



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

January 8, 2015

Happy New Year!

After School Activity Bus

As I mentioned before the holiday break, through generous contributions from BEEM and dedicated members of our community, and in collaboration with the Washington-Hancock Community Agency, BHCS is going to pilot a program to provide an after school activity van (leaving around 4 PM) for students who cannot find transportation from the various opportunities offered at school in the afternoon. The PTF Winter Clubs start next week, so please take advantage of this offer if you need it.

I am attaching a form that can be easily copied each week (and it will be attached to the electronic newsletter) to let us know when your child needs a ride. We need this information for planning purposes, as the van has limited seating. For children in grades K-4, you must be home in order for the driver to drop off your child. In the upper grades, please give your permission for him/her to be dropped off when you are not at home. Again, email me at dmartin@bhcs.org or call me at 374-2202 (ext. 102) if you have questions.

LEGO Robotics Team

Any interested students in grades 6-8 are welcome to join the BHCS LEGO Robotics team! Practices start next Monday, January 12, from 2:45-4:00 in the Library and run every Monday (that we have school) through mid-May, finishing with the regional competition on May 16th in Ellsworth. This is not part of the PTF Winter Clubs, but students will still be able to use the after school activity bus for transportation. Snacks will be provided, so please let us know if your child has a food sensitivity or allergy. If you have any questions, please email us at rbillings7@roadrunner.com.

Thanks, hope to see you there!
~~Chris & Jeb Billings, LEGO Coaches

PTF Winter Clubs

Winter clubs will start next week. Thanks to amazing and talented parents and teachers, the PTF will be able to offer activities to over 50 students. Confirmation e-mails will be sent out soon.

This Thursday, January 8, will be the PTF meeting after school. Childcare will be provided and we will be discussing teacher funding requests and some of the fun activities we are planning for the next few months. Everyone is welcome.

Due to the holiday, Hannaford orders will be due Thursday, January 15, by 2:30 PM.

Mark your calendars for the next PTF Family Movie Night. On January 23 we will show *Meet the Robinsons*. Pizza is for sale at 5:30, with the movie and free popcorn at 6:00.

Keep clipping your **box tops** and send them in. Your efforts have already raised over \$1,000 for the school this year. These funds help the PTF provide educational support to the wonderful teachers at BHCS and also sponsor family activities.

Finally, a huge thank you goes to Tera Gellerson, Jessi Torrey, and Rebecca Conable for organizing the Holiday Helping Hand Ham Baskets. In addition to the wonderful food that you all donated, students in the classrooms added special treats like handmade crafts and baked goodies.

From the Blue Hill Public Library...

Happy New Year from the Blue Hill Public Library! The following are reminders of ongoing programs and a special upcoming program for kids:

****Reader Dog-**For the months of January and February, there will only be Reader Dog Sessions on Saturdays. Sign-up for 20 minute sessions starting at 10:30 AM by calling the library or by stopping at Pat's desk.

*****LEGO Club** is the 1st Saturday of each month at 10:30 AM until Noon. An adult must

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accompany children less than 7 years of age. LEGOs are provided or bring your own.
 ***Chess Club - Fridays, 3:00-3:45 PM for ages 7 and up. Snacks provided. All skill levels are welcome.
 ***Special Program! Radical Robotics with Mad Science of Maine! Grades 5-8. Three Saturdays: January 24 and 31 and February 7. 10:30 AM -12:45 PM. In this very hands-on program, kids will learn about several robotic systems and build their own robots to take home. Class size is limited, so registration is required. Call the library at 374-5515 or visit our events calendar at www.bhpl.net to sign-up. This program is free!

Violin Concert

Hear violinist Joseph Puglia in concert on January 17 at 7:00 PM at First Congregational Church, Blue Hill. He will be joined by Maine musicians Richard Hsu, Gus LaCasse, Nathaniel Curtis, and Max Treitler. Suggested donation is \$20, with students/children free. Donations will support Joe's CD recording, teaching, and performing workshops and the Blue Hill Congregational Church's organ/piano maintenance fund. Details: 374-2891.

Dates to Remember

Wed., Jan 14	Board Meeting, 5 PM
Thurs., Jan. 15	Midterm for Trimester 2
	Hannaford orders due
Fri., Jan 16	No school, teacher in-service
Mon., Jan. 19	No school, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan. 20-23	T2 Conferences
Jan. 23	Movie Night, 5:30
Wed., Jan. 28	NAEP (Nation's Report Card) Testing, Grade 8

Important Dates at GSA

Jan. 14	Pizza and a game for 8 th graders
Feb. 27	8 th grade registration

Attachments:

After School Bus Form
 Cold Weather Handouts (2)