



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

October 25, 2012

School Pictures

Picture retakes will be Friday, November 2. If you bought a package but want to have a retake, please send in the original package to return to the photographer. Preschoolers are welcome at 8:00 AM.

Halloween Fun at the Fire House

Wednesday, October 31 from 5:00-9:00 PM at the Blue Hill Fire Department. Come have a hearty meal, warm up with hot chocolate and apple cider, get your face painted, and mingle around the fire pit. \$5.00 for dinner (choice of macaroni and cheese, chili, or hot dogs with a beverage). Popcorn will be \$.50 a bag. Sponsored by the 8th Grade at BHCS.

Benefit Concert
for Tina Allen
Music and Desserts
Featuring:
Chris Ross
Jay Peterson
BHCS Jazz Band... and others!
Sunday, October 28th, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Blue Hill Town Hall
Information: 374-5906

Donation: Give what you can!
Let's help her beat
breast cancer!

Friday is "Git Your Pink ON! Day"
October is Breast Cancer/ Breast Health

Awareness Month. When you come to school wear your "Pink," and if you want, you can 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.

Trick-or-Treat For UNICEF

Boxes will be coming home by October 29th if your child wants to participate in this important children's fundraiser. Miss Nelson organizes this event each year at BHCS... and wonders if perhaps we can raise \$1000!!!! Take the challenge.

STARTING THIS FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 26TH!

OPEN GLEE!

There will be OPEN GLEE with Mrs. Means in the BHCS general music room Fridays after school from 2:45-3:45 PM. This will be for any 6th through 12th graders. Students will be expected to perform in the December 18th Winter Concert at 7:00 PM. All school citizenship and work habits apply. The songs we will be performing for concert are: Jingle Bell Rock, Home, and Stereo Hearts (depending on how quickly and successfully we complete these, one more tune might be added). Contact Mrs. Means if you are interested in participating (374-2202 x115).

PTF News

*Don't forget the Fall Clean Up this Saturday (10/27) from 10 AM-2 PM. There will be jobs for everyone, and the more people who come, the more we will get done! Help spruce up our school environment and get ready for winter. Refreshments will be provided. Come for some

or all of the time -- whatever works for you.

Please join us!

*The next PTF meeting is next Thursday, Nov. 1 at 6:30 PM in the library. Come help us plan for the next part of the year. Everyone is welcome.

*Please send in all your collected Boxtops for Education early next week so we can submit them for the Nov. 1st fall submission deadline. Mark the bag with your child's name and homeroom teacher so their classroom can be given credit. Please continue collecting Hannaford School Dollar certificates through early December, as well as the Labels for Education and used printer cartridges and cell phones. They all benefit the PTF which in turn benefits the school!

*We will be offering Bobcat Gear for sale in time for the holidays. Watch for order forms coming home next week.

*There is still space at the Holiday Craft Fair on Sat., Nov. 17, but the tables are filling up so be sure to secure your space if you want to have a one! Registration forms are available on the PTF link on the BHCS website, or in the library.

*Thanks to everyone who returned one of the purple PTF News: Help Needed forms. You will be contacted soon if you volunteered to help with something. And no, it isn't too late to return your form! We welcome all the help we can get.

Library

*Thanks for your support of the Book Fair. Remember that it is available online through the end of October by going to scholastic.com/fair. All orders will be delivered to the school in early November.

Original Works

*We are finalizing the processing of the orders and will be sending them in on Monday, so get them in by first thing Monday morning if you still have outstanding orders.

CALLING ALL ANGELS!

The Christmas Angels Program is spreading its wings for the 2012 holiday gift-giving season! This will be the organization's 24th year of providing gifts of warm clothing to children

in need who reside on the Blue Hill Peninsula and in Deer Isle and Stonington.

The Christmas Angels welcome cash donations as well as volunteer angels to shop for clothing for children. Each Angel (volunteer shopper) will be provided with a detailed list of a child's clothing needs, including age, clothing size, and specific needs. Individuals can shop for one or more children, and clubs and businesses can organize as a team to shop for one or more families. Most of the shopping will take place in November and the gifts will be distributed beginning December 10.

