



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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January 22, 2015

Because of hardware failure, our website is not fully functioning, and we are not able to post our most recent news and calendars. It should be up and running again soon. Thank you for your patience.

School Budget Meetings

We are in the beginning stages of developing the school budget for 2015-2016. There are many important discussions that go into the formation of the yearly budget, so please feel free to attend one of the sessions. We meet in the library. Those sessions remaining are listed below:
January 22, 7 PM
February 11, 5 PM (regular board meeting)
February 12, 5 PM
Town Meeting (final vote) is on April 4, 2015

Congratulations to the BHCS Spelling Bee Finalists!

The following students were the finalists in the BHCS Spelling Bee last Friday. All contestants did a great job this year!

Ross Stewart (grade 6) – 3rd place

Cole Stewart (grade 6)– 2nd place

Cameraon Stewart (grade 7) – 1st place

The Hancock Country Spelling Bee is being hosted this year at the Cave Hill School in Eastbrook on Monday, February 9 (snow date Thursday, February 12) at 6:30 PM.

Return * Refill * Recycle 8th Grade Bottle Drive

The 8th graders are working to organize a bottle drive fundraiser during January and February. You can help us by bringing your returnables to the school in plastic bags and putting them in the wooden deposit bin in the parking lot near the gym. We have an exciting trip planned for Boston, and we've almost reached our goal. We have just a few fundraisers left, so we hope you will help with this one by bringing your bottles to the school bin. Thank YOU!

~~Grade 8

PTF News

This Friday, January 23, at 6:30 PM, the PTF will be hosting a **Bedtime Story Hour** featuring two local authors. Grab your teddy bears and come to the library to hear Elaine Hewes and Christina Montano read their books. Please contact Heather Nelson if you have any questions.

January 30 will be the Family Movie Night. We will show **Meet the Robinsons**. Pizza is for sale at 5:30 PM, with the movie and free popcorn at 6:00.

Free Softball Clinic

Denny Rackliffe will be offering a free softball clinic to girls in grades 4-8 from 2-4 PM every Sunday starting February 1 through March 8th at the BHCS gym. Bring sneakers to wear and get ready to play softball!

Basketball News

Deer Isle-Stonington Round Robin for the Peninsula Boys and Girls, Saturday 1/22. The Deer Isle Elementary School has organized a B tournament for this Saturday. The tournament runs all day, but the BHCS games are all in the morning. A bus will leave from BHCS at 8:15 AM to get to DISE at 8:45 for a quick warm-up before the schedule begins. Each team gets to play three 15-minute games. There will not be 8th grade players at this tournament. The bus will leave DISE to return players to BHCS by 12:15. Please let the coach know ASAP if your player will not be able to attend.

MDI Tournament

This tournament is a single elimination tournament, so we will approach it one game at a time. When the calendar is visible again, you will be able to see the playoff schedule. It will make for a SUPER busy week for 8th graders the first week of February. The MDI teams are tough, so we will need to be strong. Please let your coach know right away if your 8th grade player will not be able to attend playoff games on 2/2 and 2/4. The final game will be at MDI

Della L. Martin, Principal

High School on 2/7. Girls game at 12 noon and the boys game is at 1:30.

GSA Tournament

Our Peninsula boys are not in the top 5 teams, so they will not be attending the GSA tournament this year. Our Coastal/Peninsula girls will participate. Their record is 7 wins, 3 losses in the local leagues, so it should be an exciting play-off week for our girls. The play-in games for them will be on 2/3 and possibly also on 2/6. The final games will begin at 9 AM at GSA on 2/7. There will be more details next week regarding the GSA tournament.

Next Week's Sports Schedules

Peninsula Boys

Monday: HOME GAME w/DIS (girls game at 4 PM, then boys' game)

Tuesday: HOME GAME w/Surry @ 3:30pm (boys' game only)

Wednesday: LAST practice 3:30-4:30

Coastal Boys

Monday: no practice

Tuesday: practice after the Peninsula game (4:30-6 PM)

Wednesday: practice 6:00-7:30 PM

Thursday: HOME GAME w/Bay School (girls @ 3:30, then boys' game)

Friday: AWAY GAME w/MDES (girls @ 4 PM, then boys' game)

Peninsula/Coastal Girls

Monday: HOME GAME w/DIS (girls' game at 4 PM, then boys' game)

Tuesday: AWAY GAME @ Pemetac at 4 PM (girls' game only)

Wednesday: practice 4:30-6 PM

Thursday: HOME GAME w/Bay School (girls @ 3:30, then boys' game)

Friday: AWAY GAME w/MDES (girls @ 4 PM, then boys' game)

Blue Hill Public Library

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!

John Bapst High School Invitation

For 8th graders who may be interested in attending John Bapst next year, there is a step-up day on February 5th from 8:30 AM -1:00 PM. A parent information meeting is scheduled that evening from 6-8 PM. For more details call 947-0313 or visit the website at www.johnbapst.org/step_up_day.

Music News - BHCS Alumni Perform at Library

J-A-Double Z Jazz Combo will perform in the Howard Room at the Blue Hill Public Library on Saturday, January 24 at 3:00 PM. Refreshments will be served. This is their "warm-up" performance for the Berklee College of Music Jazz Festival on Saturday, January 31 at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston at 12:40 PM. Donations will be greatly appreciated.

***Members of *J-A double Z*:

~~Rowan LeVangie Thomas, trumpet & flugelhorn

~~Mira Schubeck, flute, trumpet, flugelhorn & vibes

~~Yvonne Rogers, tenor sax & vibes

~~Baxter Forrest, bari sax & clarinet

~~David Reinke, piano

~~Matthew Stephens, bass

~~Joseph Boulet, drums

Dates to Remember

Jan. 23	Story Night, 5:30
Wed., Jan. 28	NAEP (Nation's Report Card) Testing, Grade 8
Fri., Jan. 30	Movie Night, 5:30 PM
Mon., Feb. 9	Hancock County Spelling Bee, 6:30 PM, Cave Hill School
Feb. 27	GSA, 8 th grade registration

Attachments:

After School Bus Form