



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

February 13, 2014

No School Next Week – February Vacation!

More Missing Boots...

A student left his size 5 black Muck boots in the Gym on Monday, Feb 3rd during gym class. We have reason to believe they were put in the Lost and Found in the lobby, but they were not there when the student looked for them a day later. If anyone mistakenly took the boots from the table, could they please return them to Loretta at the school - no questions asked? The student who lost them would be most appreciative. Thank you.

Peninsula Skating Association

Fun for all ages! The Peninsula Skating Association is hosting a Community Skating Party on Sunday, February 16 from 1-4 pm at the Town of Blue Hill Skating Rink, 210 Union Street. There will be music, food, hot drinks, skate sharpening, and kids' lessons. This is a free event, with donations welcome to support rink maintenance. For more information and to check rink conditions, visit www.facebook.com/PSARink or call Noah Tapley at 266-3458.

Congratulations to Cameron Stewart!

Cameron came in third in the Hancock County Spelling Bee on Monday.

Lockdown Procedures

Starting after vacation, we will be talking to the students about school-wide lockdown procedures. These talks with children will be geared to their ages, of course, but we want to train them (based on the

recommendations of Greg Roy of the Maine State Police) in how to react if they hear an announcement to lockdown the school. After the talks, we will practice as a school, and then we will invite local emergency teams to join us in the trainings. If you have questions or concerns, please stop in to discuss it with Mrs. Martin or Mrs. Granger.

PTF News

A dedicated group of volunteers has made the inaugural session of winter clubs a great success. Most of the clubs wrap up this week and it has been a wonderful chance to offer new opportunities to our students. Thank you to Heather Nelson, Rey Kim, Beth Jackson, Penny Ricker, Matt Jurick, Jessica Hutchins-Conrad, Shelly Schildroth, Lesley Litwiller, and the Blue Hill Public Library.

We are looking for a few people to sew some curtains for the classrooms over break. Please contact Megan Granger (mgranger@bhcs.org) if you are interested in lending your skills. Materials will be provided.

The March 13 PTF meeting will be an evening meeting, 6:30 PM. There will be a special presentation on the Pre-K program. Everyone is welcome.

Save the date - **Be Enthusiastic About Reading!** B.E.A.R night will be March 7. This is a great opportunity for you to stop by the library and share your favorite books with your family.

Calling all bakers and cooks! We will need your talents for the Acadian Festival on March 26th and also for the Town Hall meeting on April 5th. More information will be coming in the next few weeks.

Middle School Helpers Needed

The Blue Hill Public Library would love to have some middle school volunteers to help with the **Craft-eroon** on Tuesday, February 18th from 1:00-4:00 PM. Contact Pat Horton if you can come and help.

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

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Jump Rope for Heart Health: Thank You!!!

Mr. McCormick and I would like to send a huge "Thank You" to all the kids and families who have participated in the fundraising for the American Heart Association. Their phenomenal efforts have resulted in a total of \$873.00 in just a few short weeks. This is FANTABULOUS!!!! This money will help the American Heart Association conduct research, provide disease prevention and treatment, teach physical fitness and heart health education in schools, provide focused attention on women's heart health, obesity prevention, CPR training, and much more in the efforts to prevent and reduce heart disease and strokes in the United States. The BHCS community also benefits from these efforts in many ways. For example, the 7th graders are learning the skills and knowledge of CPR and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) as part of their health classes. Mr. McCormick teaches the importance of life-long physical fitness, and our dietary staff provide a lunch program that meets the guidelines that American Heart Association recommends, such as low-salt and low-fat foods. They have become experts in creating nutritious foods that are yummy, too! So, once again, thank you to all the students and parents who have supported this fundraising campaign. You are all Heart Heroes!!!!

~Mr. McCormick and Mrs. Candage

Pee Wee Basketball

Pee Wee basketball will be at 9:00 AM Saturday, February 15th at BHCS.

ZUMBATHON

February 18th at the Bay School

5:30-6:30 PM

Come join the Blue Hill YMCA ZUMBA Team to raise money for "Smiles for Sim." Simeon Michaud is a 13-year-old Ellsworth resident who is battling cancer and may need a bone marrow transplant. Come support this amazing young man and shake it for all its worth. Orange is Sim's favorite color, so we are encouraging all who come to wear orange! Minimum donation is \$5.

Donations of \$10 or more will get you entered into our raffle for a FREE 3-month adult membership at The Blue Hill YMCA! For more information please contact The Blue Hill YMCA at 374-2248.

Hope to see you there!

Also, a job opportunity... The Blue Hill YMCA is looking for early morning help. Monday/Wednesday/ Friday from 6-8 AM. If you are interested please stop in and apply today!

Blue Hill Soccer for Grades 1-5

Blue Hill soccer club is starting indoor soccer on February 24th through April 19th. We have five openings in grades 1 to 2 and five openings in grades 3 to 5. If you're interested and would like to sign your son or daughter up, please contact Katye by February 16th. The cost is \$25. There is one practice per week and games on Saturdays. We participate in the YMCA league.

The Simmering Pot Free Community Supper

provides a free soup supper Mondays from 2:30 to 6:00 pm at First Congregational Church of Blue Hill (donations welcome). We are open every Monday in February (for snow storms, follow school closings). For more info call 374-2891.

Chess Club News

In December last year, the Blue Hill Consolidated School started a Chess Club. More than 30 students in grades 4-8 attend chess practices each week. In late December, the Chess Club, with the help of a grant from Blue Hill Education Enrichment Monies (BEEM) was able to transform itself into a team. Cameron Wendell from the Blue Hill Harbor School was hired to coach and USCF memberships were bought for the players. The Chess Team has done very well at local meets

against other schools. At a recent MLK Scholastic Chess Tournament in Old Town, hosted by the Stillwater Montessori Elementary School, BHCS students took first, second and third place in the K-6 unrated division. If the Chess Teams do well at the State Tournament on March 8 in Orono, they hope to attend the Junior High School Nationals, which is in Atlanta, or the Elementary School Nationals, which is in Dallas. The Chess Team will be fundraising for this event so that every child who qualifies can afford to go, an estimated \$8,000 total for the trip. Please call Mrs. Lewandowski, faculty advisor at BHCS (374-2202) if you have any questions or if you would like to donate to their fund.

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	Bobcat Blue/Black Day
Attachments	Vacation Week Boredom Busters

Dates to Remember