



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

January 29, 2015

PTF News

Note Change of Date:

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

The PTF has been operating a concession stand at some of the home basketball games to raise money for the emergency communication system. Thanks, Jessi Torrey, Sarah King and Rebecca Conable, for this great idea and for running the stand. So far it has raised \$200.

Another thank you goes to everyone who participated in the Hannaford Card program this month. Together we raised \$100 to benefit PTF and BHCS programs.

Coming Soon! The PTF will be sponsoring an athletic gear swap. More information will be coming.

If you're looking for a fun way to get involved at school, consider lending a hand at the Winter Carnival on February 13. We are looking for volunteers to help cover recess duties and to help out in the classrooms. Contact us at PTF@bhcs.org if you are available to lend a hand.

Lisa Arhontes-Marshall and Doris Webb are the community representatives for the Principal Search Committee. Feel free to contact them and let them know what qualities you are looking for in the new BHCS Principal.

Lisa - 374-5322

lisa@beehivedevelopment.com

Doris - 333-0290

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Return * Refill * Recycle **8th Grade Bottle Drive to Benefit Their** **Class Trip in June**

Remember to bring your cans and bottles to the wooden deposit bin in the parking lot near the gym.

Thank you, Megan Granger!

The Maine School Counselor Association Board has announced that **National School Counseling Week is February 2-6th**. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the work that our school counselor, Megan Granger, has done over the last decade. During the first years that she was here, while I was teaching 8th grade, I saw the significant difference she made with middle school children, and subsequently in our classroom environments. When I stepped into the office in 2010, however, I began to realize how foundational her work was from the earliest grades and on up. We are so fortunate to have Mrs. Granger here with her clinical background, and her consistent and unwavering support for kids of all ages and backgrounds. Her work is so highly confidential that we are not able to witness the daily impact she has on kids, but the school certainly does benefit over time through her professional contributions to the positive school climate. Thank you so much, Megan, for all you do for us at BHCS.

BHCS Winter Carnival Coming on **February 13!**

Spirit Days---

Monday – Pajama Day (please remind your child to show good taste)

Tuesday - School Spirit /BLUE Day (wear Bobcat gear or school colors of blue and black – we hope to get 100% participation)

Wednesday – Twins/Triplets/or Multiples Day

Thursday – Dress Your BEST Day (dress in your finest clothes)

Friday – Crazy Hair or Hats Day (crazy hair will be judged for prizes)

Sledding Contest

Each year we have wished for snow. Lesson learned this year - be careful what you wish for!!! The sledding competition will most likely be first thing in the morning when the trail is the fastest. The guidelines for sled making are:

1. Only soft materials (no hard plastic, wood, metal, or concrete??) may be used.

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2. Solo or multiple kids can enter a sled.
3. Sleds will be judged by age groups (K-2, 3-5, and 6-8).
4. Sleds will be judged for speed, distance, names, decoration, etc. Be creative!
Sleds should not be brought to school until the day of the winter carnival.

During the day, the following events will happen...dancing, 6-8 lip synch, chess and board games, musical chairs, coloring and poster contests, snow sculpture judging (from any recess creations), and the traditional 8th grade vs. the faculty and staff basketball game.

Spelling Irony: I-R-O-N-Y!!!

Last week I recognized the spelling bee champion... but spelled his name incorrectly! Unforgiveable! My apologies, CAMERON Stewart! And, once again, congratulations and good luck at the Hancock Country Spelling Bee at the Cave Hill School in Eastbrook on Monday, February 9 (snow date Thursday, February 12) at 6:30 PM.

Sports News

MDI Tournament

This tournament is a single elimination tournament, so we will approach it one game at a time. The quarterfinal games are at MDES for both boys and girls teams on Monday, 2/2. Tuesday will be a practice day. The semifinal games are on Wednesday 2/4. If the boys win on Monday, they will go to Trenton on Wednesday for a 4 PM game. If the girls win on Monday, they will go to Pemetie for a 4 PM game. If either team does not win on Monday, Wednesday will be a practice day for that team. Please let your coach know ASAP, if your grade player will not be able to attend playoff games on 2/2 and 2/4. The final game will be at MDI High School on 2/7. The finals are for the top 2 teams only, so boys go only if they win both Monday and Wednesday games. Girls go only if they win both Monday and Wednesday games. Girls game at 12:00 and boys game 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; it should be an exciting play-off week for our girls. The play-in game for them will be on 2/6, Friday. The final games will begin at 9 AM at GSA on 2/7. The seating for the tournament is being decided after the publication of the publication of Explorations, so the details will be emailed.

Next Week's Schedules

Clinic, Peninsula Boys, and Cheering

The season is finished. No more practices or games.

Coastal Boys

Monday: AWAY quarterfinal game at MDES, 5:30 PM

Tuesday: practice at 6-7:30 PM

Wednesday: AWAY semifinal game at Trenton 4 PM (if they win on 2/2)

Thursday: practice at 6-7:30 PM

Friday: off

Saturday: AWAY finals at MDI HS at 1:30 (if they win on 2/2 and 2/4)

Peninsula/Coastal Girls

Monday: AWAY quarterfinal game, MDES, 4 PM

Tuesday: practice at 4:30-6 PM

Wednesday: AWAY semifinal game at Pemetie 4 PM (if they win on 2/2)

Thursday: practice at 4:30-6 PM

Friday: play in game TBD

Saturday:

HOME finals at GSA TBD (starts at 9 AM)

AWAY finals at MDI HS at noon (if they win on 2/2 and 2/4)

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!

Cabin Fever Reliever

The First Congregational Church of Blue Hill sponsors a Cabin Fever Reliever Potluck Community Supper & Variety Show on Friday, February 6 at 6:00 PM. This is a fundraiser for

Youth Group and local charities. The suggested donations are \$6 for and \$3 for children 6 and under. And, if you bring food or pet food for Tree of Life you will get \$1 off. For more information call 374-2891 or email at bhcongo@yahoo.com.

We are looking for a Director for the Spring Musical. Each spring we put on a musical or play featuring from 30-50 students in grades 5-8. If you are interested in directing this spring's performance, please let me know. It is a very rewarding experience.

THINK SPRING!

The Garden Club is having its annual **seed sale** fundraiser. Forms will be going home with students this week. Check it out... there are many new varieties of seeds!

Dates to Remember

Thurs., Feb. 5	NAEP (Nation's Report Card) Testing, Grade 8
Fri., Feb. 6	Movie Night, 5:30 PM
Mon., Feb. 9	Hancock County Spelling Bee, 6:30 PM, Cave Hill School
Wed., Feb. 11	Board Meeting
Thurs., Feb. 12	PTF Meeting, 2:45
Fri., Feb. 13	Winter Carnival
Feb. 27	GSA, 8 th grade registration

Attachments:

Menu

School Budget Meetings

January 29, 7 PM
February 11, 5 PM (regular board meeting)
February 12, 5 PM
Town Meeting (final vote) is on April 4, 2015