



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

May 21, 2015

Thanks from the IDEA Center

With the unbelievable summer we had last year raising funds to create our new IDEA Center and STEAM curriculum, we thought that was as far as we could go (which was really far!), but through the incredible generosity of GSA, The Perloff Family Foundation, BEEM, Maine Space Grant Consortium, Ira Berry Lodge #128, John Richardson, Lauren Richardson, and Meg Donohue and Chris Nelson, we went even further! Our newest addition to the IDEA Center—a laser cutter/engraver—has truly rounded-out our capabilities for digital fabrication and maker education, making our school the first K-8 school in the state (and one of the few K-8 schools in the country) to offer this level of STEAM education.

We also want to thank EBS, Ray Stephens, Chris Marshall, and Sarah King for their amazing donation of materials for the IDEA Center. With their contribution, our middle school students are getting their first real quality experience with the new laser cutter, keeping Blue Hill on the very cutting edge of technology education.

Thanks so much! It's truly inspiring to work in a community that is so supportive!
~~Matt Jurick & Tracy Gandy, IDEA Instructors

Library News

The students and teachers have been wonderful during the month of May as the library schedule changed to allow for the computer based testing in grades 3-5. We have held story time in classrooms when needed and students came prepared when it was time to check out books or research. It even provided us with an opportunity to try some new things. For example, Pre-K has had library time in their classroom every day for the month, so we have been reading a chapter book together! I am so proud of the flexibility and respectful behavior I have seen from all the students.

All library materials are due back June 5.

PTF News

The end of the year is approaching fast and the PTF is busy supporting classroom teachers with their projects and special events. All of the fundraising that is done throughout the year enables us to truly help our teachers as they put together marvelous events for our students.

Several families helped with the “spring cleaning” last weekend. The place looks great! Thank you....

- ❖ Erin and Michael Dooley (& parents)
- ❖ Emily, Wyatt & Spencer Young (& parents)
- ❖ Lauren Pelletier (& little sister & parents)
- ❖ Aubrey King (& Hannah & parents)
- ❖ Annika Marshall (& parents)
- ❖ Sam Page (& Andy, & Sam’s mom)
- ❖ Karen Larkin
- ❖ Laura Meier (& her son)

Dates to Remember

Fri., May 22	Grade 8 to the GRAND
	Grade 6 Greek Festival
Tues., May 26	Gr. 3 to Otter Cove, 8-1:30
Fri., May 29	Gr. 6 to the Challenger Center, 8-2
Tues., June 2	Gr. 7/8 to Woodlawn
Thurs., June 4	Gr. 7 to Wilson Museum, Castine
Fri., June 5	Gr. 1 Bird Exhibit, 1:30-2:30
Mon., June 8	5-8 Concert, 7 PM
Tues., June 9	PK- 4 Concert, 6:30 PM
June 10-11	8 th Grade Class Trip
Fri., June 12	Gr. 2 Whale Exhibit, 1:15-2:15 Mrs. Martin’s Retirement Party, 7 PM – save the date
Wed., June 17	GRADUATION, 7 PM K to Curtis Cove, 10-1
Thurs., June 18	Step-Up Time, 8:30- 9:30 AM
Fri., June 19	Gr. 7 to Augusta, leaving at 8 AM and returning at 4 PM
Fri., June 19	Last Day of School

Della L. Martin, Principal



Memorial Day Breakfast

At the Ira Berry Lodge on Main Street

Monday, May 25

6:30 – 10:00

Eggs, Pancakes, and Bacon!

\$8 adults and \$5 children under 12

Items Needed for GSA Sports Equipment Sale!

GSA is holding a **huge** equipment sale on Saturday, September 26, during Homecoming Weekend. We are collecting gear of **all types for all seasons**, including team & individual sports, recreation equipment, family games and more. All proceeds to benefit GSA, so please contact us using the information below about dropping off or having us pick up your donations!

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Blue Hill Public Library and Kneisel Hall Teaching Musicians Present...

On Wednesday, May 27, from 3:30 to 4:30 PM, the Blue Hill Public Library will host an interactive children's concert exploring the theme of **Turning Stories into Songs**, led by Kneisel Hall's new team of teaching musicians. Participants will work together with the guest artists to compose soundtracks to favorite children's stories, create new stories inspired by the music performed, and share our favorite Blue Hill experiences through song. All levels of musical experience are welcome. The guest musicians will be Matt Consul, viola; Hannah Collins, cello; Hannah Sun, piano; and Laura Weiner, horn. This free program is open to children ages 5-12. Space is limited, so registration is required. Reserve a space at the library's events calendar- www.bhpl.net or by calling the library at 374-5515.

SUMMER YOUTH TRACK & FIELD for BLUE HILL PENINSULA

The Blue Hill Peninsula Track Club will be active again this summer. This program is for area youth ages 5 to 15 (as long as they have not completed 9th grade); it is run by GSA teacher and BHCS track coach David Stearns. This is a chance for children to try their hand (or foot) at sprinting and distance running, race-walking, hurdling, jumping, or throwing various implements.

Practices will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Blue Hill Consolidated School. Most participants also attend weekly track meets on Thursday afternoons from 2 pm to 6 pm, in the greater Bangor area. The cost of this program will be \$60 with a \$15 discount for siblings. Practices will begin on June 16. The first of five weekly meets is June 25.

For more information and to get on the contact list please phone David Stearns at 374-3731 or email d.stearns@georgestevens.info.