



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

March 12, 2015

**Note: March 27 and April 17 will both be student school days to make up for storm days.**

### **Classroom News**

Second graders have been studying inventors. They have also been brainstorming problems and needs in the world (for the planet, humans, and animals) and possible invention solutions. Each student will be creating his or her favorite invention idea in the form of a model this week. They will be on display in the lobby next week!

### **Pre-K and Kindergarten Registrations**

Anyone who has, or knows of, a student who will be in Pre-K or K next year please contact the office at 374-2202. This year's Pre-K students do not need to call. Children will need to be 4 or 5 years old before October 15.

### **Communications News**

The website is back online, finally! Thank you for your patience as we worked through a real mess of a situation. We're still working on getting a few more pieces of the site online and will make them available as they are completed. **Also, if you are not receiving emails on the Explorations and/or PTF mail lists and you want to be, you must complete the online registration form. If you go to our website ([www.bhcs.org](http://www.bhcs.org)), look on the left-hand side under Public Links, click on School Email Lists, and complete the form that pops up, you'll be registered on the mail list. We no longer add subscribers to the lists ourselves—it's all done through the form.**

Thank you for your cooperation and patience!  
~~ Mr. Jurick

### **Spring Play**

This year's spring play, *Charlotte's Web*, will open Thursday, April 30th at 6 PM with an encore performance May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM. Stay tuned

for upcoming meetings for parents and stage crew!

### **2015 State Champion Chess Team Fundraiser Dinner on St. Patrick's Day!**

Help send our chess champs to the National Competition in Kentucky!!

Tuesday, March 17, 5:30 PM

BHCS Cafeteria

Corned Beef, Cabbage,

Irish Soda Bread,

Mac & Cheese for Kids

Donations Appreciated!

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us!

You can also contribute to the chess team's trip by going to the link below:

[www.gofundme.com/bluehillchess](http://www.gofundme.com/bluehillchess)

### **BHCS 2-5 Chorus Club**

It's Free and Fun!

When: Wednesday after school until 3:40, starting March 18

Where: General Music Room

Who: BHCS Students in grades 2 through 5

Why: TO SING! (and perform in the spring concert!)

Contact: Mrs. Audrey Means

374-2202, ext. 115 or [ameans@bhcs.org](mailto:ameans@bhcs.org)

### **Please Consider the 4 PM Van!**

For students who want to participate in after school activities, please know that there is a school van available to drive them home on Mondays through Thursdays. Let the office know and we will arrange this transportation.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser**

**Little Caesars Pizza Kits.** The sale ends on March 20, and kits will be delivered on April 3. Eighth graders have order forms, and additional order forms will be posted in the BHCS lobby and library. Please contact Chris Billings at 374-1032 or Melissa Emerton at 479-2763.

Della L. Martin, Principal

### Sports News

**Spring track** is just around the corner!

On March 24, 25, and 26 the coaches will be offering an open gym time from 3-4 PM for kids interested in joining track who would be new to the team. Track athletes from last year will be demonstrating events to give potential new track members a look at what it is like to train with the track team. The following week, on Tuesday March 31, track practice will begin for all track participants. Track practice will be offered on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3-4 PM until April vacation. For students participating in the play, the practices for the play and the track team will conflict until the first meet, but Director Lescord will do his best to creatively schedule the play practices flexibly. Students in the play will need to be sure to get the play practice expectations completed, then go to track if time allows. After April vacation, track practice will expand to Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3-4 PM. **The first meet is on April 29th.**

**Softball** players in grades 6-8 interested in participating on our BHCS softball team, please email Mrs. McKechnie. It is time to get a team roster. Denny Rackliffe will continue to offer softball clinic practice on Sundays from 2-4 PM until the season begins.

**Baseball** players in grades 6-8 interested in participating on our BHCS baseball team, please email Mrs. McKechnie. We will begin practice for catchers and pitchers this month; we are beginning to organize a roster.

