



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

May 30, 2013

Thank You, Peninsula Montessori!

For 20 years, Blue Hill Consolidated School has enjoyed an influx of children who have had preschool experiences from the Peninsula Montessori School. These children have shared their joy and excitement for learning with all of us, and their contributions to our school have been very positive and influential. Elsa Marsh, the original founder of the Montessori program, has played a significant role at BHCS over the years as the beloved Montessori teacher and as a parent of three kids here. Sadly, the school will be officially closing on June 7th of this year. The school will be missed, but their staff recognizes that there are now “many wonderful preschool options on and around the Blue Hill Peninsula.” Blue Hill Consolidated School is also making plans to provide Pre-K for our children in the fall of 2014, but for now we want to say a big THANK YOU, to Elsa, her staff, and to the many kids of Peninsula Montessori School. There will be a celebration at Peninsula Montessori on June 7th, starting at 11:30 AM; that same night, there will be another celebration here at BHCS from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Please join us.

On another note....

There are many efforts going on in the area that focus on early childhood needs, including a steering committee and work group, both pledging to find resources to provide screenings and early interventions for our youngest residents so that they are prepared for school (and life) as much as possible. The Early Childhood Conference, in its 3rd year, will be held at Blue Hill Consolidated School next year, and the focus is on helping people in poverty move forward. The conference will be held on Saturday, October 19th and the keynote speaker will be Donna Beegle, author of *See Poverty: Be the Difference*. Please think

about joining us for this conference that will be both moving and inspirational in terms of improving our society overall with raised awareness and some concrete suggestions for action. In the Blue Hill community we might not always see the immediate problems of poverty, but it is indeed a part of our town. In our school we see how people struggle every day to provide food, shelter, and guidance for parents. More details on this important conference will be coming this fall.

Science Fair - a Big Success!

Miss Black and Mr. Jurick would like to congratulate all the 7-8 students on their outstanding science fair projects and thank all the parents and teachers who helped them along the way. We'd especially like to thank our 12 volunteer judges who gave their own time to come and judge the fair: Carol Bennatti, John Chapman, Katie Danielson, David Hollenberg, Jessica Hutchins, Deb Kingston, Laura Maier, Rachel Nightingale, John Richardson, Jan Snow, Kathy Snow, and Doris Webb. It was a great event!

Notes From the Band Room

Congratulations to 8th graders, Joe Boulet and Mira Schubeck, who were accepted into next year's varsity combo at GSA. It is quite an honor and a great accomplishment for these talented musicians. I am very proud of both of them. You can hear this year's GSA varsity combo, Lucy and the Diamonds, perform live on MPBN radio on Friday, May 31 at 9:00 PM.

Field Day Help Needed

As we organize the field day for the last day of school, we realize that we could use some help from parents to run the events. If you have time, please call Rena Flores at 214-2361. Thanks.

Join Us for the Spring Concerts Next Week

5-8 Concert, Monday, June 3 at 7:00 PM
K-4 Concert, Tuesday, June 4, 6:30 PM

Della L. Martin, Principal • Loretta Smith, Secretary • Beth Jackson, Librarian • Matt Jurick, Technology Specialist

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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.
*Last Meeting of the year! Thursday, June 6th we will meet at 2:45 PM; we will provide babysitters if we know that you are coming and need child care. We will be looking back over this year and planning for next year. We hope you can come.

IMPROV ...acting outside the lines.

Improv for Teens

Another great opportunity from PMAL!
This workshop will explore the rules and structure of theatre improv through games and scene work while having a BLAST!!! Join us this summer!

For rising 6th through 10th graders.
Monday, June 24th - Friday June 28th
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Register at: 374-5255 or
chris@pmaalcenter.com

Dates to Remember

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