



# EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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February 12, 2015

## Winter Carnival Tomorrow!

Please dress your child warmly, as we really want to have students outside for the sledding event. The weather forecast says it will be 15 degrees, but sunny with little wind.

### **Sledding Contest Rules:**

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! Sledding will be from 9:55 to 10:50.

**\*\*\*The Faculty VS. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade basketball game** starts at 1:00 that day. Feel free to come watch the fun! Crazy hair and hats will be judged at the basketball half-time show.

### Hancock County Spelling Bee Results!

We are very proud of our two spellers who attended the Hancock County Spelling Bee last night. **Cameron and Cole Stewart** tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place! Congratulations, for a job well done!

### Auditions for Spring Play: Charlotte's Web

We are excited to announce that this year's spring play will be *Charlotte's Web*, an adaptation of E.B. White's classic children's novel with a setting from our own Peninsula! There will be many roles to fill in this production, and we're ready to begin casting and designating stage crew positions. Please know that we will be including anyone interested in participating, with a philosophy that this is an opportunity for any student to experience and learn from being part of a theatrical production. And while there are a limited number of acting parts that can be filled, there will be a great need for a motivated stage crew. Students interested in being part of the stage crew should be sure to let Mr. Lescord know right away.

Acting auditions are **Monday, February 23 at 2:45** in the BHCS cafeteria. Callbacks will then be held on **Thursday, February 26 at 2:45**. Please arrange for pickup on these days after a phone call is received, as it will be difficult to predict when each child will be finished. We do intend, however, to be finished by 5:30 PM.

Please contact Bryan Lescord if you have questions or concerns ([blescord@bhcs.org](mailto:blescord@bhcs.org) / 374-2202, Ext. 127). Thank you for your support; the student enthusiasm thus far has been terrific, and we are so thrilled to bring this special story to life for our community!  
~Mr. Lescord

### Reminder for Parents

There is so much confusion at the end of each school day because we want to ensure that all students get to their various destinations as requested by parents. **Please do not go down to classrooms before the school day ends to pick up children, and please wait until the buses leave to pick up your child in the library.** If students leave randomly, it is hard to keep track of which child is going to which adult; and that can vary every day. Thank you for your support of keeping our kids safe.

### News from Mrs. Means!

**PTF Potluck and Music Department Variety Show** on Friday, March 6. Potluck starts at 5:30 and Variety Show at 6:00. See Mrs. Means or Mr. Schubeck for an official application sheet if you want to perform on stage!

**3-5 Chorus Club** will start up again, February 25. They will meet on Wednesdays from 2:45-3:40 in the general music room. New members are welcomed. See Mrs. Means for a permission slip. There is open enrollment until April to accommodate gymnastics.

**4th grade recorders** are here! As you know, part of your student's music education is an introduction to performance groups. It is now

Della L. Martin, Principal

time to form our recorder performance group (a pre-band experience). Please fill out the survey/order form that was sent home.

If you have any questions or would like to visit a music class, please feel free to contact me at school (374-2202 ext 115).

~~Mrs. Means

### 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 throughout School Union 93 in grades 4-5 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.

Also, this past week I had the privilege of attending a conference on Digital Resources for Libraries. Librarians from the Maine State Library were there and shared information about the Maine Virtual Library - MARVEL. I highly encourage you to check out this free resource for residents of Maine. It has excellent resources for students and access to articles from sources like [The Wall Street Journal](#) and [Consumer Reports](#).  
<http://libraries.maine.edu/mainedatabases/>

### PTF News

A huge thanks goes to everyone who helped at the basketball concession stands. We have raised over \$500 for the emergency notification system. At this point we are only \$300 short of our goal for the system.

The February PTF meeting is cancelled. Enjoy your winter break and we will see you on March 12 for the next PTF meeting.

### Sports News

*Appropriately, the word athlete comes to us from a Greek word meaning "to contend for a prize." Ever since the days of Ancient Greece,*

*athletic competition and physical training have been held in high esteem and been associated with academic endeavors. We celebrate our BHCS athletes and commended them for their dedication to physical training.*

### **Notes From Our Coaches At This Week's Sports Assembly**

\*BHCS XC was an amazing group of boys and girls, and every single person brought their own bit of strength and determination to this year's team. We've never had a boy and a girl win the Parker Pruett race, the Small School Championship, and the Coastal Championship meets. This year Tess Williamson and Josh Bell did just so. The team grew and built on every day. We had an amazing season this year. It's been the best season in my six years of coaching at BHCS. I felt very lucky to be their coach.

