



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

April 16, 2015

### Thank You!

Our jazz program is the happy recipient of a big donation from a local group that played at last summer's *Rock the Boat* festival. Shawn McKay (Kelly's and Caitlyn's dad) and Bridge DeLong (dad of former students, Adam and Anna) chose our program to receive the \$1,215 donation. We are truly grateful! This will help Mr. Schubeck buy new instruments and other materials needed for our very successful program. Thank you, Shawn and Bridge!

### 2015 Speech Contest for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

We have a tie for first place this year! Elana Williamson and Miriam Nelson will attend the Union 93 contest on Tuesday, April 28, at 5:30 PM at the Surry School. Lillie Maier will be the alternate. Two other great speeches by Eric Mote and Ashley Woods also need to be recognized. Their topics are listed below:

- ❖ Elana Williamson- "The Hollywood Sign"
- ❖ Miriam - "Jelly Fish Lake, Palau"
- ❖ Lillie Maier – "Stateville Correctional Facility"
- ❖ Eric Mote – "Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame"
- ❖ Ashley Woods – "The Sphinx"

This was their prompt...*"The world is full of landmarks that represent historical, aesthetic or cultural importance. Landmarks tell a story and add to the rich fiber of our world. In big cities, small towns and even in rugged rural fields, buildings, monuments and other structures or geographic features are considered landmarks - natural or manmade places of interest that may be easily recognizable or historically significant."* Students were asked to tell the story of one landmark in their own words. The students listed above chose to take on this challenge, and they did it well! Congratulations to them!

### Spring is Finally Here!

I hope you all have a warm and peaceful spring break. You all deserve it. It has been a very (VERY) long winter for Blue Hill, but we are pulling through it. Thank you so much for your patience and your hard work this winter, and for those who have persevered with a good sense of humor! It's going to be a great spring!

### Pre-K Registration – May 4 and 5

There will be no school those days for the current Pre-K students.

### Kindergarten Registration – May 8

There will be no school that day for the current K students.

### Sports News

Coach Needed: A baseball clinic coach is needed for grades 3-5. If you have time to work with this young group three times a week from 2:45 to 3:30 PM, let us know.

### Softball Clinic Begins!

Softball clinic for girls in grade 3-5 begins on April 27, from 3-4 PM. The Softball clinic will be on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3-4 PM in the gym or the BHCS softball field. Denny Rackliffe will be coaching the softball clinic.

### Baseball and Track Practices Begin!

See the practice and game schedules on the Athletic Calendar of the school website.

### Library News

We are still in need of some plant pots for the library. Please consider donating a few as you prepare your spring planting.

### PTF News

Once again the PTF will be coordinating the Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week. It will be May 4-8, and there are many opportunities for you to help. Please see the attached form for more information.

Della L. Martin, Principal

### **Jump Rope for Heart Health Campaign**

Deadline: April 27th, 2015

This campaign has been the most successful so far with \$1,832 in donations turned in. All of the students who have turned in their donations have a "Thank You Duck" posted on our duck wall. It's looking pretty great! There is still time to participate and turn in donations.

**Screen Free Week:** April 27 – May 1st. There will be some fun after-school activities planned for anyone who would like to participate. The sign-up sheets are due back this Friday, April 17th. We'll also be conducting some fun "In-School" activities that week. For example, a full day of 1-minute exercises, every hour all day. These quick and fun exercises really get the blood flowing and provide a great way to move around. Research shows this will improve focus and brain function! We'll also be celebrating the students successful Jump Rope for Heart Health campaign with a fun-filled day in the gym with Mr. McCormick on Friday, May 1st. All students are treated to a period of fun heart healthy activities throughout the day!

**5-2-1-0 Meeting:** Thursday, April 16th at 2:45 in the BHCS library. Join us to help plan the annual Spring Fling/Community Potluck event scheduled for Saturday, May 16th. For more information, please contact  
~~Debbie Candage, School Nurse

### **Dates to Remember**

Fri., April 17	School Day Make-up
Thurs., Apr. 30	Opening Night, BHCS Presents <i>Charlotte's Web</i> , 6 PM
Fri., May 1	Encore Night, <i>Charlotte's Web</i> , 6 PM
Mon., June 8	5-8 Concert, 7 PM
Tues., June 9	PK- 4 Concert, 6:30 PM
Wed., June 17	GRADUATION, 7 PM
Fri., June 19	Last Day of School

### **Attachments:**

Teacher Appreciation Sign-up



### **T-ball and Farm League Baseball**

Anyone whose child is between 4 and 12 years old and who has not yet signed up for T-ball or Minor League (Farm League) can still do so by emailing Jon Smallidge at [jsmallidge1@roadrunner.com](mailto:jsmallidge1@roadrunner.com). Coaches are also needed.

### **PMAL News**

**PMAL's after school program, Arts Playhouse**, for students in K-5, has one last round of programming to offer Peninsula students for this academic year. Starting Monday, May 4, after school enrichment workshops will be:

- Monday: Spring Outdoors - outdoor adventures and games
- Tuesday: Seeds to Sprouts - gardening and more
- Wednesday: Picnic Prep - everyone enjoys a good picnic!
- Thursday: Watercolor Abounds - spring colors in the air

There is a great deal going on at PMAL this summer. Check out our offerings at [www.pmalcenter.com](http://www.pmalcenter.com).

### **Hancock County Technical Center**

#### **Open House**

Tonight (April 16) HCTC in Ellsworth  
6:00 - 7:30

For parents and students grades 7-12  
They will go over all their programs, show you around, and answer any questions.

### **Summer Camps**

Nichols Day Camp is accepting applications for summer camps. Telephone: 374-9906 or contact them at [www.nicholsdaycamps.org](http://www.nicholsdaycamps.org).