



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

**January 10, 2013**

### Conferences Next Week

Next week we are holding our second trimester conferences (January 14-17). Teachers will be in touch with you to make arrangements for these meetings. If your conference has not been set up at this point, please call to confirm one. We aim for 100% attendance. Your child's mid-term progress report will be given to you at that time. See you next week!

### Office Hours of Specialists for Conferences

Specialists are also available by appointment.

#### **Bob McCormick**

- Monday, 3-6 PM
- Tuesday, 4-5 PM
- Wednesday, 3-6 PM

#### **Audrey Means**

- Monday, 4-7:30 PM
- Thursday, 4-7:30 PM

#### **Sara Brown**

- Monday, 4:45-6 PM
- Tuesday, 2:45-7 PM
- Wednesday, 4:45-6 PM

#### **Bill Schubeck**

- Monday, 3-4 PM
- Tuesday, 3-6 PM
- Wednesday, 3-6 PM

#### **Matt Jurick**

- Monday - Thursday, 3-5 PM

#### **Julie O'Neill**

- Monday, 3-4:15 PM
- Tuesday, 3-5:15 PM
- Thursday, 3-5:15 PM

#### **Penny Ricker**

- Monday, 3-6 PM
- Tuesday, 3-6 PM
- Thursday, 3-4 PM

#### **Cathy Gage**

- Monday, 3-6 PM
- Tuesday, 3-5 PM
- Wednesday, 3-5 PM

#### **Megan Granger, School Counselor**

Megan is available to join parent-teacher conferences if invited by teachers and/or parents. She is also available to schedule separate

appointments with parents throughout the conference week as requested, or at any time during the school year.

### Pre-K and Kindergarten Search

Do you, or someone in Blue Hill you know, have a child who will be Kindergarten or Pre-K age next year? If you do, please contact us as soon as possible to let us know so we can start gathering information about enrollment. Thanks.

### Geography Bee Participants

The National Geographic Bee is being held today, and you can look for the outcome on our website tomorrow. The following students are to be congratulated ahead of time for winning their classroom bees and for their participation today: Duncan Howell; Jeremiah Scheff; Miriam Nelson; Sean Schweizer; Mary Richardson; Gavin Mote; Arlo Stabler; Nina Quigley; Jackson Billings; and Gage Clapp. Congratulations, Geographers!

### THANK YOU, BAR HARBOR BANKING AND TRUST!

The employees at BHBT surprised us last week with a huge donation of knitted winter gear. As an act of kindness, they knit these items themselves and chose our school to receive them. Their needlework is beautiful, truly impressive. And, the message it sent to our kids is one of genuine, heartfelt caring. What a good model for the kids to see!

### Lost and Found

The tables and bins for students' abandoned belongings are overflowing! Please come in to check for your child's things before January 18<sup>th</sup> when they will be taken to the Tree of Life for donations.

### Security Plans

We appreciate your help and support with our new building security measures. With the aid of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department and the Maine State Police, we are examining our

current safety plans and will update them as needed. We will keep you informed.

**Mobile Ice Cream Vending Trailer  
for Sale - \$5,000.00**

Loaded and ready to go with everything you need including ice cream scoopers, multiple refrigerators, ice cream “double wide” freezer, electric cash register, double sink, hot dog steamer, A/C, electrical, running water (with tank), and trailer hitch. All items are in excellent condition. Please call Lesley at 374-5709 if interested in viewing. All proceeds will benefit the school playground.

**Attention...All MLTI Laptop Users and  
Families in Grades 7 and 8!**

We have recently installed the Net Nanny on all student MLTI laptops. This is an effective Internet filtering system that helps to ensure that students are safely using their laptops at school and at home. If you have any questions about the new filtering system, please contact me at 374-2202, ext. 102.

**NAEP Testing for Grade 8 on March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Schools are randomly chosen to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress 90-minute testing that results in “The Nation’s Report Card.” BHCS is often selected, it seems. Representatives who come to our school from the National Center for Educational Statistics give the tests.

**Sports News**

On Saturday, January 26, Sedgwick will host a Round Robin B Basketball Tournament from 8 AM – 4 PM. Our Peninsula boys and girls teams will attend. This tournament is all about fun and giving younger students a chance to play and compete in a round robin setting. In years past we have participated in this tournament, and it has turned out to be a great deal of fun for all involved.

During the week of February 4<sup>th</sup>, MDES, Pematic, Tremont, Trenton, and Bar Harbor will host an A basketball tournament. Our Coastal boys and girls teams will attend. The days and times are not yet determined, as they are based on standings. This is a tournament to experience competitive play. Our Coastal boys are

currently tied for the top position. Our Coastal girls will also represent us well. Keep looking online for the details as we get closer to that week.

**PeeWee Basketball**

Saturday at GSA  
10-11:30 AM

**BEEM Grant Recipients - December 2012**

- \$966 - Audrey Means for ukuleles and the related materials for 7-8 specials.
- \$2,534.31 - Matt Jurick and Rachel Nightingale for a 3D Printer.
- \$1200 - Mark Baxter and Penny Ricker to restore a pinball machine to be raffled/auctioned off at the completion of the project. Proceeds go back to BEEM.
- \$700 - Bob McCormick for team building activities at Camp Beech Cliff for grade 5 for a day.
- \$1450 - Tara McKechnie and Della Martin for Spring Track assistant coach and equipment.
- \$400 - Katie Danielson for balance ball chairs.
- Total: \$7,250.31

**Thank you, BEEM!**

**Steel Drum Fun!**

Rhythm Rockets Beginner Steel Band starts again this week for another two-month session. They will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4 PM at GSA. Grades 3-8 are involved. \$90 for 16 classes. Call Nigel Chase for more info 326-8684.

**Dates to Remember**

Jan. 14-17	Conferences
Fri., Jan. 18	Union #93 In-Service, no school
Mon., Jan. 21	MLK, Jr. Day, no school
Thurs., Jan 24	BHCS Spelling Bee, 1:45 PM
Mon., Feb. 11	Hancock County Spelling Bee, 6:30 PM, Ellsworth Elementary-Middle School
Thurs., Feb. 14	GSA Registration – grade 8
Feb. 18-22	February Vacation
Mon., Mar. 4	NAEP Testing – grade 8
Fri., Mar. 8	Trimester 2 Ends