The Christmas Angels are also seeking donations of children's books and stuffed animals in new condition.

To learn more about how you can take part in the Christmas Angels program, please contact Kim Williamson at peony13@me.com or 374-2092. Financial donations are always welcomed and appreciated; please send checks with the notation "Christmas Angels" to Christmas Angels, First Congregational Church of Blue Hill, P.O. Box 444, Blue Hill, ME, 04614. To receive a request form to receive help from the program, please contact Wendy Ritger at 374-2891 or bhcongo@yahoo.com, and return the form as soon as possible. Early sign-up before Thanksgiving is highly recommended, but all who contact the Angels by December 1st will be helped.

Blue Hill Public Library Programs for Children

***Trick Or Read!** All day on Halloween.

Children dressed in costume can come to the library and receive a free book!

Saturday, November 3rd from 10 AM to 2 PM.

***International Game Day!** Saturday, November 3rd. Children ages 7-13 are invited to drop-in and play all types of games throughout the day.

***The Reader Dog Program!** Tuesdays, 3:10-5:10 PM. Children ages 6 and older may read for twenty minute periods with Gracie, a trained Italian greyhound. R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dog) is a program designed to improve children's reading and communications skills by reading to a dog. Weekly sign-up sheets

are in the Larchwood Children's Room at the Library.

***Chess Club**, Fridays, 3:00-3:45 PM. Open to all kids ages 7 and up; this is an opportunity to learn the game or practice your skills. We provide the chess boards and snacks.

***Lego Club!** Every fourth Saturday of each month from 10:30 AM to Noon. Lego enthusiasts are invited to come to the library and share ideas and creative energy during this monthly meeting. Each month there will be a surprise theme. This is a program for ages 7-12.

***Young Writers Group**. Every other Saturday from 12:30 - 1:30 PM. This group enables young people aged 9 to 13 to share their writing, listen to the work of others, and be part of a group of passionate young writers. The group is very informal and is intended to provide a non-judgmental atmosphere for creative expression outside of school. Writers can bring lunch or snacks to eat during the meeting.

Note: The after-school programs do not happen on scheduled days off or when school is cancelled due to bad weather.

**~Pat Horton, Youth Services Librarian
Blue Hill Public Library
203-374-5515 ext. 11**

Steel Drum

The RHYTHM ROCKETTS STEELBAND practices will begin November 5th, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5 PM at GSA. Please call Nigel Chase for more details at 327-8684.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri., Oct. 26 Brooksville Dance, Gr. 6-8
Tues., Oct. 30 6th Grade to SEA Science Camp
Thurs., Nov. 1 PTF Meeting, 6:30, library
Fri., Nov. 2 Sports Banquet, 5 PM
Sun. Nov. 4 Daylight Saving Time Ends – set your clocks BACK an hour.
Wed., Nov. 7 8th Grade Science Night, Café, 6:30-7:30 PM
Thurs., Nov. 8 7th Grade Science Night, Café, 6:30-7:30 PM
Sat., Nov. 10 Christmas for Kids, Sedgwick School, 5 PM
Wed., Nov. 14 School Board Mtg., 5 PM
Mon., Nov. 12 Veterans Day Observed
No school.
Sat., Nov. 17 PTF Craft Fair

RESULTS Basketball Clinics

BOYS/GIRLS Grades 2 - 12

Featuring:

Coach Mark Baxter

Blue Hill at GSA

November 3rd

Grades 2 – 5, 9AM - 1PM

Grades 5 – 8, 2PM – 6PM

Cost: \$30.00 per player (\$25.00 per player when registering 2 or more in a family)

T-Shirts available for \$10.00

Questions & Pre-Registration: Contact

resultsbasketballclinics@yahoo.com

or [207-462-5550](tel:207-462-5550).