

EXPLORATIONS



Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

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Holiday Warmth That Lasts...

Very early in the morning during last Sunday's snowstorm my dogs awoke me to tell me to let them outside. It's always urgent to do so when they ask, if you know what I mean! I opened the porch door to let them out, and was hit with the wall of cold from the storm. Brrrr! Then, as I returned to the kitchen I was hit with the other extreme, the wall of warmth from the house. Instantly, I thought, "I am truly blessed."

I often worry about kids whose homes may not be so warm. They sometimes come to school after a long, cold, and restless night and, though their spirits are willing, they find it hard to focus on their studies. I wish for warmth for all of them.

This season, and for many seasons, I have seen many warm hearted people helping provide for those in need. Kids at BHCS are so lucky to see adults who show such caring for others in our community and for others afar. It's a wonderful feeling to know that in Blue Hill the townsfolk realize that in order to have a healthy community in which to enjoy ourselves, we need to help all our citizens. It gives me great hope knowing that we are bringing up kids to be kind, thoughtful, accepting, and generous. Thank you, parents and staff, for the huge part you play in this.

Happy holidays, everyone. Our blessings are many, and our eagerness to share really is heart-warming.

Love and Peace,

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Holiday Ham Dinners

Many thanks to those who made contributions to the Helping Hands and Holiday Ham dinners – from festive placemats to yummy treats! The

boxes are a welcome gift to families this holiday.

Lost and Found in the Lobby

We need to clarify that the clothes and gear on the rack and the table in the lobby are items that have been found around school. We put them in a visible place so that students and parents will recognize them and retrieve them. They are not available to take, as the gear swap table was. Right now, we are looking for a pair of Muck boots that were taken from the table. They belong to a 6th grader who worked hard to earn them, so he really wants them returned. Perhaps someone took them thinking that they were up for grabs. It would be a good idea to put your child's name on his/her clothing or footwear. Thanks.

Christmas Caroling at Parker Ridge

Kindergarten – 4th Graders

Monday, December 23rd at 2:30 PM

Please join us at Parker Ridge Retirement

Community as we sing family favorite

Christmas carols. Contact Rebecca Conable at for additional information.

reconable@mac.com or 374-5119

More on Hour of Code

Visit [The Reach Center Hour of Code](#) webpage for more information on what they are doing to help you participate. Any youth in grades 5 - 12 can take the next step after they do an Hour of Code and register to receive a bracelet thumb drive and see more ways to stay engaged with code.

Pee Wee Basketball

Pee Wee Basketball for grades 1-4 will be held December 21st at the BHCS gym, from 9-10:30 AM. For information call Denny Rackliffe at 374-2297.

Last Night in Blue Hill

Scottish Dancers – performing in the BHCS gym at 8:30 PM on New Year's Eve. Also,

enjoy our very own “**Three Girls Band**” at Fairwinds at 7:00 PM. For a full schedule of lots more events of Last Night, go to the Flash in the Pans website: www.flashinthepans.org.

Classical Concerts Free for Kids!

Students 18 and under are admitted free to hear professional chamber music at the Congregational Church in Blue Hill! The first concert by Triple Helix will be on **Sunday, January 5th at 3:00 PM**. Triple Helix is a group of three female musicians (piano, cello, violin) who have been playing together since 1995. Their performances are a delight! Adult ticket donation is \$30 at the door.

****Other Concert Dates:**

February 2, Guitar Quartet

March 9, Piano Four Hands

March 30, Piano and Violin

Mark your calendars!

Go to www.bluehillconcertassociation.org for more details.

PMAL News

So it's the final week before the holidays...here's what is happening AFTER the holidays!

Beginning January 6th at PMAL:

Mondays: *Jewelry and Wearable Arts* (GUEST ARTIST ELSA MARSH!!!)

Tuesdays: *Snow Castles and Chess* (for those who want to engineer with snow and those who just want to think and be warm!)

Wednesdays: *Little Engineers and Things that Float* (rafts and boats and competitive design time!)

Thursdays: *Cooking and Baking...*(We are starting with smoothies...who knows where we will go from there!)

*****Remember that we also offer a \$10**

homework time - pick up by 4:00 PM.

Especially useful for the athletes who need to get that homework done on the front-end!

****To register, e-mail chris@pmalcenter.com.**

Have an amazingly beautiful holiday! Be safe, stay warm, and have fun! ~~PMAL

Dates to Remember

Fri., Jan. 3	Triple Helix performs for grade 5 at 12:30 PM and grade 6 at 1:30 PM
Tues., Jan. 7	Winter Clubs start
Wed., Jan 8	5-8 Geography Bee, 1:00 PM, gym 5 PM – School Board Meeting
Thurs., Jan 9	PTF Meeting, 2:45 PM, library
Jan. 13-17	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
Fri., Jan 17	Teacher In-Service, No school
Mon., Jan. 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, no school
Wed., Feb. 26	District Jazz Fest, Orrington, afternoon and evening
Sat., March 22	State Jazz Fest, Westbrook, all day

Every Friday	Bobcat Spirit Day!
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Attachments	January Menu
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