



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

November 15, 2012

Happy Thanksgiving to our BHCS Families!
At school tomorrow we will enjoy a **traditional Thanksgiving feast prepared by our cooks, and we are thankful for the delicious and healthy meals they cook for us every day. We wish all of you a heartwarming Thanksgiving holiday...**

~BHCS Staff

Notices:

*Because next week is a two-day week, there will not be an Explorations newsletter.

***Snow Day Information** – In the event that we have a two-hour delay, breakfast will NOT be served. For a one-hour delay, we will serve breakfast.

Christmas Angels

The Christmas Angels Program of 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 be a Christmas Angel (either by shopping for a family or child, or by donating to the program), contact Kim Williamson at peony13@me.com or 374-2092. To receive a clothing request form, contact Wendy Ritger 374-2891 or bhcongo@yahoo.com by December 1.

PTF News

- BOBCAT GEAR ORDERS ARE DUE FRIDAY!
- Don't miss the Holiday Craft Fair this Saturday. We have more tables than ever! The gym and cafeteria will be hopping from 10 AM-1 PM. Please bring your friends and family to do their holiday shopping. The Refreshment Table is being run by the Sixth Grade families this year to raise money for their Boston trip. Come hungry and ready to shop! Thanks to everyone helping to make this a success.
- Thanks to Melissa Emerton, Rena Flores and Melissa Hasselbrack for running last Friday's movie night, which raised \$215 toward a new popcorn machine.
- 2013 Discount Cards are here! Pick up yours at the Craft Fair (only \$10 each), or watch for more info after vacation.
- Time is running out to earn Hannaford Helps Schools dollar certificates by purchasing at least four qualifying products at a time at Tradewinds and other

Hannaford stores. The certificates can be earned through Saturday, Dec. 1.

From the Library

For any students or parents looking to find books at a particular reading level, a new feature has been added to our online library catalog. You can now search according to Fountas and Pinnell or Lexile reading levels at the bottom of the basic search screen. The results will show books in BHCS that are at that level. Use the link to the right of the BHCS website to get to the library catalog. Stop by if you have any questions. Parents are always welcome to check out materials from the library.

An 8th Grade Thank You!

We really appreciate the efforts of all the 8th grade families who helped with our Halloween fundraiser. We couldn't have done it without you!

~Tyler Ray, President, on behalf of the 8th grade class

8th Grade Play Sets

We are working on the sets for our eighth grade Play/Dessert Theater fundraiser and we need some help with supplies. Our play is in the spring and we will collect the items then, but we are asking you to commit in advance so that we can plan ahead. Please email Miss Black at ablack@bhcs.org to let her know what you can donate. We will contact you when we are ready to receive your item/items, and we will return any items that you want back after the play. The list of what we need is below:

marbles

toy box

stuffed animals/birds

curtains

couch (old and tattered)

rug/carpet: 5'x7' or larger

tropical type potted plants

coffee table

whip

table lamps

standing lamps

Thank you for your support and please call or email if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

~Miss Black and the 8th Grade Play Sets Group

Pee Wee Instructional Basketball

Starting Dec. 1st from 10-11:30 AM at the GSA Gym for grades 1-4. Call Dennis at 374-2297 or 374-5634 for information.

Winter Sports Begin!

Watch online for a practice schedule. It will be posted soon.

Both Peninsula and Coastal teams will begin practice on Monday, November 19th.

- Monday: Peninsula Boys 3-4 PM; Coastal Boys 4-5:30 PM; Peninsula and Coastal Girls 5:30-6:45 PM.
Tuesday: Peninsula Boys 3-4 PM; Coastal Boys 4-5:30 PM; Peninsula and Coastal Girls 5:30-6:45 PM.
- Basketball Clinic (grades 3-5) will begin the week of November 26th. That schedule for the season is posted online already.

The Parent Meeting for winter sports was held this Tuesday; here is a quick summary for families who may have missed it.

- The Winter Sports Meeting is not mandatory for parents, just recommended.
- The Sports Policy is available for review for any parent. Request a copy from me via email, if you wish to review one.
- Tryouts were held this week.
- Teams will work as they did this fall:
- **Coastal Team** plays: *MDES, Pemetic A, Trenton, Tremont A, Surry, Bar Harbor A, Bay School A, and Penbrook A*
Peninsula Team plays: *Castine A, Sedgwick A, Brooklin A, Penbrook B, Bay School B, DISE, Pemetic B, Bar Harbor B, Tremont B*
Clinic for Grades 3 and up: *Learn to play basketball three times a week with Mr. Baxter.*
- After tryouts when the level of interest and general age and ability levels are known, athletes will be placed on a team.
- Sports physicals are due prior to the first practice, Monday November 19th.
- Parent volunteers are needed to take photos and run the clock.
- Medical information that your child's coach may need to know is best delivered in person by parents. The nurse and AD will also inform coaches of students on the medical alert list.
- Fall uniforms must be turned in. Athletes who have not returned uniforms will not be issued winter uniforms.

- Please use the side door at the ramp to preserve the gym floor.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs., Nov. 15	Jazz Night, 4 PM
Sat., Nov. 17	PTF Craft Fair, 10 AM – 1 PM
Tues., Nov. 20	Last day of school before Thanksgiving
Tues., Nov. 27	6 th Grade Boston trip
Wed., Dec. 5	T-1 report cards will be mailed home. BHCS invited to GSA concert, 9:00 AM
Sat., Dec. 8	PTF Kids' Holiday Craft Workshop, 10 AM – Noon
Thurs., Dec 13	K-4 Winter Concert, 6:30 PM Snowdate: 12/14
Tues., Dec. 18	5-8 Winter Concert, 7 PM Snowdate: 12/19