



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

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Please Slow Down

There have been a few near misses at the school entrance as children and adults have walked across the drop-off lane. Proceed with utmost caution as you drive on the school grounds.

Late Bus Procedure

The following plan will be in place if there should be another event where the bus is going to be late bringing your children home in the afternoon.

1. The bus company will call the school regarding all delays.
2. The Principal will be notified.
3. Calls home will be made if the bus is going to be more than 15 minutes late.

Graduation Date Announced

Tuesday, June 17 at 7 PM has been set as the date for the Blue Hill Consolidated School's 8th grade graduation.

Picture Day - New Pilot

Lifetouch Studios, in partnership with Operation Smile, is taking school photos on March 14 as a trial for providing spring photo options with outdoor backdrops. There will be no obligation to buy anything, but if you choose to buy one you may request a background as indicated on the attached flyer. Also, you do not need to buy a package if you only want one picture.

Action Science

If your child is in 6th or 8th grade, ask him/her about their exciting day with Action Science. Nell Herrmann and Kat Hudson have collaborated to provide some real life/real time applications of science concepts, as the kids applied knowledge and collected data about the rate and velocity of sleds on the hill. Check in with them to see what science "buzz words" they've learned for the scientific method.

Congratulations to the Jazz Bands!

The BHCS Jazz Bands did a marvelous job at the District VI Jazz Festival in Orrington on Wednesday. The students proudly represented Blue Hill, both as musicians and as BHCS citizens. All the bands qualified to perform at the state festival on March 22nd with the 6th and 7th grade bands receiving a II rating and the 8th grade band receiving a I rating! Receiving a I rating for their solos were Alec Cole, Nellie Haldane, Mazie Smallidge, Joe Norwood, Isla Brownlow, Ben Cole, Taylor Schildroth, Max Mattson, Miriam Nelson, Tess Williamson, Marie-Louise Boulet, and Susanna Jakub. Congratulations to all the muscians!

~Mr. Schubeck

3rd Annual Hancock County Food Drive

Please see the attached flyer about the Hancock County Food Drive coming up for March. We are very excited to be involved again this year as a K-8 school. As they did last year, the 5th graders will plan their food drive to help fill the shelves of our local Tree of Life food pantry, but the other grades will donate county-wide (also including Blue Hill). Every year in late winter and early spring, food pantry shelves have less for families in need, so we are hoping to contribute with enthusiasm again this year and fill the shopping carts in our lobby. Thank you, ahead of time, for your help.

Coastal Boys Party

Coastal Boys team will have their celebration Friday after school at 2:45 in the cafeteria. They will have ice cream sundaes and hand out awards. They have had an unbelievable season –undefeated!!

Winners at All Saints Chess Tournament!

Five BHCS students competed on Saturday at the All Saints Chess Tournament. All students played very well. Special congratulations to Sam Parrott and Aiden Stearns, who took first and second place in the K-6 unrated division. Check out their photo on our website. The next

tournament for the chess players will be the State Scholastic Tournament, to be held on Saturday, March 8th, at the University of Maine in Orono. There will be a bus for this event.

Library News

We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday on Monday, March 3rd with a Reading is Fun(demental) Book Distribution, a Seussish lunch, and fun reading of Dr. Seuss books. All students will get to pick a new and an already been loved book to add to their home libraries, and are invited to come in a "Seussical" outfit! Happy Reading!

*Thanks to Audria Morris-Nevels and the Larkins for donating already been loved books!

PTF

BEAR Night (*Be Enthusiastic About Reading*) will be on Friday, March 7th from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. Come and read with us, and do other exciting reading activities. All K-8 kids and parents are invited.

At the March 13th PTF Meeting (6:00 PM), you will have a chance to hear from Mrs. Martin about the proposed Pre-K program for next year and the current proposal for the school budget that will be taken to vote on April 5th at Town Meeting.

Don't forget to send in your collected Boxtops for Education this week! We will be sending in our winter submission on Friday, and the top-collecting classroom will get a fun reward.

Pee Wee Basketball

The last PeeWee practice will be March 1st from 9-10:30 AM in the BHCS gym.

Blue Hill Little League Baseball

Sign up for Little League (all levels- ages 5-12) is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12 from 2:45 to 3:30 PM in the BHCS lobby.

Blue Hill Youth Baseball is proud to present **A Youth Baseball Coaching Clinic with GSA Varsity Coach Dan Kane** on Saturday, March 8th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon at the GSA gym. This will be a free coaching clinic and forum for anyone from all towns interested in

the instruction and development of baseball players. Coaches and parents are all invited to participate. Topics will range from teaching batting grip and swing, to fielding techniques, to throwing...and many other aspects to help develop a well-rounded baseball player. Questions? Please contact Jonathan Smallidge at 374-5709 or jsmallidge1@roadrunner.com.

PMAL News

A new session of Arts Playhouse enrichment programs begins at PMAL on Monday, March 3.

- Monday: Science exploration
- Tuesday: Wooden toys that pop and whiz!
- Wednesday: Crafty Kids – A little bit of yarn, wool, felt and googly eyes, of course!
- Thursday: Photography workshop

PMAL's after school programs include 'Arts Playhouse' for students in grades K -3 and "The Clubhouse" for students in grades 4 – 5.

Students are in a very warm environment where they share a healthy snack, get their homework done, and enjoy the beautiful indoors and outdoors! Each afternoon at 4:00 PM, students join in the scheduled enrichment workshops.

Come on up the hill and check it out!

We can be reached at 374-5255 or at chris@pmalcenter.com. Details are also at www.pmalcenter.com.

Dates to Remember

Fri., Feb. 28	Dance in Penobscot, 6-9 PM, grades 6-8
Mon., Mar. 3	Dr. Seuss RIF Day
Wed., Mar. 5	8 th grade GSA registration
Fri., Mar. 7	BEAR Night, 6:30-9:00 PM
Wed., Mar. 12	Board Meeting, 5 PM
Thurs., Mar. 13	PTF Meeting, 6 PM
Fri., Mar. 21	8 th grade to MMA
Sat., March 22	State Jazz Fest, Westbrook
Thurs., Mar. 27	Acadian Celebration
Sat., April 5	Town Meeting, 9 AM
Every Friday	Bobcat Day
Attachments:	Menu
	Food Drive Flyer
	BEAR Night Info