



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

April 3, 2014

Please Attend!

Town Meeting is Saturday, April 5!

We are hoping that all school supporters will attend the town meeting on Saturday. It begins at 9:00 AM, and the education warrant articles are first thing. This may be a very significant tipping point for us, as the town budget committee did not support the school board's recommendation for the budget this year, and they recommended a \$225,000 reduction. That is a very serious cut, and it will mean the loss of programs at BHCS. Pre-K, a program that we know will have a very positive impact on children, weighed in at \$90,000, but another \$135,000 would need to come directly out of our other programs. The Board has already cut \$46,660 as they tried to pare down to the bare minimum. There is no "fluff" in the board's proposed budget, and unless enrollment figures decline, which is not likely at this point, we will have to make serious reductions. Free childcare will be provided during the meeting, and a 7th grade fundraising turkey lunch will be held midday. Please consider attending for this very important vote.

Thank you,
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Senior Partners

The 4th grade Senior Partner Tea will be held on Thursday, April 10 at 12:30 PM in their classrooms.

Peyton Cole – All-American Wrestler!

Over the last weekend, Peyton Cole placed 4th in the national wrestling competition in Virginia Beach, giving him All-American status in his 127-weight class. This is a tremendous amount of training and skill that has landed this huge recognition! We are very proud of you, Peyton.

School Photos

Your child should have brought home a picture package from Lifetouch this week. If you wish

to purchase any of the pictures please send the money in by April 17. Any pictures not purchased need to be returned by April 17, as well.

Seussical Jr.

Horton Hears a Who! Will you? Please join us at Seussical Jr., an entertaining musical based on the works of Dr. Seuss, performed by BHCS students in grades 5-8, and produced by Mrs. Audrey Means. The shows are at 7 PM on Wednesday, April 9 and Thursday, April 10. Donations accepted. Great fun for all...young and old!

Blitz Chess Brunch Benefit at the Black Anchor

Please join in support of our BHCS State Chess Champs - this Sunday! The Black Anchor will offer a special family-friendly brunch menu. You will not be asked for a donation for brunch, just order off the menu and Black Anchor will donate proceeds to the BHCS team. BHCS jazz band members are invited to entertain. BHCS chess players also will challenge anyone who wishes to enter an invitational Blitz Chess Tournament, with quick-paced timed chess games. Non-players may enjoy the brunch and watch the games for free. An optional \$5 donation will be suggested to enter the chess competition. Players, please bring a chess clock if you have one. Blitz game winners will receive much glory and a gift certificate to the Black Anchor. The BHCS team is raising funds in order to represent Blue Hill and the State of Maine at the National Junior High Chess Championships in Atlanta on April 25-27. Brunch will be from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM (games start at 11:00), on Sunday, April 6 at Black Anchor Village Pub, 50 Main Street, Blue Hill. For more information call 207-374-4207.

Our Acadian Culture Celebration Was a Big Success!

Thank you, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Schubeck, Mrs. Ricker, Mrs. Means, Ms. Jackson, and

Miss Brown for all the efforts you put into our recent study of the Acadians -- their history, culture, language, music, dance, and arts and crafts. And, thanks to the cooks who provided a special French lunch that day, and to the PTF for the delicious Acadian food to sample in the evening. Also, thank you once again, BEEM, for the generous funding for a special BHCS event, and to the Castine Historical Society for the loan of several historical maps.

PTF News

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who were poised to prepare food for the Acadian musicians last week. Although we did not need your services because of the crazy weather, it is so wonderful to know we can count on you. Last call for cooks for the Town Meeting refreshment table this Saturday, April 5. If you would like to help prepare a breakfast item, just let us know at ptf@bhcs.org.

Hope to see all of you at the Town Meeting on Saturday. Childcare will be provided by some of our 8th grade volunteers in Miss Nelson's room.

The next PTF meeting is April 10 at 2:45 PM in the BHCS library.

