



# EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

February 6, 2015

## Spring Play Informational Meeting

There will be a meeting on Monday, February 9th at 2:45 PM in the BHCS cafeteria for all students interested in participating in this spring's play. We will be exploring options for a production as well as determining how many students are interested in being a part of this exciting endeavor. Please invite your child to attend if he or she is interested in being part of the spring play in any capacity, be it onstage or backstage. For more information, contact this year's director, Bryan Lescord at 374-2202, ext. 127 or at [blescord@bhcs.org](mailto:blescord@bhcs.org). We are looking forward to a memorable and rewarding experience!

## PTF News

Movie Night - Finally!!! - Join us this Friday, February 6, to watch *Meet the Robinsons*. Pizza at 5:30, popcorn and movie at 6:00.

The February PTF meeting scheduled for February 12 is cancelled. The next meeting will be March 12 at 2:45.

Hannaford orders are due Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> by 2:30 PM. Thanks to all who participated last month. We raised \$100 to benefit school and PTF programs!

Volunteers are still needed to lend a hand at school next Friday, February 13 for the Winter Carnival.

## Library News

Author Day and the Maine Student Book Award celebration are right around the corner. This year, Tamra Wight will be visiting BHCS in honor of her book **Mystery on Pine Lake** being nominated for the Maine Student Book Award. On March 18, there will be a fun author day for students in grades K-3. The following day, students in grades 4-6 throughout Union 93 will gather for MSBA activities. These amazing events are a great chance for our students to meet authors and learn more about the writing process. If you would like to

volunteer to help, we will need people to lead activities. Contact Tracy Gandy at [tgandy@bhcs.org](mailto:tgandy@bhcs.org) to join in on the fun.

## BHCS Winter Carnival Coming Next Week, Friday, 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/Triples/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--

The guidelines for sled making are:

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

\*\*\***The Faculty VS. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade basketball game** starts at 1:00 that day. Feel free to come watch the fun!

## THINK SPRING!

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

## Health Alert Update: Measles in the U.S. No cases in Maine thus far.

For more information about measles and the vaccination, visit the Centers for Disease Control website at [www.cdc.org](http://www.cdc.org), and [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org).

Della L. Martin, Principal

**Jumprope for Heart Health: Collection Envelopes Coming Home Soon!!!**

Once again, Blue Hill Consolidated School will be participating in fundraising for the American Heart Association. Mr. McCormick and I will be coordinating this effort together. Last year's campaign was extraordinarily successful, resulting in over \$1200 collected by the BHCS students. Since February is recognized as Heart Health Month, we felt this would be a great time to start the fundraiser again. Mr. McCormick has the students jumping rope in physical education classes, and health classes will be focusing on the cardiovascular system as well. The students will be learning about the heart and blood vessels, how they work together, and most importantly, how to keep the heart healthy to prevent heart disease, high blood pressure, and stroke. Fundraising efforts for the American Heart Association are a great way to educate the public and also to help other people, including newborn babies and children who have heart problems. A list is attached to the newsletter about all the ways the American Heart Association uses the money collected. The collection envelopes will be sent home with all the students of BHCS on Friday, February 13. Any amount of money collected will be appreciated and helpful--even \$1.00 makes a difference! We will complete the fundraiser with a "Heart Health Celebration Day" of fun activities for the students with Mr. McCormick on April 10. Your support of these efforts and the students is greatly appreciated. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

~Mrs. Candage, RN, BSN/School Nurse

**TONIGHT! Cabin Fever Reliever**

The First Congregational Church of Blue Hill is sponsoring 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 adults and \$3 for children ages 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 [bhcongo@yahoo.com](mailto:bhcongo@yahoo.com).

**Fantastic Beasts**

**February Vacation Week at PMAL**

**Grades:** Kindergarten through Grade 5

**Dates:** Monday, February 16, to Thursday, February 19

**Time:** 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Cost:** \$50 per day or \$160 for all four days

\*\*\*Come for one day or more. You pick and choose your dates!

\*\*\* Peninsula Metamorphic Arts and Learning Center will transform into a mythical menagerie filled with fantastic beasts straight out of the fairy tales! Each day we will be exploring different ecosystems and discovering the creatures that inhabit them. One day we will be combing the forest in search of unicorns and gnomes, while the next day we will be searching the skies for dragons and griffins! Our activities for each day will include creating costumes and masks, learning about adaptations and habits, and themed games.

**Dates to Remember**

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

Fri., Feb. 13

Winter Carnival

**Feb. 14-22**

**February Vacation**

Feb. 27

GSA, 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
registration

**Attachments:**

**School Budget Meetings**

February 11, 5 PM (regular board meeting)

February 12, 5 PM

Town Meeting (final vote) is on April 4, 2015