



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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Jazz Band

Our BHCS jazz bands will compete in next week's state competition on Saturday, March 22! They have worked so hard, and it will pay off! Thank you, Mr. Schubeck and parents who have supported these musicians over the years!

State Chess Champions!

On Saturday, BHCS students played at UMO at the Maine State Scholastic Chess Tournament. We entered three teams with 20 players. Each team played 4 rounds, lasting most of the day.

The K-6 Championship Team took first place, after some heated matches, beating out longstanding defending champions from Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School. The BHCS championship team took home a large trophy for the school, and players in the top three scoring places on the winning team also received individual trophies. Sixth grader Cameron Stewart and his brother Ross Stewart, a 5th grader, each earned 3.5 points (out of 4). Sixth grader Sam Parrott and Cole Stewart, 5th grader, each had 3 points. Sixth grader Aidan Stearns and Kai Diel, 5th grader, each won 2 points. Sixth graders Grayson Eaton, Parker Allen, Duncan Howell and Ian Howell, and Evan Chapman, 5th grader, rounded out the winning team, all contributing to the championship win.

The K-6 Novice Team also did very well, taking fifth place in their first state tournament. Sixth grade players included Thomas Marsh with 3 points (out of 4) and Dawsen Astbury with 2 points. Fifth graders included Henry Scheff with 2.5 points and Calvin Nelson with 2 points.

The K-8 Junior High Championship Team did not take home a trophy but put up a good fight at the more competitive and higher grade level. After 8 hours of play for 4 rounds, the K-8 team's debut performance garnered several

long-fought wins against more experienced teams. Team members included 8th graders Alec Cole and Kara Morrison and 7th graders Matt Billings, Cooper Black and Sean Schweizer.

Congratulations to all players! You can help them travel to the National Championship by coming to the **St. Patrick's Day fund raising dinner on Monday, March 17th at 5:30 PM.** Corned beef and cabbage is one choice, and lasagna and/or mac and cheese is the other. Donations will be accepted at the door. Hope you can come!

*If you want to help in another way, please read the information on our website and make a donation to **DonorsChoose.org**. It's easy!*

Weekend Champions!

***Lael Clapp's Pee Wee cheering squad from Lamoine, took first place in their state competition last weekend. Rah-rah-rah, Lae!!!!
***Curran Granger's hockey team continues to medal, most recently winning the Midcoast Maine Tournaments! Congratulations, Curran!
***Nellie Haldane came in first place in both the giant slalom and the slalom ski races at Big Rock last Sunday. She also was awarded a medal for the "fastest" time for girls! Wow!

Celebrating Acadian Culture

Students are starting to learn more about the Acadians -- their history, culture, language, music, dance, arts and crafts -- in preparation for our Acadian Celebration on March 26 and 27. As previewed in last week's newsletter, March 26 will feature musicians from around the area coming to share Acadian music with our students during classroom visits in the morning and an afternoon ceilidh for everyone.

On Thursday students will prepare for the evening performance of their dancing and music from 6-7:30 and exhibits that will be on

display in the cafeteria from 5:30-6 PM. Please come to enjoy the exhibits and food samples in the cafeteria at 5:30 and then have your children on the bleachers in the gym by 6 PM. This is an all school event and we would like all students to attend if possible. The schedule for the performance is:

K- contradance-Bobolinka
1-2- contradance-La Bastringue
3-4-contradance- Loaded Car
5-6-contradance- Over The Top
7-8 band- 2 Acadian/Cajun tunes
K-8- French song with Mrs. Means
All- contradance with Mr. Schubeck's band.
This should be a very enjoyable evening. If you have any questions you can contact me at BHCS (374-2202,ext.113, rmccormick@bhcs.org). If you would be able to bring any Acadian/French snacks for the cafeteria at 5:30 PM, please let me know.

Respectfully Yours,
Robert McCormick

BEEM BASH

The BEEM Bash is coming. Mark your calendars for Friday, April 4th at 6:00 PM. It's a fun evening at Barncastle and a chance to help raise funds that provide enriching opportunities to students at BHCS.

Little League

Little League registrations will be held next week on Monday (March 17) and Tuesday (March 18) at 2:45 PM in the BHCS lobby.

Library

Last week was a great week for Dr. Seuss! We started the week with a special birthday lunch and Reading is Fundamental book distribution where everyone got new and already been loved books. Thanks to the cooks for the great lunch and to Rebecca Conable and Jessi Torrey who helped with the book distribution. Classes continued with various Seussish activities, and the week ended with B.E.A.R Night with lots of reading and fun activities, including a lively Reading Jeopardy Game created by Tracy Gandy and Heather Nelson. Ask K-2 students about the wockets in their pockets!

*Many thanks for recent donations from the Gellersons, the Williamsons and the Grindles!

PTF News

Hannaford Orders

Hannaford card orders and reloads are due by 2:30 PM on Friday, March 14th to Loretta at the office. A copy of the order form is attached to this email. Paper copies will go home with students this week, or are available on the bulletin board in the school lobby. Contact Sarah King at 374-9294 with questions.

Movie – Despicable Me 2

Join us for the last PTF Movie Night of the school year this Friday, March 14th in the BHCS cafeteria. We will be serving pizza at 5:30 and playing Despicable Me 2 at 6:00. Movie and popcorn are free.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

First Congregational Church of Blue Hill, St. Patrick's Day Public Dinner with Irish entertainment, corned beef & cabbage feast (with vegetarian options) Saturday, March 15, 5:30 pm. Info, call 374-2891.

Dates to Remember

Mon., Mar. 17	Chess Club Supper, 5:30 PM
Wed., Mar. 19	5-2-1-0 Meeting, 2:45
Fri., Mar. 21	8 th grade to MMA
Sat., March 22	State Jazz Fest, Westbrook
Thurs., Mar. 26/27	Acadian Celebration
Fri., Mar. 28	No school, teacher in- service
Fri., April 4	BEEM BASH, Barncastle at 6:00 PM
Sat., April 5	Town Meeting, 9 AM
Tues., June 17	Graduation, 7 PM
Every Friday	Bobcat Day