



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

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### From the Principal - Working Together



In case you haven't heard me mention this yet, I believe that the people of Blue Hill are extremely fortunate to live where we do. Teachers at BHCS are utilizing the resources of our little piece of Vacationland to create rich learning experiences for our students. A perfect example of melding school curriculum with community resources was the eighth grade field trip to Woodlawn last week. Students took a walk into the late 1800s by studying The John Black estate. History and art activities focused on the treasured collections of furniture, portraits, china, books, and architecture. Primary source documents were on display for the students to view. Ecological activities explored succession over time during a hike through the trails to the family tomb. Croquet, a popular sport of the time period, was taught to the students by expert local players.

As with every field trip, it was not just the day itself that made the learning meaningful, but also the pre-teaching and follow-up. I am not the only one who recognizes the hard work that it took to pull off such a successful integrated curriculum. Mrs. Ricker, Ms. Herrmann, and Ms. Hudson have been asked present at the "Write Here, Write Now: Writing Across the Curriculum Conference", at the University of Maine in Augusta, on November 13. Thank you for representing BHCS!

Warmly,  
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### PTF News - Hannaford Cards

The Hannaford Card program is a great way to donate money to the school at no additional cost to you. If you shop at a Hannaford and purchase, or reload a Hannaford Card through us, Hannaford will donate 5% of your order to the BHCS PTF. We use these funds to benefit BHCS and PTF activities and programs.

Last year we raised over \$1,200 through this program. Last month, we raised approximately \$140. These funds benefitted classrooms, school events and PTF events.

#### **What does this entail?**

If you choose to participate, you would load a portion of your grocery money onto a Hannaford Card through the BHCS PTF every month. You would then use this card to purchase your groceries at any Hannaford store (including Tradewinds). For doing this, Hannaford then gives the BHCS PTF 5% of your card value. For example, if you load \$100 per month onto a Hannaford Card, Hannaford will donate \$5 per month to the school. This adds up quickly!

#### **What do I need to do to participate?**

Every month the BHCS PTF will sell new Hannaford Cards as well as reload existing Hannaford Cards. In order to participate in the program, you would need to fill out an order form, include payment, and submit these items to the office by 2:30 PM on the second Thursday of each month. We will load your money onto your card and when you go grocery shopping, you use your card to pay. We email reminders and forms each month. We also keep track of your card numbers to make reloading cards easier.

#### **The October Hannaford Card order will be due on Thursday, October 8th by 2:30 PM.**

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah King at 374-9294 or [ptf@bhcs.org](mailto:ptf@bhcs.org).

### PTF Events

Join us at our next PTF meeting on Thursday October 15th at 2:45 PM in the BHCS library. Childcare and snacks provided.

On Friday, October 30th at 6:00 PM in the BHCS cafeteria we will be hosting a Halloween fun night! We invite you to wear a costume, bring a pumpkin to carve, and watch a (not-so-scary) Halloween movie with us!

### Library News

Mark your calendars - The Monster Book Fair is coming! October 19 - 22 the BHCS library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. If you are interested in helping out, please complete the attached form and return it to Tracy Gandy. There are jobs for everyone from setting up to helping shoppers at the fair. A preview book flier will be sent home next week so you can see what books may be available.

### School News

*The newly-formed Communication Club is a group of 8th graders that meets twice a week and creates articles and displays for school related activities.*

This Friday, October 2 there will be a dance in Brooklin from 6-9. Students in grades 6-8 are welcome. Last Friday there was a dance here at BHCS and it was a lot of fun.

On Monday, September 28 the Blue Hill Cross Country team attended the Parker Pruetts invitational meet, at the Sumner High School. Boys placed 7th overall out of 12 schools. Girls also placed 7th out of 12 schools. Combined together the Cross Country team placed 6th.

### Reminders...

All visitors to BHCS must sign in and get a pass. Thank you for taking the time to keep our students safe.

**Our website is back up and running! [www.bhcs.org](http://www.bhcs.org)**

### Attachments

Book Fair Volunteer Form  
October Menu

### Dates to Remember...

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| Fri., Oct 2   | Brooklin Dance, Gr. 6 - 8<br>6:00 PM - 9:00 PM         |
| Thu., Oct. 8  | Grade 4 to Acadia Park<br>8:00 AM - 2:00 PM            |
| Thu., Oct. 8  | Hannaford Card Orders Due                              |
| Wed., Oct. 14 | School Board Meeting<br>5:00 PM                        |
| Thu., Oct. 15 | PTF Meeting<br>2:45 PM BHCS library                    |
| Oct. 19 - 22  | Monster Book Fair<br>7:30 AM - 6:00 PM<br>BHCS Library |
| Wed., Oct. 28 | Grade 6 to Acadia Park<br>8:00 AM - 2:15 PM            |
| Fri., Oct. 30 | Movie Night and Pumpkin<br>Carving, 6:00 PM            |



Thoughts from PMAL's new lead teacher - Renee  
What inspires me the most at Peninsula Metamorphic Arts and Learning are my students. They always ask me interesting questions like, "How do black holes form?" or "How do I make a super hero costume out of pillow cases?" Their curiosity pushes me to create lesson plans that nurture and explore this sense of wonder and imagination. Since I began working at PMAL a year ago, I have explored the deepest parts of the ocean, searched the tundras for mythical creatures, traveled to ancient Egypt, and gone on countless other journeys alongside my students, without ever having left Blue Hill. The students inspire me to create lessons and activities that fully engage them, and they take something away, whether it's a concept, project, or just a smile.

Registration for our after school program is now open! Come play and explore at PMAL - 374-5255!