



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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A STAR
by Mrs. Clapp's 4th Grade

In the sky up above
A star is all a glow.
From my window I can see
A jewel as white as snow.

So far away and up so high
I still have it in my sight,
Soaring, gliding, diving down
Through the crispy night.

I stretch my arms out to reach
To the star of my dream.
Goals I've set are closer now.
At least that's how it seems.

I know that someday soon
This star will start to show
Things that I have accomplished,
And even more as I grow.

BHCS Does Very Well at the Almquist Invitational Track Meet in Orono

Reports from the athletic director and coaches say that all our students performed really well on Monday at the regional track meet. Twenty-six schools were in attendance. Overall, John Larson placed 5th in the 800 meter run, while Cameron Gordon placed 3rd in the long jump and 2nd overall in the high jump (*speaking of reaching for the stars!*). Congratulations to all track members who have contributed to the success of the first year of track at BHCS. And, thank you, David Stearns, for bringing this new sport to our school.

Ultimate Frisbee Returns!

John Richardson is providing Ultimate Frisbee for kids in grades 3-8 on Fridays from 3:00-4:00 PM for the next four weeks. This event will be cancelled if it is raining.

CPR Certification for Grades 7 and 8

The students have almost completed the training and testing, and all will pass with flying colors. In order to obtain the certification cards, we need \$3.00 from each student. The sooner Mrs. Candage can collect this money, the sooner she can send it in and receive the cards back for the students.

Jared C. Grindle Scholarship Deadline Extended to This Weekend

Each year in September, Brooksville, Blue Hill and Deer Isle host the Jared C. Grindle Softball Tournament in memory of Jared, who was a very special person and a great athlete. The proceeds of the tournament support a scholarship program, established in 2004, to help kids have the opportunity to attend a sports camp of their choosing. The deadline of May 15th has been extended to May 25th. The application is attached and it can also be downloaded from our website. For further questions please call 326-9391.

Order Your Yearbook By Next Friday...

"Reach for the Stars," this year's yearbook, will cost \$15 and will be ready the last week of school. Order forms are due by next Friday, May 31st. Don't miss your copy of 2012-2013 BHCS history!

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 to 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.

*We will be sending in our last mailings of Boxtops for Education, Campbells Labels for Education and the recycled printer cartridges and cell phones before the end of the school year. Drop yours off today!

From the Library

*Local author Kelly Cunnane used some of our third and fourth graders as guinea pigs as she tried out some cultural awareness writing activities related to her book, For You are a Kenyan Child. They loved seeing the interesting artifacts from Kenya and hearing about life there, and giving her input on how to design her workshop. And they did a lot of great writing!

*We have more author events next week:

1) Lynn Plourde, Ben Bishop and Donn Fendler will be here on Thursday for our Maine Student Book Award Celebration with other 4th-6th graders from the peninsula, sharing their experiences writing the graphic novel version of Donn's famous ordeal being lost for 9 days on Katahdin. Students will also hear from Brooksville students who planned a trip down into the Grand Canyon over April vacation, and Michael Sawyer from the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife about what to do if they get lost. It promises to be a great day, and features the winning book for the state MSBA voting, Lost Trail: Nine Days Alone in the Wilderness! We will have a few copies of Lost Trail (\$12) as well as Lost on a Mountain in Maine (\$5) available for sale and autographing; they will autograph personal books as well.
2) Lynn will be staying on Friday for a K-3 Author Day. Students will do a workshop with her about writing her other books, as well as several other fun and creative workshops. May has been a busy month!!

Songs from Project Awareness

Watch for the list on our website!

Exciting Summer Reading News!

This year we are offering 3 one-week sessions of Leaping Literacy Summer Camp here at our school! Based on a weekly theme, we will be using art, music, interactive science presentations, storytelling, books and movement to help each camper create their own book. To see some of the fun in past years at the program's first location in Southwest Harbor, you can check out "Summer Story Camp" on FaceBook. Attached you will find a registration form. Sign up for one week or all three, as space allows. The program will run from 9 AM-noon, with possible before-care starting at 8:00, depending upon need. This program is free of charge and is designed to inspire your child to see literacy as a form of entertainment and to help them keep up their school skills over the summer. For questions, please call Rachel Kohrman Ramos at the Central Office, 374-9927.

Has anyone seen our large folding projector screen that used to be stored in the library? It is missing, and we'd love to find it.

Dates to Remember

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 8 th 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	8 th Grade Class Trip
Fri., June 7	4 th Grade to Penobscot Marine Museum 6 th Grade to Challenger Space Center
Thurs., June 13	Graduation, 6 PM (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE)
Fri., June 14	Last student day Morning Mountain Climb Picnic Lunch at School Afternoon Field Day