Coming UP: Screen Free Week

BHCS will be celebrating Screen Free Awareness during the week of April 28th - May 2nd, our first week back to school after April vacation. The 5-2-1-0 Committee, our dedicated staff, and the PTF have planned some great after-school activities for kids and their families. These are all activities that provide an opportunity for kids and families to reconsider and reconnect with alternative forms of enjoyment other than media entertainment. This is an opportunity for everyone to explore some new or familiar well-loved and healthy activities that can become life-long forms of enjoyment. Please consider supporting your child in a commitment to refrain from the "screen" forms of entertainment, such as TV, video games, computer socializing, etc., for this week. A sign up sheet will be available on the website, and with the newsletter. It's coming home early so everyone has ample opportunity to review and choose the activities, and then return the form as

soon as possible so we can plan accordingly for the participants.

5-2-1-0 Spring Fling Potluck Luau Dinner Dance & Health Fair

This fun, tasty and healthy event will be held on Wednesday, April 30, during Screen Free Week, from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Dress up in your favorite Hawaiian outfit, bring a healthy dish to share in the cafeteria, and then enjoy the fun!! The Rhythm Rockets and Planet Pan Steel Drum bands will provide music. There will be fun activities and samplings of healthy foods, as well as great displays and information from many of our local organizations that promote and support healthy choices for our kids and families in the community. Browse the information, try the healthy food, and engage in some fun activities, all while enjoying the fun music. You might even feel like dancing!!!

~Deborah L. Candage, RN, BSN
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From the Library Desk...

*Author Day book orders: An order form is attached to the newsletter if you would like to order one of Mary Cerullo's books for her author visit on April 15 and 16. We have to pre-order the books so please get your order forms in by Monday, April 7.

*Book Repair Workshop: Anyone interested in helping to keep library books in circulation by learning how to make simple (and not so simple) repairs is invited to a Saturday morning workshop on April 12 from 10 AM-noon. Library volunteer Mariah Hughs will share her tips and tricks, and a system for following the steps. Contact Beth Jackson if you are interested in participating (374 2202 x106; bjackson@bhcs.org).

*Thanks to Ben Snow for donating Magyk by Angie Sage to the library.

BEEM BASH

The BEEM Bash is this 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. There's dinner, an auction, and dancing with DJ Gary

Milliken – all for \$30/person. Make your reservations at spolitte@roadrunner.com.

Middle School Dance in Castine

April 4, 6-9 PM, Emerson Hall, grades 6-8.

Little League for Ages 11 and 12

There will be a team placement screening for *all* 11 and 12 year-olds currently signed up to play in the Coastal Little League on Sunday, April 6 from 2:40-4:00 PM in the GSA gym. This event applies to all 11 and 12 year-old players even if you played on a Little League team in the past years. The session is intended to assist coaches with team placements for the 2014 season. Come with a glove, ready to play! For more information, please contact Matt Mattson (669-2347), Scott Parker (664-8108), or Bob Granger (460-6613).

Little League Applications

All application and supporting materials, together with application fee, for Coastal Little League must be submitted no later than Sunday, April 6. For further information call Matt Mattson (669-2347) or Jonathan Smallidge (756-2242).

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT at GSA is on Saturday, April 5th.

Please join us for the GSA Residential Program's 6th Annual International Night on April 5, at the new time - 3:00 PM. Enjoy visiting booths representing more than 20 countries, eating international cuisine, and watching live entertainment - all made possible by the GSA international students, student ambassadors, and the GSA community. Admission is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.

Dates to Remember

Thurs., April 3	Science Fair, grades 7 and 8, in the gym, 6:30 PM
Fri., April 4	BEEM BASH, Barncastle at 6:00 PM
Sat., April 5	Town Meeting, 9 AM
Wed., April 9	School Board meeting, 5 PM
April 9 and 10	Seussical the Musical, 7 PM in the café
Thurs., April 10	PTF meeting, 2:45 PM in the library
April 11	Student Artist Reception, BH Public Library, 4:30-6:00 PM, Everyone welcome!
Tues., April 15	K-4 Author Day with Mary Cerullo
Wed., April 16	MSBA Celebration for grades 5-6 at MMA **Deborah Lipsky, Autism Awareness Speaker, 6:30 PM
Thurs., April 16	Autism Assembly, 9 AM, gym
Tues., June 17	Graduation, 7 PM
Thurs., May 1	8 th Grade Dessert Theater, 6 PM
Fri., May 16	Kindergarten Registration
Every Friday Attachments	Bobcat Day Mary Cerullo Book Order Form April Menu