



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

April 25, 2013

APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

“It is conservatively estimated that nearly 1.5 million people in the United States today have some form of autism. It is the third most common developmental disability - even more common than Down’s Syndrome. Yet the majority of the public, including many professionals in the medical, educational and vocational fields, are still unaware of how autism affects people, and how to work effectively with individuals with autism.”
~*Making Strides and Autism Society of Maine.*

BHCS kids have learned a lot about autism this month, as they have prepared their research projects for the Making Strides challenge. They will be judged next week, and the grand prize is a trip with Diver Ed on MDI. There are some spectacular projects that we will make sure you see at the end of the month. We hope that the hard work of our students will make a difference so that people worldwide will know as much as possible and offer the best help available to children and families touched by autism. Thank you, Making Strides, for bringing this awareness to BHCS. And, thank you, students, for your energies and compassion.

Kindergarten Registration

Upcoming Blue Hill kindergarteners will register at BHCS next week, May 2nd and 3rd. No school for current kindergarten classes.

National Screen Free Week (April 29 – May 3)

*Everybody is challenged to see if they can go a whole week without TV, computer, or video (a *little* bit is OK)! To make this challenge easier PTF is sponsoring a week of fun activities. The orange sign up sheets went home earlier this week and are due back on Friday, April 26th. You will get a notice for the activities that your child is registered for.

*Activities that are available to everyone include: 1) a hike up Blue Hill Mountain on Tuesday, April 30 at 3:30 PM (meet at the BHM parking lot/field); and 2) the Spring Fling potluck and activity night sponsored by the 5-2-1-0 Committee on Thursday, May 2nd at 5:30 PM. For the Spring Fling, please bring a healthy dish to share and the recipe, and then join in the fun activities. This is another great way to spend an evening "screen free."

*Students will receive record sheets next week for recording **screen free activities**. Any students returning their forms with at least 10 things listed will be able to choose several "already been loved" books to add to their home libraries.

Recyclables Needed

Please save various containers and lids for making rhythm instruments during Project Awareness on May 15 for 7th and 8th graders. Filler also needed (beans, rice, buttons, etc., etc.). You can drop them off at the library.

Sports News

Please be sure to pick up your child from sports practices and games on time. Coaches are expected to supervise athletes until parents arrive. Our coaches love your children, but really also love to get home after a long day.

The **Baseball and Softball Clinic** for students in grade 3-8 has started on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:45-3:45 PM on the BHCS field. It's not too late to join in. The coach is Brian Lescord, a lifelong baseball player! His positive energy will be contagious; prepare for a fun season!

BEEM says, "Thank you!"

This year's BEEM Bash was another great success. Because of all the support from the community, the parents, the teachers and staff of BHCS, we made \$8500, all of which will go directly to BEEM.

Spring Youth Benefit Concert with Downeast Kids Chorus, Planet Pan and the Rhythm Rockets, at First Congregational Church of Blue Hill, Saturday April 27, 7:00 PM. This is a benefit for the church's Dolly Fisher Fund, to help people in need on the Peninsula with fuel and food. Suggested donations are \$5. For more information, call 374-2891.

EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, May 11, 2013

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Blue Hill Family Medicine

"Early screening is important for your child's lifelong health and learning."

All children ages 18 months - 5 years and their parents are invited to the Early Childhood Health Fair for FREE health, developmental, and dental screenings, face painting, snacks, and other activities.
No shots!

FREE HEIGHT, WEIGHT, HEARING AND
VISION SCREENINGS
DENTAL SCREENINGS
DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

Appointments are required. Call 374-2311 to make an appointment. Registration closes May 6th. All services are free.

Sponsored by:

Blue Hill Family & Cosmetic Dentistry
Caring Hands of Maine Dental Center
Blue Hill Memorial Hospital
Blue Hill Family Medicine
Downeast Regional Child Development Services
Healthy Peninsula

East Blue Hill Music Camps

Ages 8-13

Weeks of July 8 and 15

9 AM to 3 PM

All instruments welcome

Limited to 12 participants

\$225 (less \$100 deposit)

Holly Bartlett Weinberg

East Blue Hill Piano Studio

10 Curtis Cove Road

207-374-3546

Peaceable Kingdom Day Camp

For children ages 5-10, but there may be some flexibility in ages. Monday-Friday, June 17-21, 9 AM – Noon at the First Congregational Church, Blue Hill. Indoor and outdoor art activities, music, and nature activities. No fee, but donations are welcome. Information: contact Wendy Ritger by June 10 at bhcongo@yahoo.com or 374-2891.

Job Opportunity

Anyone interested in working with a cleaning team for the summer, please call Rena Flores at 214-2361. Must be reliable and able to work occasionally on Saturday.

Dates to Remember

Apr. 29-May 3 Screen Free Week
May 2-3 Kindergarten Registration
No school for current kindergarten
Thurs., May 2 5-2-1-0 Spring Fling – Think Healthy! 5:30 PM
Mon., May 6 BHCS Speech Contest (6/8), 4 PM, Café
Thurs., May 9 Union #93 Speech Contest – Grades 6 - 8
Penobscot, 4:30 PM
Wed., May 22 7/8 Science Fair, 6-7:30 PM
Mon., June 3 5-8 Concert, 7 PM
Tues., June 4 K-4 Concert, 6:30 PM
June 5-7 8th Grade Class Trip
Thurs., June 13 Graduation, 7 PM
Fri., June 14 Last student day