



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

November 20, 2014

Happy Thanksgiving, BHCS Families!

There is so much at BHCS for which we are thankful. For one, each day at school we are surrounded by the blessings of your children. Our kids are enthusiastic, warm and friendly, and very eager to learn and share. Thank you for sharing them with us. Secondly, we have a school that provides well for the students in terms of educational and extra-curricular materials and resources, and we have school and community groups who focus on providing what kids need to be successful. The fact that this is not the story in some parts of the United States and in other countries around the world makes us even more thankful. We appreciate this and try to do our part to help others.

***This week we provided an overflowing pick-up truck full of food and some extra cash (\$241 from grade 5) to the Tree of Life Food Pantry. Again this year, each child got a chance to hand-deliver the goods to those who volunteer to stock the pantry shelves. It's a festive, whole-school event that has been happening for a couple of decades at our school. The kids are very proud of this opportunity to give, and we are thankful that they feel that way.

***It seems like the winter is rushing in on us really soon this year! But, it could be worse. The families in the Buffalo area are faring far worse, and we hope that they get some weather relief before the holiday. Winter will officially be here in a month, so we hope that everyone is warm and well fed. Do let me know if you need anything for the winter, and we can connect you to places that can help. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

Love and peace,

~Della

Lost And Found Bins Are Overflowing!

Please check out the items in the lobby for your child's clothing. There are some really valuable items there, and I am sure they need to be returned to their owners. Also, remember to

label your child's clothing, if possible. *The bins are emptied and clothes are taken to the Tree of Life over the December break.*

Chess Team Reminder

NO CHESS PRACTICE on Monday, 11/24.

Chess Team & Band Boosters Fundraiser

Day Before Thanksgiving - Baked Goods Sale

Don't have time to bake for Thanksgiving?

Please join the Chess Team and Band Boosters for a shared fundraiser. We will be selling lots of wonderful, homemade goodies, such as pies (pumpkin cheesecake, pecan, pumpkin, apple, and blueberry), rolls, sweet breads (cranberry, pumpkin, and banana), sweet bars, and pumpkin whoopie pies. Some of the baked goods will be gluten free. We will be outside TradeWinds on Wednesday, November 26 from 10 AM – 3 PM (there's no school on this day). If you have questions, please ask Dawn Stewart (348-9980).

Read-A-Thon for School Safety Reminder

Please have your child return his/her reading pledge sheet with money they have collected for the fundraiser for the mass notification project. The top contributors will have their names put into a drawing for some special prizes! Thanks, again, for your help!

Jazz Band Dates to Note!

**Jazz Night, Thursday, November 20 at 3:45 PM. Please join the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade jazz bands at our annual kick off to the *Jazz Season*. The bands will rehearse after school and then will perform for the public at 3:45. The event will be a fundraiser for the ongoing band room renovation project. A donation jar will be at the door and food will be available for purchase. We would love to see you at this fun event. If you have questions about the concert, please ask Mr. Schubeck, and if you have questions about the fundraiser, please ask Dawn Stewart (348-9980).

Della L. Martin, Principal

PTF News

Thank you all for the great turn out for the first Family Movie Night. We had over 30 children and their families attend. Be sure to mark your calendar for December 19 for a special movie night of holiday favorites. You can check out the PTF Facebook page to make any suggestions. Pizza will be sold at 5:30 with the free movies and popcorn at 6:00. Please remember that students need to stay in the cafeteria during the movie, and appropriate school behavior is expected.

***Please join us this Saturday, November 22, for the Craft Fair. Over 30 crafters from the area will be here at BHCS from 9 AM - 2 PM selling everything from soap and quilts to jewelry and wreaths.

***The PTF is gathering *Thanksgiving Meals* for local families. We still need some people to sign up for turkeys, pies, stuffing, rolls, and gravy. Just contact us at ptf@bhcs.org or send in a note if you would like to help.

***The Holiday Craft Workshop for Kids is December 13, 10:00 - 12:00. This is a festive time for students to come to school and make some holiday crafts to give as gifts or use as decorations. Heather Nelson has been gathering supplies and volunteers for this special event. Please see the attached flier if you would like to help.

Christmas Angels

The Christmas Angels Program provides gifts of warm clothing to children in need living on the Blue Hill Peninsula and in Deer Isle/Stonington. To learn how you can help the program, contact Kim Williamson by December 1st at 374-2092 or at peony13@me.com. To receive assistance from the program, contact Wendy Ritger, bhcongo@yahoo.com, 374-2891.

Blue Hill YMCA's 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Day Zumba at The Bay School

Join us Thanksgiving morning from 8-9 AM at the Bay School. Let's dance off some calories before your big feast! Minimum donation is \$5/person. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the local food pantry! For more information call The Blue Hill YMCA, 374-2248.

Dates to Remember

Thurs., Nov. 20	Jazz Event, 3:45 PM
Fri., Nov. 21	Grades 7/8 to Alamo
Sat., Nov. 22	PTF Craft Fair
Tues., Nov. 25	End of Trimester 1
Nov. 26-28	Thanksgiving Break
Tues., Dec. 2	Grade 4 to Abbe Museum
Thurs., Dec. 4	Grade 6 to Boston
Sat., Dec. 14	Grade 2 to Grand, Nutcracker
Mon., Dec. 15	5-8 Winter Concert, 7 PM
Tues., Dec. 16	K-4 Winter Concert, 6:30 PM

Attachments:

Craft Workshop Flyer
Menu for December
Penobscot Community Holiday Fair Flyer

Dance in Brooksville:

November 21, 6-9 PM for grades 6-8