



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

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### **Congratulations BHCS Cheerleaders!**

Under the dedicated supervision of Señorita Brown, our cheerleaders took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the *Golden Bucks Invitational B Cheering Division* competition held on February 15<sup>th</sup>. A very beautifully bedazzled bus, decorated by their moms, surprised the girls for them to attend the event in style (thanks, Moms)! This Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> they will attend another invitational at the Ellsworth Elementary Middle School at noon. Then they will go to the state competition on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Bangor Auditorium, held at 10 AM. Wow! Congratulations, Summit Colman, Maddie DesFosses, Becca Marks, Lizzy Leger, Cheyenne Bennett, Katie Clements, Tillie March, Alissa Muisse, and Elana Williamson. And, thank you, Señorita Brown. Go Team!

### **Good Luck, BHCS Jazzers!**

Tomorrow afternoon, the Blue Hill Consolidated School jazz band, directed by Bill Schubeck, will compete at the District Jazz Festival in Orrington. They have been faithfully practicing for months, and they sound amazing! We wish them all good luck! Thank you, Mr. Schubeck and student musicians, for your dedication and for representing BHCS so well.

### **Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!**

McElligot's Pool in the lobby is full of fish! Actually, kids have been recording their favorite books on fish forms and dropping them in the pool all week. Students will pick out a new book and "an already been loved" book as part of Friday's RIF Day and the celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday. BHCS has held RIF (Reading is Fundamental) distributions for over 20 years to encourage the joy of reading and to building personal libraries. Dr. Seuss books have made reading fun for so many years. In addition to the books, students will enjoy some special treats and some shared reading as part of Dr. Seuss's

birthday. Many thanks to everyone helping to make the day special!

### **PTF News**

#### **Spaghetti Supper Cancelled**

The spaghetti supper scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup> has been canceled! We hope to reschedule it later this month.

**B.E.A.R. Night** (Be Enthusiastic About Reading) is Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Join us for a fun evening of reading! Please bring a snack from a favorite story to share.

**Variety Show and Potluck Dinner**, Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM and the show will begin at 6:00 PM.

**PTF Meeting** - Please join us on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM to help plan activities for the spring. We are looking for new members and new activities.

### **Garden Club News**

Seed orders are due Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for supporting our school garden by purchasing seeds for your garden.

### **Sports News**

**Please turn in all BHCS uniforms, so they can be washed, sorted, and inventoried.**

**Track:** Thanks to a generous BEEM grant, BHCS will be starting a spring track program for students in grades 5-8. Should we find that we have the resources for proper safety and supervision of additional runners, we will expand the program to include grades 3 and 4. David Stearns will be the head coach. We are looking for applications for an assistant coach. If you are interested, please go to the Office of the Superintendent for an application and fingerprinting information. The practice schedule is still tentative, but will begin on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*Mondays, 2:45-4:00 PM, outside

\*\*Tuesdays, 4-5 PM, in the gym

\*\*Wednesday, 2:45-4:00 PM, outside

\*\*Thursdays, 2:45-4:00 PM, in the gym

\*\*No practice on March 29<sup>th</sup> or April 11<sup>th</sup>.

On the outside days, practices will be weather

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dependent. The team may join GSA for practices in the GSA gym on occasion. After April vacation the schedule will be Monday-Thursday 2:45-4:00 PM for outside practices.

**Softball Tryouts:** Softball tryouts for students in grades 6-8 will be held in the gym on March 21<sup>st</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4-5 PM.

**Baseball Tryouts:** Baseball warm-ups for students in grades 6-8 will be held in the gym on March 21<sup>st</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5-6 PM. Warm-ups are just for fun to get ready for the season. Baseball tryouts will be held in the gym on March 25<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 PM.

**Softball and Baseball Clinic:** A softball and baseball clinic for students in grades 3-8 will be offered this spring as well. The clinic will be 6 weeks, starting the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Family Snowshoe, Ski, and Hike  
with Wildlife Biologist James Hall**

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1-3 PM at Wight's Pond, Penobscot. It is free and open to all ages. Snowshoes are provided. Sponsored by Blue Hill Heritage Trust. Contact Eileen at 374-5118 or [eileen@bluehillheritagetrust.org](mailto:eileen@bluehillheritagetrust.org) to register.

**Blue Hill Public Library**

Ongoing and special programs:

\*Tuesdays: Reader Dog Gracie. Sign up for 20-minute slots from 3:10-4:50 PM.

\*Fridays: Chess Club (ages 7 and up). 3-3:45 PM, snacks provided.

\*Saturdays: LEGO Club for Kids (ages 7-12). 10:30 AM to noon.

\*Idita-Read: mirrors Alaska's famous sled dog race and occurs while the actual race is happening. Participation is free but space on the team is limited so participants must register, either using the Events Calendar at [www.bhpl.net](http://www.bhpl.net) or call Pat at 374-5515.

**Dates to Remember**

Fri., Mar. 1	Dr. Seuss' Birthday/RIF Day District Jazz Fest, Orrington
Mon., Mar. 4	NAEP Testing – grade 8
Fri., Mar. 8	Trimester 2 Ends <b>B.E.A.R. Night</b> in the school library at 6:30 PM. A night of reading fun!
Fri., March 15	PTF Potluck and Variety Show Dinner is at 5:30 PM and the show is at 6:00 PM, BHCS Café
Sat., Mar. 23	State Jazz Fest, Portland
Fri., April 5	BEEM Bash