~~Coach Kim Williamson

\*It was a pleasure to coach the BHCS Coastal Soccer team this year. We had a large team of 22 athletes that worked hard and gave their best. The finals pitted BHCS Soccer against Mount Desert Elementary. The game really put all that we worked on to the test. After falling behind 1-0 our team never gave up, did not lose sight of the objective, and scored two hard earned goals to secure the victory. A fitting end to the hard work the athletes put in all season.

~~Coach Jim LaCasse

\*What a great bunch of kids the BHCS Peninsula Boys team has been to work with. Coach Mullen has seen improvement in all of them as the season has gone on. Peninsula Boys had some close games, and even though they may not have won, they gave it 110%. As a coach, that's all you can ask for.

~~Coach Jon Mullen

\*The BHCS Boys Coastal team honored the game of basketball. They played hard from the beginning to the end of every game, whether ahead in the score or behind. They played as a team, and they got better as the season progressed. I am very proud of them and pleased to have had the chance to be their coach. A coach never forgets his players. I will follow their future courses with great interest, and like

any real coach, I will always be ready to lend a hand to any one of them if it is ever needed.

~~Coach Jim Dow

\*BHCS Peninsula and Coastal Girls saw lots of growth this year. The girls showed they could triumph graciously, and shake off defeat. In the end there were far more wins than losses. Every player took risks as an individual and stretched her abilities, but also played well as part of a team. While these girls were great models of good sportsmanship, they were also fierce competitors. I would like to thank the girls for the opportunity to coach them, and wish them all the best.

~~Coach John McKechnie

\*The BHCS Cheerleaders had a great time and were awesome athletes. They worked very hard and their performance was incredible, not only in games, but in practices as well. I was very lucky to work with such a great group and I'm proud of their dedication and enthusiasm.

~~Coach Kelcey Snowdeal

\*Mrs. Martin also acknowledged our clinic players and the athletes who participate in athletic endeavors outside of school, which was an amazing 2/3 of the 6-8 population! We have a great deal of interest in sports at BHCS.

### **Jump Rope for Heart Health!**

#### **Collection envelopes will be coming home**

**Friday, Feb. 13.** The American Heart Association "Jump Rope for Heart Health" fundraiser will officially start on Friday, February 13, the last day before vacation, and will run until April 10, the last week before April vacation. Please read the letter and discuss this with your child. We're aiming for 100% participation this year. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. We will also be celebrating Heart Health Month by having a **"Get Your Red On Day For Heart Health" on Friday, Feb. 27.** The student body is encouraged to **wear your favorite RED outfit on Feb. 27.** Celebrate your child's and family's heart health, while at the same time highlighting the great work the American Heart Association is doing to reduce heart disease and its effects in our country.

**Health Alert Updates:** There have been a couple of confirmed cases of conjunctivitis, also known as "pink eye" in the school. If you are concerned about your child having pink eye, please have him/her seen by a doctor. If it is bacterial conjunctivitis, an antibiotic will need to be started. The most common symptoms are a "goopy" yellow, crusty drainage in the eye(s) and pink/red discoloration of the white parts of the eye(s). Most children also complain that their eyes feel itchy and may feel like they have sand in their eye(s). A great website for more information is [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org).

Have a great winter break with your children. I hope everyone stays healthy and can actually get outside to enjoy the beautiful snow!!!

~~Deborah L. Candage, RN, BS

### **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!

### **Dates to Remember**

Fri., Feb. 13

**Feb. 14-22**

Feb. 27

Winter Carnival

**February Vacation**

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

**Notice: There will not be a spring gymnastics program this year.**



### **Blue Hill Public Library**

February Vacation Boredom Buster Programs at the Blue Hill Public Library

#### **\*\*Drop-in Crafter-noon!**

Tuesday, February 17, 1-4 PM

Come for the whole 3 hours or just a few minutes. Become mighty makers and create something fun and practical! Ages 8-14

#### **\*\*Pizza & Movie Night!**

Thursday, February 19, 5-7 PM

Young adults are invited to watch a movie on the "sort-of" big screen and enjoy pizza for dinner. The movie runs 97 minutes.

The movie will be ***The Boxtrolls***, which is rated PG. Ages 10-14

**\*\*Drop-in Game Time!**

Friday, February 10, 1-4 PM

Come for the whole 3 hours or just a few minutes.

Play games of all types (no electronic games, PLEASE!) inside and outside (weather permitting) the Library. And there will be snacks! Ages 8-14

\*\*For more information, call Pat at 374-5515 or visit our events calendar at [www.bhpl.net](http://www.bhpl.net).

**PMAL - Fantastic Beasts During February Vacation Week**

**Grades:** Kindergarten through Grade 5

**Dates:** Monday - Thursday, February 16 - 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.

**Guitar For Sale**

Student electric guitar with amp for sale - \$25!

Call 469-2810 after 5 PM for more info.