



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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From the Principal - School Safety

Nothing tugs at the hearts of parents and school staff members more than keeping our children safe. The world is a scary place, and I know how hard it is to send your kids off and trust that everything will be okay. With that in mind, I'd like to share with you some of the ways that we are working to keep your children safe and how you can help!

First, the very first week of school every child is taught the plan for evacuation in the event of a fire. We practice fire drills almost monthly, so students are well prepared. The expectations are that they line up quickly and quietly, and then follow the teacher to the designated safe spot outside. Students and adults remain silent, so that the adults may ensure everyone is accounted for and receive further direction when needed. Today we have seven of our amazing, local, *volunteer* firefighters here to talk to our younger students about fire safety at home. I love that students get a chance to see the firefighters in their full gear so that if they ever encounter one they won't be scared.

Second, we have multiple policies regarding visitors to our school. We ask that all visitors enter through the main entrance, sign in at the desk inside the lobby, and put on a lanyard that says "Visitor." This is really important to us. There are a lot of staff and students in this building on a daily basis (over 300!) and they don't all know even the most regular visitors. The Visitor lanyard reassures us that the person is in fact supposed to be here.

Finally, we are extremely fortunate to have a full time nurse on our staff. For those of you that haven't met her, April Chapman is an experienced nurse that joined us this summer. Having a nurse here throughout the day ensures that any serious illness, allergic reactions, and even lice outbreaks are dealt with quickly and correctly.

Warmly,
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Kudos

Kudos this week goes to our new Head Cook Tim Cyr and Cook Robin Mitchell for preparing a delicious lunch for the staff at our inservice day. Thank you, Tim and Robin!

Original Works

The Original Works order forms are due in to the office by Monday, October 19th. Make sure to include the artwork with your child's name, class, and school on the back. There should also be a T on the back indicating the top. Contact me with any questions. Penny Ricker, ext 114

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!

Thank you so much for all the families that are participating in the Hannaford Cards program. Last month, we earned \$130 for our school.

Reminders...

Please make sure you sign up for conferences next week. Specialists are available at the following times:

Ms. Burch	<i>by appointment</i>
Mrs. Danielson	<i>by appointment</i>
Mrs. Gandy	Monday - Thursday, 3 - 5
Mrs. Granger	<i>by appointment</i>
Mr. Holman	Tuesday & Wednesday, 3 - 6 Thursday, 3 - 4:30
Mr. Jurick	Monday - Thursday, 3 - 5
Mr. McCormick	Monday, 3 - 7 Wednesday & Thursday, 3 - 4:30
Mrs. Means	Monday & Tuesday, 2:45 - 5 Thursday, 2:45 - 5:00
Mrs. Ricker	Tuesday - Thursday, 3 - 5:30
Mr. Schubeck	<i>by appointment</i>

Library News



The Monster Book Fair is coming! October 19 - 22 the BHCS library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. The Book Fair is open from 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM. *If you are interested in helping out, please contact Tracy Gandy. There are jobs for everyone from setting up to helping shoppers at the fair.*

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.

Thursday, October 8 the BHCS cross country team hosted a cross country meet. The meet was successful and very fun. For the next couple weeks the team has championship meets to go to, that we are all very excited and nervous for. Hopefully, these last few meets go well for our team and we will have a great last few weeks!

Dates to Remember...

Thu., Oct. 15	PTF Meeting 2:45 PM BHCS library
Fri., Oct. 16	Dance in Penobscot Gr. 6-8, 6-9 PM
Oct. 19 - 22	Monster Book Fair 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM BHCS library
Oct. 19 - 22	Parent Teacher Conferences
Thu., Oct. 22	Flu Clinic 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Fri., Oct. 23	NO SCHOOL
Wed., Oct. 28	Grade 6 to Acadia Park 8:00 AM - 2:15 PM
Fri., Oct. 30	Movie Night and Pumpkin Carving, 6:00 PM
Fri., Oct. 30	Dance in Blue Hill Gr. 6-8, 6-9 PM
Fri., Nov. 13	Picture Retake Day



Scarecrow Contest returns to Mainescape! Join the fun and maybe even win a prize. Build a scarecrow to display at the Peninsula Harvest Festival held Saturday, October 17, at Mainescape Landscaping. Set up your scarecrow October 8-16. Prizes will be awarded for scariest, funniest, and people's choice scarecrows. Sponsored by The Christopher Group, LLC. For more information, please contact Jill Knowles (207) 248-2048.

Next week there is no school on Friday. So PMAL is taking a field trip to MDI to visit two natural history museums. We are going to the Wendell Gilley Museum to learn to carve, and then we are going to The Dorr Museum at COA to learn about intertidal animals! If you would like to join us, call 374-5255 for more information! We need a head count early in the week, so call ASAP.

On Saturday, October 24th, there is a PMAL BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE from 10 to Noon at the PMAL Center. We are turning 7!!! ALL are invited! Please come for crafts and refreshments!!!

A benefit concert for Healthy Peninsula's Magic Food Bus will be held October 24th, 7:00 PM at the First Congregational Church of Blue Hill. This is an inspiring evening of stories, kinship, and songs featuring David Dodson, Dean Stevens, John and Rachel Nicholas, and Dillon Bustin. Suggested donation is \$15.