



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

**October 3, 2013**

**Picture day will be tomorrow, October 4th. Order forms will come home today and need to be returned with the money tomorrow, Friday. Pre-schoolers are welcome at 8:00 AM.**

### ***Parent-Teacher Conferences Coming Up***

Conferences will be held from October 21-25. You will receive notices from teachers soon. Those of you with younger kids at home, please read the next article for a great chance to have early child development screenings done.

### ***Second Posting: Early Childhood Screening Opportunity***

Together with CDS, Healthy Peninsula, and the Blue Hill Memorial Hospital, we are arranging FREE developmental screenings for children from 12 months to age 4 during our upcoming parent-teacher conferences. The conferences will be scheduled soon for all kids and will take place from October 21<sup>st</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have a child in these preschool years, please take advantage of this opportunity to know your child better and to assess school readiness. The screenings will be brief (15-20 minutes) and fun for the kids and parents. Please let me know if you can attend. Call me at 374-2202 or email me at [dmartin@bhcs.org](mailto:dmartin@bhcs.org). Thanks! ~~Della

### ***PTF News***

A huge thank you goes to everyone who helped provide refreshments for the Making Strides Run/Walk. It was a wonderful opportunity to support a this program.

Right now the students in grades 3-8 are taking their NECAP tests. The PTF has provided healthy snacks for all the classes testing.

Watch for news about a costume exchange.

Finally, mark your calendars for the next PTF meeting on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 2:45 PM in the library. We will be working on our budget and making some plans for the next few months.

If you are not able to attend, check out the PTF link on the BHCS website for more information.

The Family Directory is here! The directory is being sent home today with the youngest child in each family. Please ask your child about it if you don't get one. Additional copies will be available in the office if you need another one. Many thanks to Loretta Smith and Beth Jackson for helping with this project, and Lesley Litwiller for all the word processing, and to Tracy Gandy's niece Aurora for the collating, stapling and folding!

### ***Original Works Fundraiser***

Student artwork and the Original Works order forms will be coming home next week, and will be due on Monday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Artwork created outside of school can also be submitted for orders, but must be 8" x 10.5" or 8.5" x 11." Smaller items can be mounted on paper/border to fit this requirement. This fundraiser benefits BHCS arts programs, and provides a way to give gifts featuring your child's artwork! Check out the display case in the lobby for sample products, and check with Penny Ricker or Beth Jackson with questions.

**Bike found in woods. If missing a bike call Jeremiah at 374-3584 for details.**

### ***Blue Hill Public Library's***

#### ***"Meet the Authors Series for Kids!"***

It's a birthday celebration of The Secret Pool. Join Kim Ridley and Rebekah Raye at the library on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM for a reading, drawing and book-signing event.

### ***First Congregational Church of Blue Hill***

The Simmering Pot—A Community Created Supper, is closed October 14 for Columbus Day, and reopens October 21. The Simmering Pot provides a free delicious meal on Mondays, 2:30 to 6:00 PM. You can eat in or take out. First Congregational Church, Blue Hill. No charge, donations accepted. For information call 374-2891.

"The Queen's Closet" at the old Stonington School has free Halloween costumes of all sizes. Open Mondays & Tuesdays from 2:00-4:30 PM, or by appointment (call 367-5061). Donated costumes are welcome.

**Fun with Autumn Leaves**

with Laurie White

Saturday, Oct 19, 10:00 AM until noon

Blue Hill Heritage Trust Barn

258 Mountain Rd., Blue Hill

Free craft program; space is limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please pre-register by Friday the 18th by contacting Eileen at 374-5118 or [eileen@bluehillheritagetrust.org](mailto:eileen@bluehillheritagetrust.org).

**Children's Geology Walk**

with Sarah O'Malley

Sunday, November 3, 1:00 PM

Snow's Cove Preserve, Sedgwick (Rt. 15)

Space is limited to 25 participants. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free and open to all ages. Please pre-register by Friday the 1st by contacting Eileen at 374-5118 or [eileen@bluehillheritagetrust.org](mailto:eileen@bluehillheritagetrust.org).

**Dates to Remember**

Oct. 1-23

NECAP testing window, gr. 3-8

**Fri., Oct. 4**

**Picture Day**

Oct. 7-11

7<sup>th</sup> Grade at Camp

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Wed., Oct. 9

School Board, 5 PM

Thurs., Oct. 10

PTF Mtg., 2:45 PM

Fri., Oct. 11

Teacher In-service, no school

Mon., Oct. 14

Columbus Day, no school

Oct. 16-18

6<sup>th</sup> Grade to Science Camp

Sat., Oct. 19

**Early Childhood**

**Conference on Poverty at BHCS**

Oct. 21-25

Parent Teacher

Conferences and FREE

Early Childhood

Screenings

Book Fair

Oct. 25

No school for students