commissioner Steve Bowen. As some of you know, he grew up in Penobscot and was a graduate of George Stevens Academy. He was proud to have students representing his old stomping grounds. You can see them chatting at the beginning of a [news clip](http://www.wabi.tv/news/30031/middle-school-students-study-how-to-change-public-policy) at this address: (<http://www.wabi.tv/news/30031/middle-school-students-study-how-to-change-public-policy>).

Peanut Allergy Awareness Reminder

Our cafeteria staff does an excellent job with managing seating at lunchtime to prevent exposure to allergens for students with peanut and other nut

allergies. Students have come to understand and appreciate the need to do this, as well. As we near the end of the year and students are attending field trips, however, the risks of exposure increases when students are taking peanut products with them in their lunches. It would be very helpful to us if parents who have packed a lunch with peanut butter or other peanut products would make a note on the lunch to let the teacher know about it so that seating arrangements can be adjusted. Thanks for your efforts.

Summer Instrumental Music Lessons

Brass, woodwinds, percussion, folk instruments and beginning piano. Lessons available all summer, Mondays or Tuesdays. Flexible schedule. Call Luki Hewitt at 326-8789.

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

Mighty Marvels

There will be no spring soccer for Mighty Marvels this year. See you in the Fall!

~Katie Mattson

Sports News -

There are some baseball/softball schedule changes to announce. On Tuesday, May 22nd, baseball and softball teams will make up the missed games with

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MDES/Trenton in a doubleheader at HOME. The first of the 2 - 5 inning games will begin at 2:45 PM. The 3rd inning will be treated like the 5th inning in a full game, with the run rule in effect to make sure we have time for both games. It should be a fun and sporty night.

On May 25th, the baseball team will NOT be playing Surry, as previously scheduled. So far, we have not been able to find a make-up date for this game. The softball team will still go to Surry as planned on May 25th.

Ultimate Frisbee for this week is cancelled.

After the game with DISE on May 23rd, the standings for the baseball/softball tournament will be determined and the schedule for the games will be posted.

Our softball team has a new pitching machine! The machine can be used for baseball or softball. Thank you to Franklin Burke for assembly. We expect it will help coaches develop great hitters!

Run! Jump! Throw! Hurdle! Racewalk!

The Blue Hill Peninsula Track Club will be active this summer for its second year. This program is an opportunity for 5-14 year-olds to explore and compete in track and field events through a series of youth development track meets. George Stevens Academy teacher and volunteer assistant track coach David Stearns leads the club, which is supported by GSA and the Blue Hill Activities Group.

Practices will begin in mid-June, two evenings a week, in Blue Hill. Meets will be on Thursday afternoons in Bangor or Brewer, beginning on June 28 through early August. Last year 17 peninsula youth participated, including 5 who competed in the state youth meet in Augusta.

Around 300 students from the greater Bangor area compete in the weekly meets, which have a great atmosphere of competition for all levels of interest and ability.

If you have children who might be interested in this opportunity, please contact David Stearns at d.stearns@georgestevens.org or 374-3731.

Benefit Supper and Entertainment for American Cancer Society

Sat., May 26, 2012, 5-8 PM, at BHCS Cafe
\$8 person, \$4 child, \$20 family
Hosted by Coastal Kids for A Cure, and organized by a BHCS alumnus, Caitlyn Bray.

Peninsula Metamorphic Arts and Learning

PMAL is offering our first Day Camp of Imagination the week after school ends, June 18-21. We'll be playing with Art and Nature on Monday-Thursday,

and children can register for any or all of the days. The camp day will run 9 AM – 3 PM, with before and after-care available. Day Camps of Imagination this summer will focus on the natural world in fun and imaginative ways. Learn more and see our entire summer schedule at www.pmalcenter.com, email kipp@pmalcenter.com, or call (207) 374-5255 for more information.

Tryouts - Coastal Junior Little League

Summer Baseball for boys 13-14 years of age, boys with birthdates from May 1, 1997 to April 31, 1999.

Date: May 20

Time: 3-5 PM

Location: George Stevens Academy baseball field
Parents of eligible players need to bring a birth certificate and accompany the player to fill out the registration forms and a medical release.

Contacts:

Dan Kane at 460-7723 or d.kane@georgestevens.info
or Bill Gray at 266-0613.

KIDS CARNIVAL

May 19th, 2012

11 AM -2 PM

**At Brooksville Elementary School
Raffles, Prizes, Food, Games, Face Painting,
Cakewalk, Chinese Auction, and More!**

Come have some fun!

To benefit the 8th Grade class trip.

Dates to Remember

Tues., May 22	Grade 6 to Challenger Space Center
Thurs., May 24	Grade 7 to MLTI conference
Mon., May 28	Memorial Day, no school
Tues., May 29	Medieval Feast – Gr. 6
Wed., May 30	Gr. 2 Whale Exhibit, 1:30 PM
Thurs., May 31	K-4 Spring Concert, 6:30 PM
Fri., June 1	Go Local Parade for Blue Hill's 250 th Birthday, 1:30 PM
Sat., June 2	PTF Yard Sale, 9-Noon
Mon., June 4	5-8 Spring Concert, 7 PM
Tues., June 5	7 th Grade to Bar Harbor
Wed., June 6	Grade 2 to Town Park
June 6-8	8 th Grade Boston Trip
Mon., June 11	Gr. 6 to COA
Tues., June 12	K to Curtis Cove Beach
Wed., June 13	Graduation for Grade 8, 7:00 PM
Fri., June 15	Last Student Day