



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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Blue Hill's Stars

An excerpt from The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery.....

"People have stars, but they aren't the same. For travelers, the stars are guides. For other people, they're nothing but tiny lights. And for still others, for scholars, they're problems. For my businessman, they were gold. But all those stars are silent stars. You, though, you'll have stars like nobody else."

"What do you mean?"

"When you look up at the sky at night, since I'll be living on one of them, since I'll be laughing on one of them, for you, it'll be as if all the stars are laughing. You'll have stars that can laugh!"

And he laughed again.

"And when you're consoled (everyone is eventually consoled), you'll be glad you've known me. You'll always be my friend. You'll feel like laughing with me. And you'll open your windows sometimes just for the fun of it... And your friends will be amazed to see you laughing while you're looking up at the sky. Then you'll tell them, 'Yes, it's the stars. They always make me laugh!'"

Many times it is from children's books that we find some of the very best sentiments about being a living and feeling human being. Our village has experienced great loss this week with the passing of Tyler Ray's dad, Andrew; Janet Butler Torrey, who was a friend to the school and mother of four girls whom many of us taught over the years; and Duane Gray our selectman and local pharmacist who was also once a parent of children in our school. Each has touched some or all of us in profound and loving ways, and each will be treasured for the gifts they have given us during their lifetimes. Our theme this year is **Reach for the Stars**, and it just may be that the stars are what can bring us some comfort through the times ahead. We send our deepest sympathies to these families and extend our hands to help in any way we can. ~Della

School Picture Day

Friday, Sept. 28 is Picture Day. Your child should have brought home an order form. You can send the form back anytime, but it needs to be here on the day of the pictures. Pre-school children are welcome to come in between 7:30 AM and 8:00 AM.

Making Strides Run-Walk

The Making Strides Run/Walk is approaching fast. If you would like to take part in the race, volunteer, or help the PTF with food please touch base with Katye Lacasse at 266-5434 or katyelacasse@yahoo.com. For more information and registration forms please log on to www.makingstrides.me.

PTF - A Wonderful Way to Help Your Child's School! Become active today. Your co-presidents are Nancy White and Heather Nelson. Please look for meeting times in Explorations.

The first PTF meeting was well attended and lively, and we came up with the following plans/needs:
*PTF will be supporting the 4th Annual Making Strides Walk/Run for Autism on Saturday, September 29, by providing food for participants and race volunteers. Baked goods, fruit, salads, chips, and volunteers to set up/clean up would be greatly appreciated. A sign up sheet will be available in the BHCS lobby, or you can email Nancy White at njwmaine@yahoo.com if you need additional information on how you can help support this important event.

*PTF Room Parents Needed: PTF seeks interested parents to join us as "Room Parents." The Room Parent will be an additional resource for other parents in their class, and when needed, the classroom teacher. This person will help PTF reach out to new parents, support teachers for special events, and facilitate communication between PTF and the school community. If you are interested in learning more, contact PTF co-chairpersons Nancy White at njwmaine@yahoo.com or Heather Nelson at hnelson@bhcs.org.

*Reserve your space at the annual PTF Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 17 from 10 AM to 1 PM in the BHCS Gym. Space will again be available for \$25 (6 foot table) and \$30 (8 foot table). Pick up a registration form in the lobby or contact Melissa Emerton (479-2763). They are also available on the PTF link on the BHCS website (www.bhcs.org).
*Watch for information coming home on other ways you can help BHCS in the near future!
*The next PTF meeting will be Thursday, November 1 at 6:30 PM in the library.

Children's Books for Gambia

The 7th and 8th grade Desktop Publishing Class is putting on a book drive for children in a village in Gambia called Jambanjelly. Books donated will go to Jambanjelly's Library, which was started by BHCS grandmother and former Peace Corps volunteer Mrs. Smallidge. The book drive will start now and go through October 5th. Drop off any books in the BHCS Lobby. ~by Kyle Rice and Gage Clapp

From the Sports Desk....

Soccer Clinic

Coach Baxter and Coach Nightingale have drafted a list of requirements for 5th grade Soccer Clinic players who would like an opportunity to play in some regular season Peninsula games. Please see either coach if you have not received a copy. Two games for all 5th grade Soccer Clinic players have been added to the schedule on October 23rd and 25th. Another delivery of uniforms is on the way for our 5th grade soccer players. In the meantime, players who rotate in the Peninsula games need to return the uniform ASAP. All soccer clinic players need to remember their equipment for practices. The clinic experience is a great time to learn to bring everything to each practice: water bottle, cleats, shin guards, and mouth guard.

Peninsula Team

A new game has been added to your game schedule. The game originally scheduled for our Coastal team on October 11th has been given to your team. Take care of those new uniforms and remember to bring everything you need to games and practices. The games on October 23rd and October 25th say P+5 on the sports calendar. That means Peninsula + 5th grade Soccer Clinic players. The 7th grade students will be away at Kieve that week, which will give our 5th and 6th grade soccer players lots of playing time. The teams you will play for those 2 games are made up of only 5th and 6th grade players.

Coastal Team

The away game scheduled for October 11th with Brooklin has been given to the Peninsula team. The Coastal players will have a practice on that day instead.

All Peninsula and Coastal Soccer Players:

Remember the Round Robin in Castine is this weekend, September 22. A bus will leave the school at 9:00 AM. Remember to wear your uniform and bring some snacks to donate to the table. If you do not have a schedule of the games, see Coach Astbury or Coach Baxter for the packet that was passed out at the Sports Meeting. The schedules are on the last page.

Cross Country

Good luck at tonight's meet! New tank tops cut for girls and longer shorts for the boys are on the way.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri., Sept 28	School Picture Day
Sat., Sept. 29	Making Strides 5 K Run-Walk
Oct. 1-23	NECAP Testing Window
Fri., Oct. 5	Teacher In-Service, no school
Mon., Oct. 8	Columbus Day, no school
Oct. 22-26	7 th Grade Camp Kieve