



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

December 4, 2014

### Read For Safety

Thanks to the kids listed below we were able to raise \$568 toward our goal of \$2,000 for the emergency notification system we would like to use at BHCS.

- Keegan Butler
- Eliza Grimnes
- Laela Heino
- Andy Hipsky
- Lily Jaffray
- Annika Marshall
- Liliana Muise
- Katie Norwood
- Tucker Norwood
- Yasumin Sarawan
- Kathleen Stephens
- Thatcher Torrey

Thank you, READERS, for this big contribution to school safety!

### PTF News

\*\*\*A huge thank you to all of you who donated for the **Turkey Baskets**. We were able to put together holiday meals for seven families.

\*\*\*Congratulations to Rebecca Conable and her team of volunteers for putting together the most successful **Holiday Craft Fair** at BHCS. The crafters were amazed with the number of customers and the well-organized event. A special thank you to the 8th grade for providing refreshments and Mr. Schubeck for leading the musicians for the live holiday music.

\*\*\***Hannaford orders** will be due on 12/11 by 2:30 PM.

\*\*\*Our next **PTF meeting** is Thursday, December 11 at 2:45 in the BHCS library. Childcare is provided. We will be discussing winter clubs and more family events for the winter months.

\*\*\*Last year the PTF offered **Winter Clubs** for the first time. Thanks to amazing volunteers, students were able to explore everything from snowshoeing and gardening to Legos and computer skills. We would love to offer

opportunities again this year, but we will need your help. If you have a skill that you are willing to share with students, please consider running a Winter Club. Clubs meet for about one hour once a week. You decide how many students you want to work with and what age group. It is a wonderful chance to share your time and talents. If you are interested, please fill out the attached form and return it to Tracy Gandy by December 12.

\*\*\*Saturday, December 13 from 10 AM - Noon, is the **Craft Workshop for Kids**. This is a chance for students to spend a couple of hours creating some wonderful crafts for holiday gifts. Once again Heather Nelson is organizing this fun-filled family event. Thanks, Heather!

\*\*\*Movie Night – There's pizza and cookie decorating at 5:30, and the movie starts at 6:00. Double feature! We will be showing the *Grinch* (cartoon short) and *Mickey's Christmas Carol*; each are 30 minutes. The movie, cookie decorating and popcorn are free. Anybody who would like to help, or contribute an item please contact Sarah King at 374-9294 or [ptf@bhcs.org](mailto:ptf@bhcs.org).

### **Nell Herrmann to Speak at American Geophysical Union Conference in San Francisco**

In 2012, 7th and 8th grade science teacher Nell Herrmann was selected as one of 12 teachers in the United States to participate in a program called PolarTREC (Teachers and Researchers Exploring and Collaborating). The program is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and pairs classroom teachers with scientists who do research in the Arctic or Antarctic. Nell was paired with a marine biologist, Dr. Chuck Amsler, from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Nell traveled (all expenses paid by NSF) to Palmer Station, on the western Antarctic peninsula, during February and March of 2012 and participated in Dr. Amsler's scientific research on ocean acidification. Since then, she has done a great deal of outreach with students and the general public to raise

Della L. Martin, Principal

awareness of current science being conducted in the Antarctic. During the spring of 2014, Nell field tested lesson plans about Antarctica with students from BHCS. Afterward, she combined efforts with Nobel Prize winner Dr. Richard Alley to deliver a webinar to teachers and scientists all over the world, through an organization called Polar Educators International. Dr. Alley spoke about ice sheet collapse and sea level rise and Nell described hands-on lesson plans that can demonstrate these concepts to students in grades 7-12. Because of her efforts, Nell has been invited to speak at the American Geophysical Union conference in San Francisco from December 14-18. All her expenses, including the cost of her substitute teacher, will be paid by the Arctic Research Consortium of the United States. This is a great honor for Nell and for BHCS!

## **Blue Hill's Annual Tree Lighting Tonight!**

4:00 – 7:30 PM

Downtown businesses will be welcoming everyone!

UGLY SWEATER Fun Run at 4:00!

**Planet Pan's Steel Drums**

Warm Food and Drink

Hot Popcorn

Cookie Decorating at **Fairwinds**

Letters to Santa at **Sara Sara's**

**Santa and his elves** will lead children up to the Town Hall lawn for the tree lighting.

**Ellacapella** will lead guest in holiday carols.

Downtown businesses will be open until 7:30.

*Sponsored by the Blue Hill Peninsula*

*Chamber of Commerce*

## **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.***

## **Dates to Remember**

Sat., Dec. 14	Grade 2 to Grand, Nutmacker
Mon., Dec. 15	5-8 Winter Concert, 7 PM
Tues., Dec. 16	K-4 Winter Concert, 6:30 PM

## **Attachments:**

Winter Clubs Volunteer Request

Play It Safe Flyer

**Dance in Castine, 6-9 PM, grades 6-8**