**Softball and baseball clinic** for students in grades 3-5 will also be offered this spring, but the clinics will not begin until after April vacation.

**THINK SPRING!!!**

### Library News

What a busy month it is for Reading and Literacy!

This Friday, March 13, is BEAR Night from 6:00 - 7:30. Be Enthusiastic About Reading and join us in the library for a fun evening of reading. Bring your favorite books or borrow some from the library. It is a great time to read to your family and friends. As a special treat, everyone will be bringing snacks to share based

on a favorite story. For example, Mrs. Gandy is bringing a veggie platter inspired by the book *Tops and Bottoms*.

Next week, guest Author Tamra Wight will be visiting BHCS and the Blue Hill Public Library.

Wednesday, March 18 is Author Day. Ms. Wight will be joined by Roger Stevens, local nature photographer, as they present their books to our students in grades K-3. Order forms for these books went home earlier and a copy is attached.

Thursday, March 19 is the Maine Student Book Award Celebration. This is a district wide event for students in grades 4 and 5. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about the writing process, speak to a game warden, and learn about loons.

### PTF News

The PTF will meet today, Thursday, March 12, after school in the library. Topics to be discussed include Teacher & Staff Appreciation, Town Meeting refreshments, and upcoming events.

March 20 will be the last Movie Night of the year (that means spring is right around the corner!) - We will be showing *The Mighty Ducks*. Pizza at 5:30, movie at 6 PM.

Bobcat Gear t-shirts are here! Cost is \$10 and there is a limited amount in each size. Contact Sarah King if you have any questions or stop by the library before/after school to pick one up.

### GSA News

International Night at George Stevens Academy will be held on Saturday, March 28. Tour cultural booths and sample delicious ethnic food from many countries from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. A variety of amazing entertainment will begin at 6:00. This is a wonderful event for people of all ages. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. For more information please contact Kathy Pelletier at [k.pelletier@georgestevens.info](mailto:k.pelletier@georgestevens.info).

### Dates to Remember

Fri., March 13	B.E.A.R. Night, 6 PM
Tues., March 17	St. Patrick's Day Dinner, chess team fundraiser, 5:30 PM
Wed., March 18	K-3 Author Day

Thurs., March 19      Maine Student Book  
Award Day for U93  
grades 4-5

Fri., March 20      Movie Night, The  
Mighty Ducks, 5:30 PM

Sat., March 21      State Middle School  
Jazz Festival

Fri., April 3      Blue Hill Town  
Election Day

Sat., April 4      Town Meeting, 9 AM

**Menu for March 27**

Breakfast: breakfast pizza, cereal, mixed fruit,  
pears, milk  
Lunch: macaroni & cheese, cornbread, peas &  
carrots, salad, apple, mandarin orange, milk

**Dance in Penobscot, Friday, March 13, 6:00-  
9:30.**  
**Dance at Sedgwick School, Saturday, March  
21, from 6-9:30.**



**Little League Baseball and Softball  
Registration**

All age levels  
Wednesday and Thursday, March 18 and 19  
2:45 – 3:30  
For more information call Jonathan Smallidge at  
374-5709



**Community Benefit Supper for Lonnie  
Perkins, cancer patient**

Saturday, March 21, 5:30 PM  
BHCS Cafeteria  
Pot Luck - Casseroles – Pies  
\$8 per person



**Indoor Junior High Soccer Clinic**

This year Blue Hill Soccer Club was asked to form a junior high indoor soccer team for grades six through eight. This can be for both boys and girls. We are looking for more players to join this team. Practices are Monday from 7 to 8 PM and games are on Saturdays. Our first game is this Saturday and games go through April 17. The cost is \$30. If you're interested, please contact Katye Lacasse at 374-5813 ASAP. Team spots will go to the first come first serve.



**Self Talk for Success Seminar**...featuring self talk institute certified trainer Kristen Hornbrook. This is valuable event is for everyone and it's FREE. March 28 at the BHCS cafeteria 10 AM – noon. See the attached flyer on the back.