



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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Last week was Authors' Week!

*The Maine Student Book Award Celebration on May 30th for 200 4th-6th graders in the area welcomed this year's MSBA winners: Donn Fendler, Lynn Plourde and Ben Bishop, creators of *Lost Trail: Nine Days Alone in the Wilderness*, the graphic novel version of Donn's 1939 mis-adventure climbing Mt. Katahdin. Students learned more about creating graphic novels from Lynn and Ben (and watched Ben draw amazing mixed up animal characters). They also learned how to plan for a big adventure, with examples from recent trips to the Grand Canyon by Liz Hotchkiss and Nancy Crowe, and what to do if they get lost (and what searchers do) with Mike Sawyer of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, with help from Jay Holweger and Maddy of the Maine Search and Rescue Dogs. They also loved asking Donn lots of questions about his experiences, and seeing the slideshow Mrs. Scheff shared about a family trip up Katahdin after reading *Lost on a Mountain in Maine*. It was a great day all around!

*Author Day on May 31st for BHCS K-3rd graders enjoyed Lynn Plourde, author of over 25 books. Students helped to act out one of her books, *Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of the Rud*, and learned more from her about how to be a good writer. A variety of other workshops were offered included making moose puppets with Mrs. Gandy, digging for and building dinosaurs with Mrs. Werth, creating illustrated Maine poems and stories with Mrs. Ricker and Mrs. Ramos, and listening to Christina van Duijn read her book. Again, a great day was had by all! Thanks to everyone who helped to make both days such a great success!

Library

*All books are due this week, so please help your children return (or pay for any lost) books that are still out. We need this taken care of as soon as possible!

Summer Reading is Important!

Keep your eyes on various school newsletters to find some exciting and fun summer reading opportunities for your child. Any parents wanting to check out some books for the summer from the BHCS library should stop by next week.

Thank You, Blue Hill Screenprinting!

Fred and Debra Woods, parents of Ashley (6th grade) and Tom Woods (8th grade), have started a new screenprinting business and gift shop, located at 531 Ellsworth Road in Blue Hill. One of their first endeavors was to design, print, and then donate 38 T-shirts to the 8th graders and their teachers to wear on their class trip this week – beautiful light blue shirts with the school name and mascot on the front pocket and the Class List on the back! The kids loved them and will sport them well. If any parents are still interested in buying a shirt, they can do this for the next 3 weeks. Shirts will cost \$15, and can be purchased at the store. We wish you well, Blue Hill Screenprinting!

The Future of the PTF

For the last decade, the PTF at our school has done some amazing things for our students and staff. They have provided movie nights, fundraising events, classroom help, school-wide help, Christmas workshops, staff celebrations, yard sales, sports gear swaps, talent shows, funds for classroom needs, and more! Thank you, PTF! But, it has fallen to a limited number of people who have provided leadership for these things and they are no longer able to keep up the pace, so now the time has come to reevaluate and to ask many questions to the school community about the direction of the PTF. Is there still a need? As the principal who has seen the many exciting things offered to the students, I would say yes to that question. Is there the manpower to make this happen? With the many work demands of parents, we understand limited time is a reality. Is there the drive to take this on? That's the question I am

asking you. Please let us know if you think you can lead or participate in this very important endeavor for our school. Call me at 374-2202 or email me at dmartin@bhcs.org and tell me what you are thinking.

End of Year - Blow Out Bash - Dance

All area 5-8th grade students
Kick off summer with your friends at the dance of the year!
Blue Hill Consolidated School Gym
Friday, June 7
7-10 PM
\$5/student
Refreshments Available
Dance Contest with Prizes.
All proceeds to help area families afford summer camp this year.

2013 – British Soccer Camps August 19-23

BLUE HILL SOCCER, is offering “British Soccer Camp” sessions for the following groups:
**Mini Soccer - ages 4-6. 9-10:30 AM for \$80
**Half Day - ages 6-16. 9-noon for \$12
**Team Camp – Team players are also welcome to attend and receive a week of focused instruction to prepare them for the fall season. Rates are available from your camp coordinator.

Each camper will receive a FREE soccer camp T-shirt, a FREE Soccer ball, a FREE giant soccer poster and a personalized skills performance evaluation. In addition, any child who signs up online at least 45 days prior to camp will receive a genuine British Soccer Replica Jersey (value \$39). Space is limited so parents are encouraged to sign up online in advance to avoid disappointment. Sign up TODAY at www.challengersports.com. For more information please contact Katye Lacasse. (207-374-5813, or katyelacasse@yahoo.com)

HEART OF THE STORM Island Sailing Expeditions in Blue Hill

Live aboard for 9 days, sail to islands, hike, dive for treasure, survival trek over-night, and charcoal drawing. Two 9-day trips are being offered this summer. The program is open to youth aged 12–18. No prior sailing experience is required. Scholarships are available. For more

information and dates visit our website at <http://heartofthestorm.org> or email us at christina@heartofthestorm.org. Or you can call Christina Montano at 207-664-8004.

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@pmalcenter.com

The TEMPO Father’s Day Concert

Highlighting music on the theme of the Civil War and other patriotic pieces, area youth musicians present two concerts. One is on June 15th at 7:00 PM at the Grand in Ellsworth and a reprise on Sunday, June 16th at 2:00 PM at Saint Saviour’s in Bar Harbor. Conductors Rebecca and Ethan Edmondson have selected some stirring music. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for children. There is a family rate of \$20 available only at Saint Saviour’s. Come support your classmate Jackson Billings.

Dates to Remember

Fri., June 7 4th grade to Penobscot Marine Museum
6th grade to Challenger Space Center
Sat., June 8 PTF Yard Sale, 9 AM - noon
Mon., June 10 6th grade Class Trip to Walker’s Pond
Tues., June 11 1st grade to Birdsacre
3rd grade to Planetarium
7th grade to Bar Harbor
Wed., June 12 Kindergarten to Curtis Cove
Thurs., June 13 Graduation, **6 PM**
Whole School Awards Assembly, 9:00 AM, in the gym
Fri., June 14 Last student day
Morning Mountain Climb
Picnic Lunch at School
Afternoon Field Day