



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

February 6, 2014

### School Safety at BHCS

Thanks to the efforts of Greg Roy of the Maine State Police and Megan Granger, our school counselor, the staff was able to participate in a valuable lockdown training at school this week. We will continue such trainings throughout the rest of the year, carefully including children in them, to make sure that we are as prepared as possible to ensure student safety in any emergency. More information will be coming as we progress with this project.

### Coming Next Week....

#### Winter Carnival!

All events are planned for Friday, but during the week we have the following special days:  
Monday – Pajama Day (appropriate for school)  
Tuesday – Twin or Triplet Day  
Wednesday – School Spirit Day  
Thursday – Dress Your Best Day  
Friday – Crazy Hair Day

### Garden Club

Seed sale order forms are coming home this week. They are due back by February 14<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will benefit the greenhouse and the garden club needs. Think SPRING!!!

### Notes From the Band Room...

Hats off to Mrs. Means for a great Variety Show last Friday night! I was unable to attend, as I was with my daughter at the High School Honors Festival, but I heard great things about the evening. Also, perhaps you are unaware that Mrs. Means has been helping out with the jazz band last period on Mondays and Wednesday as we have a very large group. Mrs. Means will also be directing the school play coming up in April. So kudos and thank you to Mrs. Means for your efforts.

The District VI Middle School Jazzfest is coming up on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> in Orrington. The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade jazzbands will all compete on that day. To help prepare for

the competition, we will have a dress rehearsal on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM in the BHCS cafeteria, and all are welcome to attend. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade BHCS Jazz Band and the GSA Jazz Band will play for each other on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> in the GSA band room starting at 2:45 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend that performance as well. The bands are really sounding great, so I hope you have a chance to hear them.

~Mr. Schubeck

### Date Change-

#### Hancock County Spelling Bee

The county bee has been moved to the snow date, Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at Cave Hill School. The bee starts at 6:30 PM, but spellers should be there by 6:15 PM. Good luck to our 2014 spelling champions, Cameron Stewart (1<sup>st</sup> place); Erika Hipsky (runner-up); and Aidan Stearns (alternate) as they represent us in the spelling bee.

### Please Make An Appointment

BHCS staff members appreciate and welcome the opportunity to talk with parents about students. The communication is very valuable. It is important, however, that parents call ahead to make appointments for these conversations, so they are as productive and complete as possible. It's not effective to discuss student concerns as teachers are working with other students or walking through the hallway to another destination for kids. The best meetings are before and after school, made by appointment, so that there is time to really pay attention to these important communications.

### PTF News

Don't miss our movie tomorrow night, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Pizza will be available for sale at 5:30, with the movie shown at 6:00 PM. We will be watching *Hook* starring Dustin Hoffman and Robin Williams. Please remember that this is not a "drop off" event - an adult is expected to stay for the movie.

Next week we will be having a PTF meeting Thursday, Feb 13 at 2:45. One of the items on the agenda is a coordinator for Teacher Appreciation Week in May. Please contact Tracy Gandy at [ptf@bhcs.org](mailto:ptf@bhcs.org) if you are interested.

Don't forget to keep clipping your boxtops. We will be sending another mailing to Box Tops for Education the end of February. The class that collects the most will win a special treat.

**GSA Information Session  
for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and Parents**

Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM  
in the GSA Library

For families unable to attend the December Open House, this is an additional opportunity to learn about GSA. For more information call Joanna Evans at 374-2808, extension 134 or email [j.evans@georgestevens.info](mailto:j.evans@georgestevens.info).

**Tryouts for Seussical**

Next Monday and Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Means will hold try-outs for the musical Seussical, starting at 2:45 PM and going until 5:00 PM. Kids should sign up on the bulleting board outside her door.

**PEE WEE Basketball**

Pee Wee Basketball will be from 9-10:30 AM on Saturday, February 8th.

**Jump Rope for Heart Health Campaign**

Please read the attachment about this event on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Envelope for contributions to The American Heart Association are due back that day.

**Cabin Fever Reliever**

First Congregational Church, Blue Hill, Cabin Fever Reliever Potluck Community Supper & Variety Show, Friday, February 7, 6:00 PM. Fundraiser for Youth Group and Dolly Fisher (Fuel) Fund. Suggested donation for adults is \$6, children \$3, 6 & under free. Bring a can of food for the Food Pantry to get \$1 off. For information call 374-2891 or email [bhcongo@yahoo.com](mailto:bhcongo@yahoo.com).

**PMAL Announces February Vacation Camp!  
'DUCT TAPE THEATRE'**

**A little theatrical fun for students in  
Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade!**

For the younger kids: Fairy tales remade and picture books come to life  
For the older kids: Improvisation, stage combat, and Shakespearean Insults  
For all: Props and costumes and fun, oh my!

Monday, 2/17 – Thursday, 2/20  
Students may attend for 1, 2, 3 or all 4 days.  
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Before and after care available  
Discounts available for siblings or four-day registrations  
Cost: \$40 / day

Register at: [chris@pmalcenter.com](mailto:chris@pmalcenter.com) or call us at 374-5255.

**Dates to Remember**

Tues., Feb. 11	PTF Movie, HOOK, pizza at 5:30 PM and the movie at 6:00 PM **Board Budget Meeting, 5 PM
Wed., Feb. 12	School Board, 5PM
Thurs., Feb. 13	PTF Meeting, 2:45 PM
Fri., Feb 14	Winter Carnival Day
Feb. 17-21	February Vacation
Mon. Feb. 24	Jazz rehearsal, 4:00 PM in the cafe
Wed., Feb. 26	District Jazz Fest, Orrington, afternoon and evening
Sat., March 22	State Jazz Fest, Westbrook
Sat., April 5	Town Meeting, 9 AM
Every Friday Attachments	Bobcat Blue/Black Day February Menu