



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

December 11, 2014

### Winter Concerts Next Week!

Please join us on Monday night for the 5-8 winter concert (7 PM) and on Tuesday night (4:30 PM) for the K-4 concert. It is always a joyous night where the children can share their music and their excitement. Our thanks goes to Bill Schubeck for his outstanding work with instrumental music and Audrey Means for her expertise in choral music... and to the children whose voices and musical talents bring such enjoyment during the holiday times.

\*\*\*Before the 5-8 concert that starts at 7 PM, the **Band Boosters** will be selling raffle tickets for a chance for you (or someone you choose) to conduct a song! Please be on the lookout for the raffle ticket stations. After the concert, they will be offering a snack and dessert table in the cafeteria. They continue to raise money for the band room renovation.

### PTF News

**This Saturday, December 13, is the Craft Workshop for kids.** This is a wonderful opportunity for students to make some holiday crafts. Please join us from 10 -12 and bring a snack to share.

### **Last chance to volunteer for Winter Clubs!**

Right now we have a couple of really good choices for our older students, but we are still in need of some options for K-2 students. Please let Tracy know by tomorrow, December 12, if you have an idea for a club.

### Movie Night December 19

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

### **Caroling at Parker Ridge**

Please join us in the Parker Ridge main lobby on December 23 at 3:00 for caroling and hot cocoa with the Parker Ridge residents. Contact Rebecca with any questions, [rconable@mac.com](mailto:rconable@mac.com) or 374-5119.

### Health Update:

#### Impetigo and Conjunctivitis

There has been a confirmed case of impetigo and conjunctivitis in the school this past week. Both of these conditions are very contagious and both need to be diagnosed by a doctor. When diagnosed, they need to be treated with antibiotics.

\*\*\*Impetigo is caused by a "staph" bacteria and causes a rash/outbreak, usually on the lips and under the nose. It is most commonly recognized by the appearance of a "golden" colored, crusty appearance that may start out as a "cold sore" and then spreads over a few days. It can be itchy and irritating, and then when touched, will spread very easily to other parts of the face and sometimes body. It is very easily spread by touching surfaces around us.

\*\*\*Conjunctivitis, also known as "pink eye," usually starts with the white part of the eye becoming very pink/red, and a brown/greenish drainage develops in the eye. Very often, a person with "pink eye" will awaken in the morning with "goopy" eyes, in which there is a lot of drainage and may even cake the eye closed. This also causes irritation and itching, and consequently, spreads from hands to surfaces and sometimes to the other eye.

\*\*\*If you suspect your child of having either of these conditions, please take him/her to your doctor to be evaluated. If the doctor confirms this diagnosis, then your child will need to stay home for 24 hours after the antibiotic has started. If we observe these symptoms in your child here at school, we will contact you to have your child evaluated. This is necessary to

Della L. Martin, Principal

prevent wide-spread outbreaks of these conditions at school. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. More information is available at [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org). Thank you for your attention to this information.

~~Debbie Candage, RN, BSN/School Nurse

**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.***

**Santa is coming...  
to Mike's Market II!**

December 14, 11 AM to 1 PM

Free pizza from 11-12

Activities for kids include face painting, cookie decorating, and a coloring contest.

Santa arrives at 12 Noon!

Free Fun! Come Join Us!

**Dates to Remember**

Sat., Dec. 13	Craft Workshop for Kids, 10-12
Sun., Dec. 14	Grade 2 to Grand, Nutcracker (be at BHCS by 1:15)
Mon., Dec. 15	5-8 Winter Concert, 7 PM
Tues., Dec. 16	K-4 Winter Concert, 6:30 PM
Fri., Dec. 19	Movie Night, 5:30 Pizza, 6:00 Movie

**Important Dates at GSA (so far)**

Jan. 7	Open house 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
Jan. 14	Pizza and a game for 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
Feb. 27	8 <sup>th</sup> grade registration

**Attachments:**

Safety for the Holidays

PTF Ham Dinners

**Dance for 6-8 in Brooksville, Friday, Dec. 12 at 6 PM.**