



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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Coming Soon to BHCS- An Original Play with Music!

Director Shelley Latham will be working with students in grade 5-8 this year on an original production featuring a very creative storyline set to music. Students themselves will be putting the finishing touches on the manuscript. Auditions to find the kids' perfect parts will be held on February 8 (F), February 11 (M), and February 14 (TH), from 2:45 - 4:00 PM each day. Like every year for our Spring Musical, the final production will be held during the week before April vacation. This is guaranteed to be an exciting project for BHCS, so don't miss out! More information to come....

Family Assistance Fund Raiser

Spaghetti Supper, Friday, March 1st, 5:30 PM. Please join us for a delicious spaghetti supper to raise money for the Family Assistance Fund. This fund has helped many families in our school community who are in need of assistance with fuel, utilities, food, gas, and more, but it needs replenishing. If you can help us with this event, please contact Melissa Emerton (479-2763) or Rena Flores (214-2361).

Reminder to Parents and Visitors

Please do not forget to sign in at the office and pick up a yellow lanyard to indicate that you are a visitor at our school. This will help us ensure safety at BHCS.

Spelling Bee Champs!

Last Thursday was an exciting afternoon for our spellers. The audience was truly excited and it was a fun competition. In the end, Joseph Boulet (8) earned the position of alternate; Nina Quigley (8) was the runner up; and Aidan Stearns (5) was the winner! Aidan and Nina will compete in the Hancock County Spelling Bee at the Ellsworth

Elementary-Middle School on Monday, February 11 at 6:30 PM. Congratulations and good luck, BHCS spellers!

PTF News

****Variety Show and Potluck** - We hope you can join us on Friday, February 8th for dinner at 5:30 PM and then the show! If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Means or Mr. Schubeck.

****Movie Night** - Start February vacation off with a fun night out! Movie night is Friday, February 15, at 5:30 PM, so join us for pizza at 5:30 and the movie will start at 6:00.

Sports News

What an action packed sports season we have enjoyed this winter! Looking back over the season, each team has learned and changed right before our eyes.

****Our Clinic team** kept basketball fun, emphasized the fundamentals, and instilled good habits in our youngest basketball players. When they started their competitive games in January, they looked like a different group of players. The **Peninsula boys** had a schedule based on Mr. Baxter's philosophy of achieving the right balance between instruction and competitive games. He tried to maintain two practices for each game in order to make progress individually and as a team. The Peninsula boys learned the fundamentals of how to play the game and put those fundamentals into action. It is amazing what a professional coach can give his players when he has time for instruction and the willingness to dedicate his time and energy to our players. Thank you, **Mark Baxter**, for the lessons and skills you've taught your players.

****Peninsula girls** also looked like a whole new team at the end of the season! Wow, have they changed in the last two years! They've learned basketball basics and worked on fundamental skills. Each player has had a positive season, accomplishing new goals. Fun practices, balanced with opportunities to

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work on skills have kept these players in the game all season. While our Peninsula girls are aggressive on defense, they have also demonstrated grace and good manners toward our competitors. Our Peninsula girls owe a special thanks to Nellie Haldane, one of our Coastal players who has acted as a swing player all season to support this team. Thank you also to **John McKechnie** for leading these girls and keeping the game fun.

****Coastal Girls** have developed seriously aggressive instincts this season. At every game they look more fine-tuned. One exciting example is their record with Tremont. In December the Coastal girls lost a game to Tremont; last Friday they fought their way to a victory over Tremont. Their individual and team growth has been amazing to watch. Girls stride onto the court with purpose and plan, looking confident and looking to each other to work as a team. We have been lucky to recruit **Brad Miltner** to guide this team. Thanks to Coach Miltner for a terrific season.

****Coastal Boys**, oh my! What a pleasure it has been to watch this team; being a spectator at these games is intense! The players fly up the court, these games are fast-paced with running and pressing and high speed passing events. Phew! Watch out GSA - you have some serious players headed your way. Coastal boys have played 14 games this season and are seeded 2nd in the MDI Tournament next week. Coach **Mike Astbury** established goals for each player individually and guided them all season. He has taught these boys for two years now, and his coaching skills have made a positive difference. Thank you to Coach Mike for another great season.

****Our cheerleaders** are back on the court this year. The good cheer they bring to the floor makes a difference at each game. Watching the players at the games, you can see that our team doesn't give up because the cheerleaders keep their spirits up and get the crowd stomping and clapping and smiling. The cheerleaders have conducted themselves with poise and good manners and are always looking cheerful. In addition to the cheers we see at the game, some might not know that

the cheerleaders also exercise at practices prior to and in between home games. They work to maintain fitness, learn the words of the cheers, and the motions in sync with each other. Thank you to **Senorita Brown** for bringing back the good cheer to our games.

****Each team will celebrate the highlights and successes of their season individually.**

Teams will design one last "practice." Kids will have the opportunity to play games, scrimmage, have fun, and hang out together. Coaches will pass out awards at this time. Be sure to find out the time and details for your child's team, so you can enjoy the celebration of another sporty season. Details will be posted on the Athletics page as teams decide their plans. ~Tara McKechnie, AD

Benefit Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, February 9 at the First Baptist Church of Blue Hill. 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM settings. \$8.00 a person or \$20 for a family of 4. This is to benefit Judy Candage Grindle for expenses during her treatments with cancer. For more information call 374-9928 or 644-9681.

Dates to Remember

Fri., Feb. 1	6-8 Dance, Sedgwick, 6-9 PM
Fri., Feb. 8	PTF Potluck and Variety Show Dinner is at 5:30 PM and the show is at 6:00 PM, BHCS Café
Fri., Feb. 9	Montessori Valentine Dance
Mon., Feb. 11	Hancock County Spelling Bee, 6:30 PM, Ellsworth Elementary- Middle School
Tues., Feb. 12	Board Budget meeting, 5 PM
Wed., Feb. 13	Regular Board Meeting, 5 PM
Thurs., Feb. 14	GSA Registration – grade 8 Jazzband at GSA, 3 PM
Fri., Feb. 15	PTF Movie Night, food at 5:00 and movie at 6:00 PM
Feb. 18-22	February Vacation
Sun., Feb. 24	Sunday Jazz Madness
Thurs., Feb. 28	Jazzband Dress Rehearsal, 4 PM
Fri., Mar. 1	District Jazz Fest, Orrington Family Assistance Spaghetti Supper, 5:30 PM
Mon., Mar. 4	NAEP Testing – grade 8
Fri., Mar. 8	Trimester 2 Ends
Sat., Mar. 23	State Jazz Fest, Portland
Fri., April 6	BEEM Bash