



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

October 17, 2013

BHCS Hosts Conference on Poverty This Weekend...

3rd Annual Healthy Peninsula
Early Childhood Conference
*The Poverty Hurdle: In Pursuit of Goals and
Dreams for Every Family, Every Child*

Keynote: Donna Beegle, Author

See Poverty, Be the Difference

Saturday, October 19, 2013

8:00 – 4:00 PM

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Science Camp Cancelled

Due to the government shutdown, 6th grade science camp at Acadia National Park was cancelled.

The Leadership School at Camp Kieve

For nearly 20 years, the 7th grade students of BHCS have been attending The Leadership School at Camp Kieve. This week-long, immersive program challenges our students to “take positive risks, set meaningful goals, make healthy decisions, all while being supportive team members and strong leaders.” This year was especially powerful as we were able to participate alongside peers from Deer Isle, Brooklin, Brooksville, and Sedgwick. The opportunity to create friendships and positive relationships with our neighbors was a remarkable success. All of the schools involved are already planning activities to reconnect throughout the year.

A week at Camp Kieve may seem like a vacation for our students, but it is, in fact, a powerful opportunity to step outside the day-to-day routines of school and challenge themselves to accomplish something great. Whether that challenge is an obstacle on the ropes course, the all too common challenge of communicating positively and effectively with others, practicing good decision-making skills if confronted by peers in a risky situation, or the real challenge of being away from family for a week, they all

faced and conquered those challenges. These experiences have a profound and positive effect on our children, and we are so grateful that we provide it for them. Thank you! ~~Kyle Snow

As the school principal, and having sent my own son to Kieve in 1995, I can attest to the positive and “rite of passage” opportunities that this leadership program has for children. It would not be possible, however, unless a dedicated team of teachers took a week away from their own families to chaperone the BHCS students. Lori Wessel has supervised the kids at the camp for nearly a decade, and Kyle Snow has joined the camp for the last three years. This year, Nell Herrmann also chaperoned for three days. I am so grateful to them as they are essential to the sense of security that the kids feel during this week away from home. Thanks, teachers, for making this possible for kids. ~~Della Martin

Halloween Fundraiser by Grade 8

The 8th Grade Halloween fundraiser at the Blue Hill Fire House is on Thursday, October 31st. Dinner will be available from 5:00 - 8:00 PM, and includes macaroni and cheese, lasagna, hot dogs, salads, desserts, and drinks. This is a great way to get a meal for the kids before Trick-or-Treating that night. There will be more information next week. Stay tuned.

We Love a Parade!

Watch for us on Halloween! BHCS students will parade through town with some of the masks and banners that students have made in classes related to “REACH FOR THE STARS” and other curricular themes. The jazz band and Planet Pan will provide us with festive music. We will be leaving the school at 1:30 PM, taking a route to Pleasant Street, down to Main Street, up to the American Legion Hall, and back to school via High Street. Come out to cheer us on that Halloween day.

News from the Nurse

Flu Vaccine Packets will be coming home in the mail this week. Consent and Health Screening

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

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forms are included in the packet.

Oct. 23: Consent/Health Screening forms due back to school.

Oct. 28: Vaccine Clinic 12:30-2:30 PM for students, and then 2:30-4:30 PM for staff/faculty

Oct. 31: Complete vaccinations for students, staff/faculty, if needed.

Please contact Debbie Candage, School Nurse, with any questions or concerns (374-2202).

PTF News

PTF Costume Exchange - October 15-31. There is a box in the lobby for donations and a rack set up so you can browse. Costume donations are appreciated and parents should feel free to make use of what is on the rack!

There was a wonderful turnout for the meeting on October 10th. Be sure to keep an eye on the **BHCS website** to stay up to date. The PTF agreed to fund all the teacher requests that we had received. There was also much discussion about new programs for this year.

