



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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See you at conferences next week!

If you've not yet signed up for an appointment, be sure to contact your child's teacher.

Board News

At last night's School Board meeting the members voted unanimously to collaborate with the YMCA to bring an after school child care program to Blue Hill. The plan is to start this program at BHCS in January; more information will come to you in the next few weeks.

From the Sports Desk...

Coastal Team

Our Coastal team has been invited to a soccer tournament with MDES, Trenton, Tremont, Bar Harbor, and Pemetic schools on October 22, 23, and 24 at 4 PM. As soon as the teams are seeded, I will post the location and assigned teams. So far, it looks like BHCS is in second place. This would mean we do not play on October 22, but would most likely play on the 23rd and the 24th. It is a single elimination tournament, so we are in until we lose a game. The 3rd through 6th seeded teams will play on October 22. The winners of those games will play the 1st and 2nd seeded teams on October 23. The finals will be on October 24th with October 26th as a rain date. Our grade 7 players will be at Camp Kieve, but we were invited to this tournament with those predetermined dates. ****A game with Trenton has been added on October 18.

Peninsula Team

The Peninsula team will not be stopping at a fast food restaurant on the way home from the game on October 16. In the interest of getting younger athletes home earlier and eating healthier, Coach Baxter has asked that parents send snacks and sandwiches instead. The game scheduled for October 18th has been cancelled due to conferences.

Soccer Clinic

A goal for soccer clinic players these last few weeks was to bring the gear they need for practice to school. Players should remember cleats, socks, shin guards, mouth guards, water bottles, and a sporty outfit for each practice. If you are a 5th grade player this is especially important, as Coach Baxter will expect you to be prepared for your adventures with the Peninsula team.

Sports Banquet

Back by popular demand this year, we will have a Pot Luck Sports Banquet in the cafeteria at 5 PM on November 2nd. All cross-country runners, Coastal soccer players, and Peninsula soccer players, including the 5th grade Soccer Clinic players who participated in Peninsula games AND their families are welcome. Please bring a dish to share.

Library

*The Book Fair will be in the library next week, during school and from 3-5 PM each day during parent conferences. For this Book Fair, the proceeds will be shared between the library and the BHCS Family Assistance Fund. As always, cash and credit cards are welcome, and there will also be an online option.

*For the first time ever, we have someone -- two students actually -- who have read ALL 38 books on this year's Maine Student Book Award list, and another student who is not far behind -- and it is only October!! Sixth graders Emma McKechnie and Michaela White finished their last book on Monday, and seventh grader Ellie Gellerson only has three books left on the list. They all took advantage of the summer reading program organized by Mr. Snow. So, if you want to know a good book to read, ask them. Great job!

PTF News

*Fall Clean-up! Save the date: Saturday morning, Oct. 27. More details will be coming.

*A "Help PTF" checklist will be coming home this week. Many hands always make work lighter.

From the School Nurse

Dental Hygienist Alissa Wade will be here on Friday, November 2, 9, and 16 to provide dental health services to those students whose parents have signed them up. This is a wonderful community service that provides low cost/no cost dental health care to qualifying students. Dental health care is such an important part of our overall health, making this service even more valuable. Let me know if you'd like more information about this service.

~~Debbie Candage

"GIT YOUR PINK ON" DAY

Friday, October 26, all day at BHCS!

October is Breast Cancer/ Breast Health Awareness Month. When you come to school on Friday, October 26, wear your "Pink" and donate a dollar to help support the educational efforts of the "Get in Touch" Foundation. This foundation provides breast health education to girls in grades 5 to 12. The "Get In Touch" Foundation has provided educational materials in the form of the "Daisy Wheel" to many schools in every state in the U.S. and in 21 countries around the world. I'll be providing the Daisy Wheel to all our staff, along with education to all the girls in 5th to 8th grade here at BHCS. So, join us on Friday, October 26, with your brightest and prettiest PINK outfit. A dollar donation is welcome if you'd also like to donate, but it's not mandatory. For more information about the Get In Touch Foundation, go to www.getintouchfoundation.org/gitgirls. Also, read the attached flyer in this week's newsletter.

What is Customized Learning?

The public is invited to a talk to be given by Linda Laughlin at the Penobscot School at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 18th. Ms. Laughlin is the assistant superintendent in RSU 18 and is also the co-chair of the Maine Cohort for Customized Learning. She will be speaking about standards based education and how that can mesh in a school where students are not assigned to a grade. It promises to be a very entertaining and a thinking-outside-the-box evening!

Reminder: Original Works Fundraiser

BHCS will be offering the opportunity to order items made with your children's artwork; this will also benefit the BHCS arts programs. Order forms will be coming home soon and the orders will be due October 23rd. The items will be delivered before Thanksgiving. Check out samples of possible items in the lobby display cabinet, and check with Penny Ricker or Beth Jackson if you have questions.

The Simmering Pot: A Community Created Supper

Get a delicious meal on Mondays, 2:30 to 6:00 PM at the First Congregational Church of Blue Hill. Eat in or take out. No charge, donations accepted. For more information call 374-2891.

"Christmas is for Kids"

A benefit will be held November 10th at the Sedgwick School. Supper will start at 5:00 PM, music will follow featuring Wade Dow and Gary Mitchell. For those of you who haven't heard of this benefit, it is to buy warm clothing and winter wear for children in the area. It is a great event and helps out many, many families. If you can't go, but wish to make a donation, call Wade Dow at 359-2713.

Musical Instrument For Sale

Yamaha guitar, formerly owned by an International high school student and barely used. Includes tuner and case. Retail value \$236. Selling for \$100.

Call Tina Allen 374-2321 or email office@downeastproperties.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 15-18	Conference Week Book Fair in the Library
Fri., Oct. 19	No school
Oct. 22-26	7 th Grade Camp Kieve
Thurs., Oct. 25	Grade 3 to Abbe Museum
Tues., Oct. 30	6 th Grade to SEA Science Camp
Thurs., Nov. 1	PTF Meeting, 6:30, library
Sun. Nov. 4	Daylight Saving Time Ends – set you clocks BACK an hour.
Mon., Nov. 12	Veterans Day Observed No school.
Sat., Nov. 17	PTF Craft Fair