



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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Thank you, parents and friends. We have felt honored and very much appreciated this week! The lunch and breakfast meals were exceptionally yummy, and all your expressions of gratitude have been warmly received. We are a lucky staff.

Modern Woodmen Speech Contest

Congratulations to the winners of the Modern Woodmen Speech Contest at BHCS this week. They are listed below with the topics of their speeches about “someone who has overcome something in their lives.”

1st Place – Jackson Billings (Sara Billings Leighton)

2nd Place – Ellie Gellerson (Temple Grandin)

3rd Place – Mary Richardson (Helen Keller)

These students compete at the Penobscot Community School this afternoon at 4:00 PM. The Regional Modern Woodmen of America Speech Contest will be held on Monday, May 13th at 6:00 PM at the All Saints Catholic School, State Street Campus, 166 State Street, Bangor.

All contestants presented impressive speeches on Monday. The judges were very impressed! The 6th grade participants included Tess Williamson, Ivy Manner-Wheelden, Michaela White, and Miriam Nelson. In 7th grade the participants were Mary Richardson, Nellie Haldane, Ellie Gellerson, and Hunter Dorr. The 8th grade speakers were Jackson Billings, Alissa Muise, Mariah Reinke, and Lanie Billings. Congratulations to all of them!

Students Making a Difference

Bully Busters, one of the Project Citizen teams, approached the School Board at last night’s meeting to explain their project related to cyber bullying. Lanie Billings, Nina Quigley, and Jordan Gray asked the School Board members if

they would consider their cyber bullying research and proposal in Board policy. The Board gladly accepted their timely input, as they are currently reviewing their policies, and this is one that needs amending. They appreciated the fact that students got involved with this, and that’s the whole point of Project Citizen.

Big Events Coming!

**Next Wednesday 7th and 8th grade students from Union#93 will be here for Project Awareness. This year’s focus is the power of music for social change. We will be welcoming keynote Noel Paul Stookey and his daughter Liz, a former Blue Hill student who has helped with planning Project Awareness this year and who will lead a panel discussion. Other presenters include Blue Hill’s Shelley Latham and Holly Weinberg, and Mathew Tembo from Pittsburgh/Zambia to lead hands-on workshops.

**Thursday, May 30th we will be hosting the Maine Student Book Award celebration with 4th-6th graders from the peninsula. The creators of the graphic novel version of Donn Fendler’s story *The Lost Trail* will be here. Lynn Plourde, Ben Bishop, and Donn Fendler, himself! Students will enjoy activities around writing, reading, and survival that day.

**Lynn Plourde will stay on for a K-3 author day on May 31st. Students will have a chance to do fun reading, writing, and creative activities with her and other workshop leaders. If you want to order any of her books to be autographed that day, watch for the form coming home Friday or Monday.

Notes from the Music Department

Stepping Up! Congratulations to 8th graders Ben Politte, Mira Schubeck, Sam Scheff, Jackson Billings, Nina Quigley, and Joe Boulet for being accepted into the 2013-2014 GSA Jazzband! They will perform for Senior Night at GSA in June.

Don’t forget our spring concert dates:

5-8 Concert - Monday, June 3 @ 7:00 PM

K-4 Concert - Tuesday, June 4 @ 6:30 PM

Leaping Literacy Summer Camp

Rachel Ramos, the Union #93 curriculum coordinator, has written a grant and will be offering the Leaping Literacy Summer Camp at the Blue Hill Public Library. The program combines stories, art, storytelling, music, and movement. By the end of a weeklong session each camper will have created a book full of writing, which the group works on together, and camper illustrations.

Summer Story Camp infuses math, science, social studies and literacy into one program, allowing the campers to practice writing and storytelling across content areas as prescribed in the Common Core Standards. Additionally, with reading data from Union # 93 teachers, the program aims to bridge the summer gap, with participating children performing more confidently and efficiently the following fall. This program has been successful in Southwest Harbor, and it is currently starting its 6th year.

The camp runs from 9 AM – 12 Noon. There is a maximum of 15 children, ages 5 – 12, per session. Students may attend one session or multiple sessions, based on enrollment. Each week includes a session with a visiting artist, scientist, and/ or musician.

The program will be offered during the following weeks.

July 29-August 2

August 5-9

August 12-16

More information will be coming in the next few weeks.

Dates to Remember

- Wed., May 15 Project Awareness, Union #93 at BHCS, grades 7-8
8th Grade Parent Mtg., 6 PM
- Thurs., May 16 Nichols Day Camp Assembly, 1:50 PM
- Wed., May 22 7/8 Science Fair, 6-7:30 PM
- Mon., May 27 Memorial Day, no school
- Tues., May 28 Grade 5 to Camp Beech Cliff
- Thurs., May 30 Maine Student Book Award Celebration – Gr. 4-6
8th Grade to Penobscot Theater
- Mon., June 3 5-8 Concert, 7 PM
- Tues., June 4 K-4 Concert, 6:30 PM
- June 5-7 8th Grade Class Trip
- Fri., June 7 4th Grade to Penobscot Marine Museum
6th Grade to Challenger Space Center
- Thurs., June 13 Graduation, **6 PM** (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE)
- Fri., June 14 Last student day