



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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From the Principal - HCTC Survey

As some of you may know, Hancock County has its own career and technical center in Ellsworth. Recently, the principal of Hancock County Technical Center (HCTC) and the principal of Ellsworth High School, Dan Clifford, came in to meet with the entire eighth grade to tell them about the HCTC programming, explain the Bridge Year program, and complete a survey. All Hancock County students in grades 6-8 were asked to participate in a survey to determine their programming preferences if they were to attend. Following that meeting, I took the information to the sixth and seventh grades to share and then had them complete the survey, as well.

I was struck by the number of students (almost all) in sixth through eighth grade that had never even heard of HCTC and all it has to offer, so I thought I would share some of this information with you all.

Students enrolled in a high school in Hancock County may take courses in career and technical fields through HCTC in their junior and senior years. These programs are half-day, every day courses so students could do half of their day at their high school and the other half at HCTC. Some of the programs they currently offer include carpentry, culinary arts, early childhood education, and law enforcement. These programs provide students with modern and career-oriented teaching to help prepare them for their chosen careers. What a great opportunity!

Warmly,
Shelly

Kudos

Kudos this week go to Katie Danielson and Kelcey Snowdeal. After spending a busy day teaching, these dedicated professionals spend their afternoons coaching our basketball team and cheerleading squad. Thank you for your hard work!

PTF News

This month, we will be having a nighttime PTF meeting on January 21. Join us at the Farmhouse Inn at 6:00 PM. We will cover the PTF business and then stick around for Trivia Night. PTF will provide appetizers. Check the event on the PTF Facebook page to let us know that you are coming.

On January 22, the PTF will be hosting movie night and showing *Hotel Transylvania 2*. Doors open at 5:30 and the movie starts at 6:00. Popcorn and the movie are free and there will be goodies for purchase.

Thank you to all families who participate in the Hannaford Card program. We have been using the funds raised to purchase healthy snacks for the students who are participating in the after school Winter Clubs.

School News from the Communication Club

On Monday, January 11, the girls basketball team had a game against the Bay School. The girls have come a long way this year and I'm proud to say we won! The score was 8-38, this was a bit of an easier game for us but everyone got a lot of playing time which is great! I can't wait to see how we do in the few more games we have left.

Dates to Remember...

Fri., Jan. 15 Dance in Brooklin,
Gr. 6-8, 6-9 PM
No School - Teacher Inservice

Mon., Jan 18 No School - Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day

Thu., Jan 21 PTF Meeting, 6:00 PM,
Farmhouse Inn

Fri., Jan 22 PTF Movie Night, 5:30 PM
goodies, 6:00 PM movie



Four Cellos in Concert!

Students under 18 are admitted free to this exciting and unusual ensemble event at the Blue Hill Congregational Church on Sunday, January 17 at 3:00 PM. Adult tickets are \$30 at the door. For more information, go to www.bluehillconcertassociation.org

The Transgender, Family and Friends Group (TGFF) provides support for families, friends and transgender people of all ages. TGFF meets Thursday January 7 & 21, 7:30 pm, at First Congregational Church, Blue Hill. For details, contact Susan Yaruta-Young, [\(207\) 460.6155](tel:2074606155) or email: syoung@myfairpoint.net. In case of stormy or icy weather, please contact Susan to find out if the session is on.

Nia (Non Impact Aerobic dance class) in the BHCS cafe
Thursdays 7-8pm January 14, 21, 28
Adults \$15/drop in, \$60/6 class pass.
Jennifer Coolidge dancingheartdoula@gmail.com
[734-277-1358](tel:7342771358)

Want to know more about Nia? Check out www.nianow.com

GSA Events for Prospective Students

Students in 8th grade are invited to GSA Wed., Wed., Jan. 27 for Pizza and Boys' Basketball. The JV game starts at 5:30, pizza will be served at 6:00 in the cafeteria, and the Varsity game starts at 7:00. Admission is free for 8th grade students on these two special evenings.