



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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Report Cards Coming Next Week

The first trimester report cards are being mailed on Wednesday, December 5th, and they will look a bit different than those used in previous years. Maine has adopted Common Core Standards, so we are now reporting those instead of the Maine Learning Results. The concept remains the same, we teach and assess with learning targets (standards), and we report each child's achievement to parents to communicate his/her progress and achievement related to the standards. This year is a "pilot" year for the new system, and I will be including a cover letter with each report card to explain how to interpret and use it to best help your child. I will also ask for your help by giving us some feedback on the new tool used for communicating grades.

Upcoming Author Event

Maine author/illustrator Ryan T. Higgins will be at BHCS next Thursday, Dec. 6 sharing his new book, Roger Goes Up. He visited several years ago to share Twaddleton's Cheese, showing the students how he draws his illustrations on his computer and talking about his writing and publishing process. If you would like an autographed copy of his new book, return the order form coming home today along with \$15 by next Thursday.

PTF News

*A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped with this year's Holiday Craft Fair, especially organizers Melissa Emerton and Rena Flores. As always, it was a great success - both as a place to shop and a PTF fundraiser!

*Discount cards are on sale!!!! We have 500 cards available for \$10 each. They feature 22 Blue Hill and Ellsworth businesses, and will be good for all of 2013. They make great Christmas gifts! We want the community to have an opportunity to buy them, so think of co-workers and neighbors who might be interested in buying some. We will be sending home order forms with students soon, but they are available now in the office or the library.

*Holiday Workshop for Kids, Saturday, December 8th, 10:00 AM-Noon. We still need adults to help at craft stations and a few people who would be willing to make gingerbread people cookies at home. Contact Heather Nelson by e-mail or phone if you can help.

*Last day to earn Hannaford School Dollar Certificates -- Friday, December 1st! Turn them in at Tradewinds, or in the envelope on the bulletin board in the BHCS lobby by. Our last day to turn them in to Tradewinds is December 7th.

*Continue collecting Boxtops for Education, Labels for Education, and old cell phones and printer cartridges for recycling. They all benefit the PTF and thus the school! Drop them off in the library.

Desktop Publishing, a Choice-Based Special, Completes Service Project

Children's books are on their way to Gambia! On their last day of class, the T1 Desktop Publishing students wrote cards to include in the 7 boxes of children's books being sent from BHCS to help the library in Jambanjelly, Gambia. At about 45 pounds apiece, the boxes held over 300 pounds of books! We were able to send the books to Seattle where they will be loaded into a shipping container headed to Gambia by boat. We are very thankful for all who donated books and participated in the raffle at the craft fair to raise money for the postage/shipping. It has been a wonderful real world application for the students to create posters, fliers, press releases, signs, web notices, etc. for something to benefit children who would otherwise have little to read!

Flu Clinic

There will be a flu clinic in December. Your child will have a form to bring home; please return it by December 7th. You can also get one in the office.

PMAL Events

Next week is the beginning of the December Arts Playhouse session. We have some exciting new happenings, as well as festive decorations and fun holiday music to gear us up for the holidays: Monday is Baking Holiday Treats; Tuesday is Making Holiday Gifts; Wednesday is Building Our Own Designs; and Thursday is Fencing with Mr. McCormick and his daughter! Call Chris for more information: 374-5255!

Sports News

ALL TEAMS

- Please get in the habit of bringing a water bottle to every practice and every game.
- There are 2 more pairs of basketball sneakers for free in the red wagon outside Mrs. McKechnie's room (US size 7 and 9).

Della L. Martin, Principal • Loretta Smith, Secretary • Beth Jackson, Librarian • Matt Jurick, Technology Specialist

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- Players are expected to make arrangements for the time between school and practices. Students may not "hang out" in the building waiting for practices.
- Please send a note with your basketball player to let coaches know of pick up arrangements. We want to be sure each player gets home safely after games and practices.

Coastal and Peninsula Boys Teams

Practices and games are posted online. If you are looking at the online schedule, CB stands for Coastal Boys and PB stands for Peninsula Boys. Most home games are scheduled to begin at 4 PM. To find out which team is playing first, click on the game. You will see something like this: CB HOME w/Penbrook G/B. The G/B means the girls' game is first and the boys' game is second.

Coastal and Peninsula Girls Teams

If you are looking at the online schedule, CG stands for Coastal Girls and PG stands for Peninsula Girls. Most home games are scheduled to begin at 4 PM. To find out which team is playing first, click on the game. You will see something like this: CG HOME w/Penbrook G/B. The G/B means the girls' game is first and the boys' game is second.

Each Monday the practices and game schedule for the week will be written on paper and left in the gym in the score keeper station for athletes to pick up at the end of practice and take home, as needed.

Not as many girls as expected are participating in basketball this season, so coaches may ask Coastal girls to help out at a Peninsula game or sixth grade Peninsula Girls to help out at a Coastal game. Every effort will be made to make these arrangements early and equitably. Fifth grade players on Peninsula will not be playing at all of the Peninsula games. In the interest of keeping our young players loving the game, fifth grade Peninsula players will play with the teams that also have young players, as follows: Brooklin, Castine, Sedgwick, and Bay School games.

Clinic and Clinic Boys Teams

Practices and games are posted online. If you are looking at the online schedule, Clinic BOYS HOME is the label used for home games. Clinic BOYS @ is the label used for away games. *The Clinic Boys Team are only the fifth, sixth, and seventh grade clinic players.*

Basketball Clinic is the label to show the practice schedule. The practice schedule is fairly consistent. The practices are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2:45-3:30 PM. Monday and Wednesday practices will include the third and fourth grade Clinic participants. Friday practices will be for the Clinic Boys Team only.

We are lucky to have such a high caliber coach, Mr. Baxter, for our beginners. Not only is he fun and familiar with the students, he is also an expert at basketball. Players will be given lots of instruction and will make great progress. I expect a terrific season for our young players! ~Tara McKechnie, AD

RADIANT CHILD YOGA, ages 3-6

A fun-filled yoga class that introduces children to the practice of yoga through stories, games, songs, and creative movement. This class helps foster body awareness, coordination, tools for handling emotions, and fun inspiration.

Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 AM

\$10 per class, drop-in basis

Held in my home studio, 318 Union St. Blue Hill.

Please contact Rebecca Rose Tousignant at [207-991-1255](tel:207-991-1255) or vitalevolutionyoga.com.

YOGA FOR BLOSSOMING YOUNG WOMEN, grades 5-8, Starting November 30

This is a gentle and nourishing introduction to the practice of Hatha yoga for young women.

Participants will be welcomed with warm tea and a light snack. This class will include yoga, breath work, meditation, and sacred space to explore tools for handling stress and fostering body-mind-spirit awareness.

Fridays, 3-5 PM.

\$12 per class, \$40 if signed up for a month

Held in my home studio, 318 Union St. Blue Hill

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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.

After School Child Care – YMCA Program

If you are interested in K-5 after school child care, please attend the *Meet and Greet* on December 6th at 6:30 PM.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 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