



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

December 5, 2013

### 2014 Pre-K and Kindergarten Students

If you have a child who will be **4 years old -OR- 5 years old before October 15<sup>th</sup> of 2014**, please make sure you let us know. Loretta has been calling all families that she thinks have children that age who will be in our Pre-K or Kindergarten classes next year. We need these enrollment figures to make plans for the fall of 2014. Call us at 374-2202 and let Loretta know, or email me at [dmartin@bhcs.org](mailto:dmartin@bhcs.org). Thanks!

### Sports Calendar! Please read carefully.

We've made some website changes to make viewing the sports calendar a little easier. We have separated school-wide events from sporting events into two calendars. If you click on the Calendar link at the top of the BHCS website page, you will see the school calendar along with the breakfast and lunch calendars. If you hover your cursor over the Calendar link, you'll see a drop-down menu with "Athletics" as the first option. Clicking on Athletics will take you to the sports calendar. Clicking on the individual games, you can see which team goes first (G/B means girls play first and B/G means boys play first).

\*\*\*Sporting events are subject to change as the season progresses, so please be sure to check the website for the most-recent information. Questions can be directed to the athletic director, Kristin Mullen, at [athletics@bhcs.org](mailto:athletics@bhcs.org). Also, check with the coaches, if you can. Mr. Baxter's clinic is not on the calendar; his schedule is fairly consistent, and he will keep you posted.

### Reminder of Morning Drop Off Procedure

The expectation at BHCS for morning drop off is to say goodbye to students in the lobby and send them to the cafeteria to wait for the duty teacher. While it is comforting to walk them to the classrooms, that often causes problems with supervision. For those children who have difficulties with separating in the morning, please let us

know and we will work with you to make this transition to independence smoother.

### Water Notice

A lead and copper test date was missed recently, so a notice must be made. The Maine Drinking Water Program representative said there is nothing that we need to do at this time, so no precautions need to be taken. There was no problem with the last test done. This will be correctly documented in the next testing cycle.

### Basketball Clock Tenders Needed

We are looking for help with running our sports clock during this winter's games. If you are interested but do not know how to run it, we can easily train you. Please contact Kristin Mullen: [kristins\\_2mainekidz@yahoo.com](mailto:kristins_2mainekidz@yahoo.com) or 461-8536.

### Bobcat GEAR!

Tomorrow, Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, is the absolute last day to hand in the Bobcat Gear orders. We will be sending the tallies to Blue Hill Screen Printing in the afternoon.

### PTF News

\*\*\*The next PTF meeting is on Thursday, December 12, 2:45 PM. Childcare provided.  
\*\*\*The PTF is going school-wide with the **Hannaford Gift Card** ordering program this month! Look for order forms with next week's newsletter, and they are available in the lobby for pick up, as well. Orders will be due, Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. **How it works:** you write a check for the amount you want, we order and load your card(s), and you shop using the card. Your groceries don't cost any more and Hannaford donates an additional 5% to BHCS! If you have questions, feel free to call Lesley (374-5709) or Sarah (374-9294).

\*\*\*If you are an online shopper, please consider using the **Box Tops for Education** portal at <https://www.boxtops4education.com/marketplace>. You will need to set up an online profile and designate Blue Hill Consolidated Elementary School to receive the eBoxTops®. The Box Top Marketplace is a collection of over 400 online

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stores that have teamed up with Box Tops. You will find just about everything - books, toys, hotels, clothing and electronics from major retailers like Walmart, Target, LLBean, and Toys R Us. The list is amazing! You'll earn eBoxTops® with every qualified purchase at no additional cost to you.

\*\*\***The Craft Workshop for Kids** is right around the corner. On Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 10-noon, the cafeteria will be buzzing with activity as we gather to create holiday gifts for families and friends. We still need small, clean glass jars with lids and old t-shirts. There will be a list of items we need in next week's newsletter. Check out the lobby display case next week for examples of projects that will be available at the workshop.

\*\*\*It is not too late to **volunteer to lead a Winter Club**. The clubs will start in January and meet after school. You can pick the age group and activity that best suits your talents. Contact Tracy Gandy at [ptf@bhcs.org](mailto:ptf@bhcs.org) or Heather Nelson at [hnelson@bhcs.org](mailto:hnelson@bhcs.org) if you have questions. Sign up sheets for the students to pick their activities will be sent home next week.

\*\*\*If you are looking for some gift ideas for the teachers and staff, the **Helping Paws** list is up on the school website on the PTF page. These are items that were requested by the teachers for use in their classrooms. There are also some families at BHCS in need of some holiday cheer. We are hoping to collect some Walmart gift cards for the pre-teens and teens on the Angel Tree list. Any amount is appreciated.

\*\*\*Please turn in any remaining **Hannaford Helps Schools** dollar certificates that you earned this fall shopping at Tradewinds or other Hannaford stores. We need to turn in any that we collect by next Friday, Dec. 13. There is a collection envelope on the lobby bulletin board.

\*\*\*Thanks to everyone who helped make the Holiday Craft Fair on Nov. 23 a tremendous success! As always, many hands (cooks and shoppers) make fun work!

### **Pee Wee Basketball**

Pee Wee Basketball for grades 1-4, will be held December 14<sup>th</sup> at the BHCS gym, from 9-10:30 AM.

### **FREE HEALTH SERVICES**

Peninsula Free Health Services provides free medical care for adults and children who have no medical insurance, assistance with low cost prescriptions, and help with navigating people to sign up for insurance through the Affordable Care Act. PFHS is located at the **First Congregational Church of Blue Hill every Monday 3:00 to 6:00 PM** (excluding holidays). This is at the same time as the Simmering Pot free meal. In addition to offering basic health services such as diabetes and other tests, referrals to the hospital system can be made when appropriate and requested. For more info, call 266-3239, [www.peninsulafreehealth.org](http://www.peninsulafreehealth.org).

### **Holiday Tea**

The Retreat at Betsy's Cove,

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

Reservation Only

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Suggested Donation - \$15 per person

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### **Dates to Remember**

Wed., Dec. 11	School Board Meeting,
Thurs., Dec. 12	PTF Meeting, 2:45 PM
Fri., Dec. 13	Hannaford Card Orders Due
Sat., Dec. 14	PTF Holiday Workshop for Kids, 10 AM - noon
Sun., Dec. 15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade to Nutcracker
Mon., Dec. 16	5-8 Winter Concert, 7:00 PM
Tues., Dec. 17	K-4 Winter Concert, 6:30 PM
Fri., Dec. 20	Last student day before Christmas break (returning Thurs., January 2)
Every Friday Attachment	Bobcat Spirit Day! December Box Top Organizer