



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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September 10, 2015

From the Principal - Ready to Learn

The first day of school is always one of my favorite days of the year. All the materials and books are put away in their proper places. Pencils are sharpened and all the new workbooks are free of markings. Best of all, kids come back to school! After a summer of cleaning, preparing and rejuvenating, the adults here are ready to teach and the students are ready to learn.

The teachers and support staff spoke at length this summer about how we could make this year great all year long. We determined that in order to maximize teaching and learning, we had to start by committing ourselves to first teaching behavior expectations class by class, room by room. Not only are we teaching and modeling our expectations, we are continuing our plan of catching students doing the right thing. We have caught so many students following the rules!

So, let me be the first to say thank you! Thank you to the teachers and staff for preparing innovative lessons and thinking of ways to bring out the best in your students!. Thank you to parents and families for getting your children here on time and with a positive attitude! And thank you students, for your excitement for school and the responsibility you take on as part of our learning community!

I'm pleased to report that Blue Hill Consolidated School is Ready to Learn!

PTF News

See you at Back to School Night - be sure to stop by the PTF tables to find out more information and pick up some free goodies. Bobcat gear will also be available to buy: \$10 for short-sleeve t-shirts.

The first PTF meeting of the year will be Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 2:45 in the library. Childcare is provided and we try to keep the meetings to one hour. We will be discussing the upcoming year and how to be involved at BHCS.

You can send in your BoxTops for education that have been piling up all summer! The collection bin is now in the lobby or you can send Boxtops in with your student. Be sure to label the bag with the student's name and homeroom so that we can credit the right class. Last year we raised over \$700 for our school.

Take the PTF Survey!

Take 5 minutes to answer 10 questions and learn more about PTF. Yes, if you've already completed and returned the PTF form, even you can participate in this survey. We are asking a few extra questions that will help us shape things!

Visit <http://bit.ly/bhcsptfsurvey2015>.

Thanks!

From Ms. Herrmann and Ms. Hudson . . .

Grade 8 mandatory meeting for parents and class officers - September 17th, 6:00-7:00 PM in Ms. Herrmann's room. During this time, we will go over the major events for the year. Please be present so that you can sign up for activities that you would enjoy helping with. We need leaders and helpers.

Only parents/guardians and class officers are invited to attend this meeting. We will be discussing all events with the entire class during regularly scheduled meetings during school.

School News

This year students will be helping to contribute to the Explorations newsletter. The following was written by one of our 8th graders.

Over the summer, the janitors did a lot of work to clean the school. There is fresh paint in some of the classrooms and the lockers downstairs are now blue. The hallway and classroom floors looked like glass; they were so shiny the first day back. It is important to know that everyone who helped had to work a lot to make the school ready for us and ready for everyone to come back. Thank you!

Library News

The BHCS library is looking for volunteers. If you would like a chance to work in the library for a few hours a week, please contact Tracy Gandy at tgandy@bhcs.org or send a note to school. Duties range from helping students find and check out books to organizing the bookshelves and covering new books. You can volunteer for a morning shift, 8:00 - 11:30, or an afternoon shift, 11:30 - 2:30. No experience required.

Reminders...

Bus/pick-up notes need to go directly to homeroom teachers. Please do not leave them on Loretta's desk. Please remember to keep the school informed of any address or phone changes.

Picture Day September, 25th

Forms will be coming home next week. Please be sure to send your order and payment in on the 25th.

Dates to Remember...

Thurs., Sept. 10	Open House, Back to School Picnic - 5:00 in classrooms, 5:30 in the gym Rain or Shine!
Thurs., Sept. 17	Gr. 8 Parent Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm
Fri., Sept. 18	Gr. 7-8 Coastal Clean-Up 8:00-11:30 am
Mon., Sept. 21	5th Grade Instrumental Rental Meeting 6:30 Cafeteria
Wed., Sept. 23	Gr. 8 to Woodlawn Blackhouse 9:00-1:00 am



Ready for Arts Playhouse? The PMAL after school enrichment program has begun!

September and October schedule:

- + Monday: Jewelry Making Day
- + Tuesday: Dino Day
- + Wednesday: Super Hero Day
- + Thursday: Nature Journaling

As always, Arts Playhouse will begin with a healthy snack and then move on to homework time. Children who do not have homework will have time for games, art, and outdoor play. At 4pm, the children will gather for the enrichment activities.

From Blue Hill Consolidated School, children may ride Bus A to PMAL.

Pricing remains the same as last year.

- \$18/day (1-3 days / week)
- \$15/day (4 days / week), 10% sibling discount

Please contact us for more information or to register your child! chris@pmaalcenter.com or 374-5255.