



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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Project Awareness: the Power of Music for Social Change!

Wednesday was a powerful day full of spirit and soul for 7th and 8th graders from BHCS and three neighboring schools who focused on “Songs for Social Change” for the day. The year-long planners for the event, Beth Jackson, Megan Granger, Helen Graikoski, Rick Alexander, and Liz Stookey Sunde, along with staff members Matt Jurick, Rachel Nightingale, Audrey Means, and Bill Schubeck, organized the conference for the kids.

Our keynote speaker/performer, Noel Paul Stookey, started us off with a rich talk about how music can impact the world and how everyone can make a connection and an impression, no matter what age. We sang with him, “Where Have All the Flowers Gone” and “If I Had a Hammer.” The Music2Life website and database started by him and his daughter, Liz Stookey Sunde, provided a backdrop for students to search for and listen to various songs that have promoted social change through the years. Before the day, students explored the SoundSource link and were able to listen to short clips of the songs (and can connect to iTunes from there to download music, too). Liz moderated a panel including her father, Mathew Tembo, a musician from Zambia and Pittsburgh, and 5th grade teacher Mrs. Nightingale along with Lanie Billings, who shared projects they had done that included a strong message through music.

Students rotated through workshops creating percussion instruments from recycled materials and exploring rhythms with Mathew, movement for change with Shelley Latham, and songwriting with Holly Weinberg. All were powerful workshops where the kids were very actively involved. The day closed with a collaborative concert featuring a Save the Polar Bear music video presented by BHCS alum Lucy Jakub, a song played with a Zambian instrument created by Mathew Tembo, and then

Noel Paul Stookey led us in a sharing of the morning work. The students’ lyrics, set to the tune of John Lennon’s “Imagine,” were shown on the big screen and sung by the audience in an especially moving tribute to the special day.

Mike Murphy from WERU was also present and helped create the “Project Awareness Top 10 List of Social Change Songs” that will be played on their radio station and will be included in next week’s **Explorations**. It can also be viewed on a link on the Project Awareness page on the BHCS website. We will also share the kids’ new lyrics for “Imagine.” We are so fortunate at BHCS to have adults so committed to the well-being of the whole child, so a huge thank you goes out to all of them. And, thank you, 7th and 8th graders who put your hearts into the day, for your participation, and for the song you wrote for the world.

Book Orders Due

Lynn Flourde book orders are due tomorrow, if you want to be sure to have one of her books on hand for autographing during her author visit the end of May. A copy of the order form is attached to this newsletter.

PTF News

The PTF Yard Sale is Saturday, June 8, from 9 AM-Noon. Contact Melissa Emerton (mlein4@aol.com, 479-2763) to reserve your own space (12'x6' for \$10; tables \$5 extra) or donate non-electronic items to the PTF tables. Drop them off Friday afternoon, 3-5 PM, June 7, or contact Melissa for early drop off or pick up. Clear out unused "treasure" and help the PTF at the same time! There will also be a bake sale and refreshment sale.

Golf at BHCS? Did you see the Ellsworth American’s Fence Viewer this week?

“BLUE HILL — Middle school students at the Blue Hill Consolidated School are getting introduced to golf this month. Local golf professional Noah Tapley, who is a Consolidated School alum, is teaching a user-

friendly form of the sport developed by the SNAG Golf Co. SNAG stands for "starting new at golf." Two PGA Tour professionals, Terry Anton and Wally Armstrong, spent nearly a decade developing the program, which was launched in 2002."

PMAL News

Peninsula Metamorphic Arts and Learning is ready to kick off the summer season with "A Play Date with Art and Nature." During this four day adventure, students will be enjoying the beautiful outdoor environment at PMAL, taking walks down to the pond, observing the environment, journaling, making art, and SO MUCH MORE. Children may attend for one day or more. Families may choose a schedule that is convenient for them. The adventure starts Monday, June 17 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM with before and after care available. Tuition for the camp is \$60 per day or \$210 for all four days. Give us a call to register at 374-5255 or e-mail at chris@pmaalcenter.com! Let the adventure begin!



Memorial Day Scholarship Breakfast

To benefit the IRA Berry Lodge #128
A.F. & A.M. Scholarship Fund.
Eggs, Pancakes, Ham, Etc.
IOOF Hall on Main Street, Blue Hill
Monday, May 27th from 6:30 AM to 10:00 AM
Suggested Donation: \$8.00 Adults and
\$5.00 Children under 12

Peaceable Kingdom Day Camp

Monday-Friday June 17-21, 9 AM to noon, for children ages 5-10 (flexibility is available in ages), at First Congregational Church of Blue Hill. The camp includes indoor and outdoor art, music, and nature activities. No fee, donations are welcome. For info, contact Wendy Ritger by June 10 at bhcongo@yahoo.com or 374-2891.

Dates to Remember

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
Fri. May 31 K-3 Author Day with Lynn
Plourde
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