We are still in need of some parents who are willing to be the **contact person for their child's classroom**. It will require a willingness to make some phone calls or send out a few e-mails. This is a new program here at BHCS, and the teachers and PTF are looking to provide a strong network for communication. Contact me if you want to help or if you have any questions. The following classrooms still need a volunteer: KH, 3M, 3S, 4N, and 6D.

Be sure to check out the **"Helping Paws"** display in the lobby during conferences next week. We are asking teachers to provide a wish list for their classrooms. Parents can grab a paw to help out with some of the items that teachers purchase out of pocket.

PTF Holiday Craft Fair

Tables are still available for the Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 23rd (\$30 for 8 ft. table; \$25 for 6 ft.). Check the lobby bulletin board or the PTF link on the BHCS website for a registration form.

Library News

Stop by the Book Fair next week while you are in school for conferences. There will be lots of great books for fun reading as well as a teacher

wish list, and it isn't too early to start your holiday shopping. It will be open during school and as many conferences as possible. The profits benefit literacy activities and the school library.

Original Works orders are due next Monday.

Contact Penny Ricker or Beth Jackson if you have questions or for extra order forms (one piece of artwork for each order form). Check the lobby display case for sample products.

BHCS Bobcat Gear Sales!!!

This Friday will be the launch of Bobcat Spirit Days. Every Friday kids can wear their Bobcat gear or school colors. GO BOBCATS!

Flyers will be coming home soon to place orders for Bobcat Spirit Wear! There will be a colorful array of choices and sizes, as well as your choice of screen-printing, embroidery, or both! Be looking for sample sizes on display in the school lobby. More information to follow! GO BOBCATS!!!!

BookFLIX is Here!

Thanks to a recent BEEM grant, we now have a new online resource available that pairs video-storybooks with related nonfiction eBooks to build a love of reading and learning: *BookFlix from Scholastic*. It will be used here at school, especially in the younger grades, but can also be accessed at home! You can check it out at <http://bkflix.grolier.com>. We will send a separate email with the username and password needed if you want to enjoy it at home. It is a great resource, so we hope you take a look! Thanks, BEEM!!

Yoga for Kids – Coming in November!

Because of the very positive response from kids at the Spring Fling last year, Rebecca Rose Tousignant, will be starting a kids' yoga class (all grades) in the BHCS library in November. More information will be coming next week.

Shoe Boxes Wanted!

We need shoe boxes in good condition for use by the Spanish and Art teachers in a collaborative "Día de Los Muertos" project. Please send your donations to school, and drop

them off in the Spanish room. Gracias! Projects start Oct. 14th, so we would appreciate donations to be dropped off as soon possible.

Next Week is Conference Week!

Be sure you have signed up for this important opportunity to talk about your child's educations. Specialists have the following office hours, and they would love to see you.

Bob McCormick (PE)

Monday 3 - 7 PM
Tuesday 3 - 6 PM

Bill Schubeck (Band)

Monday 3 - 6 PM
Tuesday 3 - 6 PM
Wednesday 3 - 4 PM

Sara Brown (Spanish)

Monday 2:30-3:30 PM
Tuesday 2:30-5:00 PM
Wednesday 2:30-3:30 PM
Thursday 2:30-6:00 PM

Audrey Means (Music)

Tuesday 2:45-4:45 PM
Wednesday 2:45-4:45 PM
Thursday 3-6 PM

Beth Jackson (Library) and Penny Ricker (Art)

Monday 3-5:30 PM
Tuesday 3-5:30 PM
Wednesday 3-5:30 PM

Dates to Remember

Sat., Oct. 19

Oct. 21-25

Oct. 25

Fri., Nov. 1

Sun., Nov. 3

Conference on Poverty at BHCS, 8 AM-4PM

*Parent Teacher Conferences
*FREE Early Childhood Screenings (Oct. 21 and 22)
*Book Fair
No school for students
6th Grade Survival Day
Daylight Saving Time, turn clocks BACK