



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

June 12, 2014

Following Nell Herrmann...

Seventh and eighth grade science teacher Nell Herrmann will be leaving for her expedition aboard Dr. Robert Ballard's E/V Nautilus on July 31st. Nell was chosen as one of 19 teachers in the world to serve as a Science Communication Fellow for Dr. Ballard and the Ocean Exploration Trust during the 2014 field season.

***Nell will be on the Nautilus through August 16th, and will be helping scientists as they study the Mesoamerican Reef. Nell will depart from Belize and sail to Jamaica, giving live broadcasts along the way about the discoveries made by scientists who use two Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs), Hercules and Argus, to examine what lies deep beneath the ocean's surface.

***Students and the general public are invited to follow her expedition through the website <http://www.nautiluslive.org>. Sessions will be held from 11:00-12:00 in the BHCS Library on August 4,6,8,11,13,15. During these sessions, students and community members can interact with Nell in real time. The more the merrier! Please plan to follow and support Nell as she works on the Nautilus.

Leaping Literacy Returns!

This year we are offering 3 one-week sessions of Leaping Literacy Summer Camp at the Blue Hill Public Library! The three weeks will be July 21 – 25, July 28 – August 1, and August 4-8, and based on three themes -- Super Heroes: Real and Imagined, The Water of Maine (with Rebekah Raye and local scientists visiting!) and Reach for the Sky! Registration forms will be available on Monday at the office. Sign up for one week or all three, with space allowing. The program will run from 9 AM –Noon. This program is free of charge and is designed to inspire your children

to see literacy as FUN and to help them keep up their school skills over the summer. For info, call Rachel Kohrman Ramos at 374-9927. Registration forms are available in the office and at the Superintendent's office.

Library

All library materials are due. They need to be returned -- or paid for, if they are lost -- as soon as possible. A library is only as good as its collection, so when things are lost they need to be replaced.

***Please encourage your children to read for fun over the summer! We know they lose ground if they "take the summer off" and don't read at all! There are lots of ways to fit it into your summer schedule:

--The public library has a great summer program, and a mad scientist (aka Pat Horton, youth librarian) visited during lunches on Tuesday and demonstrated some of the fun to be had this summer in conjunction with the summer reading program. They have LOTS of great books, audio books for car trips, and even a telescope you can check out!

--Parents may check out books from the BHCS library for over the summer. Stop by and sign the summer check out form, and pick out some books. They will be due back the first week of school.

Yearbook

Last orders due!

PTF News

The PTF is taking care of the ice cream at the retirement party Thursday, June 12. If you want to help scoop up some fun, stop by the table to lend a hand.

***The last day of school we will be hosting the school wide field day. Volunteers are needed to run different activity stations. If you would like to help, please contact Rena at 214-2361.

***Hannaford card orders/payment are due to the school office by 2:30 pm this Friday, June 13, thanks! Attached is an ordering form and program explanation.

***Please turn in any last Boxtops and/or Labels for Education by Friday so they can be sent in before the summer. Be sure to collect them over the summer, too!

Amazon Smile Helps BEEM

BEEM (Blue Hill Education Enrichment Monies) wants to remind you that you can contribute to BEEM if you shop with Amazon Smile. It's a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. Go to smile.amazon.com, and find out how you can get the same low prices and give to BEEM at the same time.

SOS

Need some work done in your yard? Sam and Owen's Service is your answer. I recommend them highly, and I can personally attest to their competence and hard work. ~Mrs. M

FREE Plants-to-Plastics Science Camp

Local kids entering sixth, seventh and eighth grades next fall are invited to participate in "Plants to Plastics," a series of eight **free** science workshops that will take place this July in Blue Hill. The participants will learn to make plastic using corn, tapioca, algae and other environmentally friendly ingredients. They'll also have an opportunity to turn their creations into sculptures. Dates are July 1, 2 and 8 for the first sessions. The remaining ones will likely be July 16 or 17 and July 21, 22 or 23. Registration is limited to 20 students. For more information contact STEM Guide Judy Mathewson at 266-7765 or at this email address: judymathewson313@gmail.com.

On the Ball!

Coaches Mark Ensworth and Steve Bemiss are announcing their 2014 Boys and Girls Soccer Camp for kids ages 9-14. The camp runs from August 11-15, 9 AM to noon, daily at the GSA soccer field. \$100/student. Registration forms can be found on the BHCS bulletin board in the lobby.



THANK YOU AND FAREWELL - SPECTACULAR BHCS RETIREES

Thursday, June 12, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
BLUE HILL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL PLAYGROUND
60 High St
Blue Hill, ME 04614

Let's celebrate in style... the retirements of
**Beth Jackson,
Maryanne Lewandowski,
and Julie O'Neill**
... and say "THANK YOU" for their years
of dedication and the great contributions they have made to our school!

Jazz Band, PAN Dance, Ice Cream Social, and Fireworks!

Note: If rainy, the party will be in the BHCS gym (no fireworks!), and if too dry, we will host at the Town Park and fireworks will be over the water!

Dates to Remember

Fri., June 13	Gr. 7 to Great Skates Gr. 6 to Challenger
Mon., June 16	Gr. 4 to Acadia, 8-1 Gr. 1 & 2 to Holbrook Island, 9-2
Tues., June 17	Graduation, 7 PM
Wed., June 18	Gr. 4 to Jonathan Fisher House and Curtis Cove K to Curtis Cove, 10-1
Thurs., June 19	Student Step-Up, 8-9 Gr. 5 to Fort Knox, 9-2:30
Fri., June 20	Last day of school