



# EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

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*A Message.... from the  
Earth Savers Kids' Club*

Dear Parents and Kids,

Our tip of the month for helping to save the Earth is to teach you some ways to recycle, reduce, and reuse plastic grocery bags.

Recycle- Did you know that you can take your plastic grocery bags to Walmart and have them recycled? Take them to the Walmart customer service center. You can also take them back to Tradewinds in Blue Hill or Hannaford's in Ellsworth and put them in their plastic bag recycling bins.

Reduce- You can buy grocery bags that can be reused for a long time.

Reuse- you can make things like flags, or reuse them when you go back to the store.

Sincerely,

The Earth Savers Kids' Club (Grade 2)

## **Undefeated...Coastal Champs!!**

The 2013 Blue Hill Bobcats are the undefeated, Coastal League Champions! They beat Pemetit, 3-0, in the championship on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, Coach Mike Astbury!! Members of the team are Tillie Marsh, Katie Schweizer, Nellie Haldane, Doug Veazie, Ben Cole, Kessler Parrott, Mazie Smallidge, Isla Brownlow, Autumn Moore, Max Mattson, Eric Mote, Ethan Vinall, Payson Allen, Taylor Schildroth, Gavin Mote, Hunter Dorr, Peyton Cole, and Alec Cole. Congratulations!

Also, the Coastal League has announced their **All League Soccer Team for the Fall 2013** season. The following BHCS players were named to the team: Isla Brownlow, Ben Cole, Peyton Cole, Nellie Haldane, Max Mattson, Taylor Schildroth, and Mazie Smallidge. And to top that all off – Nellie Haldane was named one of the two Players of the Year! Congratulations to Nellie and the rest of the All League athletes.

## **PTF News**

A huge thanks to all the people who provided cider and helping hands for the "Reach for the Stars" parade. It was our first opportunity to implement the room parent network and we were pleased by the response.

### **\*Family Movie Night! This Friday, Nov. 8**

Start your long weekend off with a fun night out, and join us in the BHCS cafeteria for Wreck It Ralph! Movie and popcorn are free.

Pizza and baked goods will be available to purchase. We will start serving pizza at 5:30 PM and the movie will start at 6:00 PM. All children should be with an adult. Donations will be accepted at the door toward the movie performance license. If you can contribute baked goods, please contact Sarah at 374-9294 or [sarahwjking@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahwjking@yahoo.com).

### **\*Our next PTF meeting will be November 14**

at 2:45 PM. We will be discussing ways to tackle some of the wonderful ideas that have come up in our brainstorming sessions. If you are unable to attend meetings, please take a moment to explore the PTF section of the school website. There you can read the meeting minutes and find out information about what we are doing. Childcare will be available.

**\*Another new and exciting way to follow what we are doing . . . our Facebook page!**  
**<https://www.facebook.com/bhcs.ptf>**

**Make sure you "like" it, and invite your friends.**

\*Mark your calendars for the **BHCS Craft Fair**, Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Over 30 vendors will be here. Get a jump-start on your holiday shopping and support our school. We will also have a Winter Clothing & Gear Exchange in the cafeteria that day. Drop outgrown winter clothes and gear in the collection box in the lobby over the next couple of weeks.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, you can always contact us at [ptf@bhcs.org](mailto:ptf@bhcs.org).

Thanks,

Tracy Gandy & Rachel Nightingale

### **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Plans are underway for the annual Tree of Life Food Drive, so students are encouraged to start bringing in non-perishable food items. We will deliver the food in our grade partner groups on Tues., Nov. 19. Let's reach for the stars to help our neighbors in need this season!

### **Library News**

Looking for book repair-ers!  
We are looking for some people to train in repairing books so that we can extend their library life! Mariah Hughs, of *Blue Hill Books* and longtime master of our "book hospital," will be moving on to other projects by the end of the school year, so would like to pass on some of her techniques to others who would like to keep the book repair process going. Let Beth Jackson know if you would be interested in learning how to repair books and keep them in circulation!

### **RESULTS Basketball with Mr. Baxter**

Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at GSA. (9 AM-1 PM)  
Girls and boys in grades 3-8 may participate.  
\$30 per student and family discounts will be offered.

For information: [mbaxter@bhcs.org](mailto:mbaxter@bhcs.org)

### **Kids' Clinic at Maine Maritime Academy**

Sponsored by the MMA Women's Basketball Team

Come join us for some basketball fun!

Sunday, November 10, 10:00 AM to noon for boys and girls in grades 4-8

Sunday, December 8, 10:00 AM to noon for ONLY girls in grades 4-8

Cost: \$10 per child per clinic

Walk-ups are accepted and encouraged!

Then, come back and join us for Kids' Day on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 3:00 PM – MMA vs. Husson.

Post game meet and greet, poster making and prizes!

*There are registration forms on the bulletin board in the BHCS lobby.*

### **Dates to Remember**

Fri., Nov. 8	4 <sup>th</sup> Gr. To Abbe Museum, Bar Harbor MOVIE NIGHT, <b><i>Wreck It Ralph</i></b>
Mon., Nov. 11	Veterans' Day, NO SCHOOL
Wed., Nov 13	School Board, 5 PM
Thurs., Nov. 14	PTF Mtg., 2:45 PM
Fri., Nov. 15	Picture Retakes
Thurs., Nov. 21	Jazz Night with 6th, 7th, and 8th Jazzbands, 4 PM
Sat., Nov. 23	PTF Craft Fair, BHCS Gym Winter Clothing & Gear Exchange, Cafeteria
Nov. 27-29	THANKSGIVING BREAK, last student day is Tues., Nov. 26
Every Friday	Bobcat Spirit Day!