



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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January 28, 2016

From the Principal - Family Involvement

Conference Week for the second trimester is in full swing here at BHCS. It is very exciting to see so many families come in and out of our school to learn more about their students' work here at school. I'm very proud that our teachers are committed to getting as close to 100% attendance as possible. Parent and family involvement with school is a crucial part of the educational process!

Since this is conference week, it seems like a great opportunity to discuss the benefits of parental involvement at school. We (teachers and staff) understand that parents know their children best and are in the best position to inform us regarding your child. It's important to communicate with us what you already know about your child's needs and abilities. Research shows that parental involvement enhances academic performance. The more involved the parent, the greater chance the student has of academic success. This probably won't come as much of a surprise, but research also shows that parental involvement leads to better classroom behavior. Parents' interest and attitude toward school can affect a child's attitude as well, including classroom conduct, self-esteem, and motivation.

So, what are some ways that you can be involved with school? Here is a list of just some ways that you can be involved with your child's education at BHCS:

- Communicate with your child's teacher regarding the best way to contact you: email, phone calls, during the day, or in the evening
- Read classroom newsletters and communications that are sent home either weekly or monthly
- Join us for our Open House in the fall and attend the three conferences throughout the year
- Check in nightly with your child regarding homework to be sure it is complete and in the folder that should come back and forth to school with them
- Join the PTF or attend their events
- Read together at home as often as you can

Finally, I want to hear from you! What ways could we improve communication with you? If offered, would you be interested in a book study or parent learning group? Please feel free to email me your ideas!

Warmly,
Shelly

Kudos

Kudos this week go to Matt Jurick! There is a long list of things that Matt does for our school, from troubleshooting equipment to teaching robotics, but this week I'm specifically thanking him for being our Spelling Bee Master! Matt organized and hosted the Spelling Bee again this year. It is a nerve-wracking experience for the contestants and Matt helped make it a fun challenge! Thanks, Matt!

Calling all Munchkins, Wizards, and Witches!

Auditions for school musical will be February 10 & 11 after school from 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM. Students in Grades 5-8 who are interested in being a part of *The Wizard of Oz* should sign up next week outside Mrs. Means's room for one of the audition days.

PTF News

Thank you to everyone who made it to our last meeting. It was great to have some time to gather and discuss new ideas.

School Breakfast

Don't forget that BHCS serves breakfast five days a week from 7:30-7:50! Fresh fruit and milk round out each meal. Breakfast is only 75¢!

School News from the Communication Club

BHCS had a school spelling bee last week. Cole Stewart claimed 1st place with Colby Lacasse following right behind in 2nd. They both will be representing BHCS at the Hancock county spelling bee.

Special fundraiser from the Chess Club

A Valentine's Day-Themed "Kids&Couples" Mini-Photo Shoot
Fundraiser for the Blue Hill Consolidated School Chess Club!

Saturday, January 30th at Fairwinds Florist

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

16 Sessions Available \$45/session

Photos by Professional Photographer Jennifer O'Connor Smith

At least 2 high-resolution photos delivered digitally via email

Unlimited print rights

Sessions available for groups of 1-8

Reservations Required

FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/BHCS-ChessClub-Valentines-Day-Themed-Mini-PhotoShoot-Fundraiser-1547352025583233/>

EventBrite link for tickets and reservations: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bhcs-chess-club-kids-couples-valentines-day-mini-photo-sessions-tickets-20843539588>

Dates to Remember...

Fri., Jan. 29	Dance in Brooksville Gr. 6-8, 6-9 PM
Wed., Feb. 10	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i> Auditions Gr. 5-8, 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM
Wed., Feb. 10	School Board Meeting 5:00 PM, BHCS Library
Thu., Feb. 11	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i> Auditions Gr. 5-8, 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM
Feb., 15 - 19	Winter Break



February Vacation Camp: Duct Tape Theatre

Peninsula Metamorphic Arts & Learning

374-5255 ~ www.pmalcenter.com ~ chris@pmalcenter.com

Mon-Thurs, February 15-18 8am-3pm

\$160/entire session, \$50/single day

Ages: K - 5th grades

Back by popular demand - Duct Tape Theatre returns for February break. This is where the ultimate costume party meets the stage. This four day camp is a unique experience as each day we will create a new set of theatrical scenes, characters, props, and costumes. We will play with stories on stage through improvisation, readers theatre, Greek chorus, creative drama, and theatre games. We will move, sing, speak, and build for the stage and the audience. No experience is necessary, but a willingness to play is required! If you are in Kindergarten through 5th grade, join us for this playful and exciting time on stage!

This camp fills up quickly. Ensure your spot and register by Feb. 10.

First Congregational Church, Blue Hill, Cabin Fever Reliever Potluck Community Supper & Variety Show, Friday, Feb. 12, 6:00 pm. Fundraiser for Youth Group and local charity. Sugg. donation adults \$6, children \$3, 6 & under free. Bring food or pet food for TOL to get \$1 off. Info 374-2891 or bhcongo@yahoo.com.

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.

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