



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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November 1, 2012 ...Remember to set your clocks back on Saturday night!

November is here....

It's the month of thanks and giving. Childhood is the most critical time for instilling the values of compassion and giving. At BHCS we continue to model these values for the children as we carry on with our twenty-year commitment to our neighbors in need through our annual food drive, helping to stock the shelves of the local Tree of Life Food Pantry. Please join us to keep this important tradition alive by donating non-perishable food items to our food drive this week. Send the items to school with your children any day from now until next Thursday, November 8th, when we will deliver by hand (actually hand-to-hand in a food brigade) the donations we receive. Students will visit the Tree of Life Food Pantry and share this "giving moment" with the folks who dedicate their time and energy to keep this food pantry going. These untiring individuals deserve our thanks and praise, and our help. Thank YOU, for your part at this time of thanks and giving, and for helping our students *REACH FOR THE STARS* in their attempt to bring in more food than ever this year. Additionally, to make it even more exciting this year, we will be awarding Senorita Brown's "Dish Ran Away With The Spoon" trophy to the homeroom with the most donations. Please feel free to join us from 1:00-2:30 PM at the Tree of Life, if you wish. We will bus the students up in two groups, so check with your child's teacher to see what time he/she goes.

School Pictures

Retakes are tomorrow! 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.

PTF News

A big thank you to everybody who helped with the **fall clean-up** day. The food was great, the weather was perfect, the crowd worked hard, and the improvement is amazing. You can check out some photos on the BHCS website. There were some projects that didn't get done, and anyone who wasn't able to come and would like to help can get in touch with Heather Nelson.

Mark your calendars:

*PTF Meeting tonight, Thursday, November 1st in the library at 6:30 PM.

*The first **Movie Night** of the year: Friday, Nov. 9th. More news to come next week!

***Holiday Craft Fair**, Saturday, November 17th in our gym. It's not too late to sign up to have a table. We hope to have a big crowd to support our crafters.

NEWS FLASH!

MATH CLUB STARTS AT BHCS

There will be an informational meeting about **Mathcounts**, a new after school math club. The first meeting will be on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 2:45 PM in Mrs. Davis' room. Welcome, all mathletes!

Family Assistance Fund

Help is needed for The Family Assistance Fund fundraiser. There will be a silent auction and holiday pie sale starting Tuesday, November 13th in the BHCS lobby. It will run until Saturday, November 17th, ending with the PTF Craft Fair. Items are needed for the auction, or perhaps you would be willing to solicit items from local businesses, bake pies, or simply make a donation. Anything you can do would be helpful and appreciated. Please speak to Loretta with your ideas. Thank you.

PMAL Arts Playhouse Press Release

Parents, do you struggle to get your children to finish their homework every night? Would you like some help? Part of PMAL's after school programming is Homework Help! Not only do we have staff on hand to help students understand and complete their work, we also find that the children ENJOY doing homework in the room with their peers! If you would like more information, give us a call! 374-5255.

Attention peninsula adults! PMAL will be offering Studio Night with Penny Ricker and Amy Grant. Call it Arts Playhouse for Adults or just Studio Night at PMAL! Bring your materials, your unfinished something, your image, your journal, YOURSELF! Come and spend some quiet time creating your art, writing your novel, finishing your thing! Monday nights 6:30 – 8:30 PM starting on November 5th.

Can't wait to see you here! \$10 fee payable weekly and no registration required. Just come on by! Contact Amy for more information at amy@pmalcenter.com.

Christmas Angels Program

The First Congregational Church of Blue Hill provides gifts of clothing for children in need on the Blue Hill Peninsula and Deer Isle & Stonington. To help with the program contact Kim Williamson at peony13@me.com or 374-2092. For help from the program contact Wendy at 374-2891 or bhcongo@yahoo.com by Dec. 1.

Music News

*The RHYTHM ROCKETS 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.

***Blue Hill Bach** Presents An Evening of Baroque Chamber Music featuring Ensalada: violin, violoncello piccolo, lute & theorbo, with singers Marcia Gronewold Sly and Timothy Neill Johnson. This will be held at the First Congregational Church of Blue Hill, Saturday, November 10 at 7:30 PM. This is to benefit the church's Dolly Fisher Fund, providing emergency Food & fuel to those in need on the Blue Hill Peninsula. Information call 590-2677.

RESULTS BASKETBALL CLINIC

****SCHEDULE CHANGE****

BOYS/GIRLS Grades 2 - 12

Featuring:

Coach Mark Baxter

New clinic times:

November 3rd at GSA

Grades: 2-8

Time: 2:00 - 6:00 PM

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.

Needed: We have a family in need of a refrigerator. If you have one to donate or sell at a reduced price, please call Loretta at 374-2202.

THANK YOU, BHCS community and student body, for making "**GIT YOUR PINK ON DAY**" such a huge success. Donations toward the "Get in Touch Foundation" are still trickling in, with a total of \$48 so far. ~Mrs. Candage

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thurs., Nov. 1 PTF Mtg., 6:30 PM, 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 Food Pantry Delivery, 1-2:30 PM
7th Grade Science Night, Café, 6:30-7:30 PM
- Fri., Nov. 9 PTF Family Movie Night
- Sat., Nov. 10 Christmas for Kids, Sedgwick School, 5 PM
- Wed., Nov. 14 School Board Mtg., 5 PM
- Thurs., Nov. 15 Jazz Night, 4 PM
- Mon., Nov. 12 Veterans Day Observed
No school
- Sat., Nov. 17 PTF Craft Fair