



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

February 4, 2016

### From the Principal - Food for Thought & Late Bus

#### **Consolidated Crockpot Cook-off!**

Many of you may know that we have a reality television star in our student body population! Colby Lacasse, a sixth grader, was chosen out of thousands of applicants to be on the show *Kids Baking Championship* airing Monday nights at 8:00 on the Food Network. Colby applied on his own to be a part of the show last spring and, after a series of phone and Skype interviews, was chosen as one of the top 12 kid bakers in the country!

To celebrate this amazing accomplishment, sixth grade teachers Rachel Nightingale and Anita Black have coordinated our staff to participate in the Consolidated Crockpot Cook-off! Next Wednesday, fifteen BHCS staff members will bring in their best crockpot meal to be judged by — you guessed it — Colby! He will be joined by our very talented Head Cook, Tim Cyr. Colby and Tim will be judging based on presentation and taste. Every student in the school will have a chance to sample a few of the entries, as well. Throughout the week, participating staff will be interviewed by sixth graders and a video will be compiled. After the tasting and scoring is done on Wednesday, there will be an assembly on Thursday at 1:00 to show our very own Consolidated Crockpot video and to determine the winners! May the best cook win!

#### **After School Late Bus**

The After School Late Bus (which is actually a van) has been running since we returned from our Holiday break. The late bus began last year in an effort to provide transportation for kids that might not otherwise have a chance to participate in after school activities. The funds for providing the bus from January to the end of the year have been provided by a BEEM grant and local, private donors. The van is driven by local volunteers, so a huge thank-you to them!

Winter Club participants were notified about the bus and have been using it regularly. As clubs come to a close, we want to open the late bus further for other students following February vacation.

Here are the details: the bus is for students participating in an activity that ends at or near 4:00, parents need to write a note for their child to take the late bus at the beginning of the week, there are six seats available on a first come, first served basis. If you sign up for the bus and plans change, please let the office know asap. Please take advantage of this great opportunity!

Warmly,  
Shelly

#### **Kudos**

Kudos this week go to Rachel Nightingale, Anita Black, and Vicki Davis! These three teachers have done a fantastic job organizing our upcoming events: the Consolidated Crockpot Cook-off, Spirit Week, and the Winter Carnival. It takes a lot of coordinating to make these things run smoothly. Thank you!

#### **The Wizard of Oz - AUDITIONS 2016**

Things you should know before you audition.  
(Stage crew does not need to attend or audition)

WHAT: *The Wizard of Oz* Musical  
(Reading and singing for the character(s)  
you would like to be considered for a role.)  
WHERE: General Music Room  
WHO: 5th thru 8th grade  
WHEN: February 10 OR 11  
2:45 PM - 5:00 PM

- Rehearsals will start for actors right after February break on Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri. from 2:45-4:45 PM.
- Students will be prepared ahead of time with their own snacks, however there will be no trips to Hinckley's allowed after school or during rehearsals.
- Stage crew does not start until March 21.
- No laptops during any rehearsals.
- Performances will be April 11 & 12 @ 7PM

Any questions please contact Mrs. Means at  
374-2202 x115 or [ameans@bhcs.org](mailto:ameans@bhcs.org)

### Reminder Student Cell Phone Use

Students who bring cell phones must turn them off at the beginning of the day and must leave them with their teacher until the dismissal bell. We've had a lot of students keeping their phones and this has become a distraction. After the first warning we will require the student to leave the phone at home for a week and contact their parents. If it continues to be a problem, further consequences will be necessary. Thank you for your help with this!

### Spirit Week

BHCS Spirit Week begins next week, ending with our annual Winter Carnival on Friday, 2/12. There will also be an all-day bake sale in the lobby to benefit our 8th grade class. Students are encouraged to participate in the fun-themed days, and we will all celebrate together on Friday. Happy Winter!

**Monday:** Mismatch Day

**Tuesday:** Twin Day

**Wednesday:** Team Spirit Day

**Thursday:** Dress Your Best Day

**Friday:** Crazy Hair Day - Judged at 8:05 AM

### **Extra Info**

- Crazy Hair will be judged at the beginning of the school day so that students are seen at their best and are comfortable to wear hats outside for sledding and recess. The Crazy Hair parade will still be held before the start of the afternoon basketball game.
- The Sledding Contest is open to participants in grades 3-8. Students are welcome to work alone or with a partner, and help from parents is encouraged! Sleds must be made from cardboard and duct tape or soft plastics and will be judged on Creativity, Speed, and Distance traveled. Please make arrangements to have your sled go home Friday afternoon.
- The Lip Sync will be open to performers in grades 3-8. Students are welcome to brave it alone, or work with a group of friends. All participants must sign up with their homeroom teachers by Monday, February 8th. The Lip Sync will be held at 12:15 on Friday and performances will be judged on Appearance, Accuracy, Energy, and Audience Response.
- The Annual Staff vs 8th Grade Basketball Game will be Friday afternoon at 1:15. Come cheer on your favorite ballers!!

### Dates to Remember...

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
Fri., Feb. 12	Valentine's Dance in Surry Gr. 6-8, 6-9 PM
Feb., 15 - 19	Winter Break



The Transgender, Family and Friends Group(TGFF) offers a time for sharing stories and provides support for families, friends and transgender people of all ages. TGFF Group will meet Thursday February 4 and February 18 at 7:30 pm at the First Congregational Church of Blue Hill.

For more information, please contact Wendy Ritger at (207) 374-2891 or email [bhcongo@yahoo.com](mailto:bhcongo@yahoo.com). In case of stormy or icy weather, please call 374-2891 to find out if the session is on.

Join Blue Hill Heritage Trust, and Maine Maritime Academy Professor Dan Parrott, for a night of star gazing at the base of Blue Hill Mountain, Friday, February 12. We will have star charts on hand and Dan will be discussing and pointing out constellations and navigational stars. We will also have a fire for roasting marshmallows! Hope you can join us for this fun outdoors event! Parking will be across the street from the Morse Farm/ Hayes Trail Field. For more information OR to pre-register for the event please contact our office: (207)374-5118 or email [info@bluehillheritagetrust.org](mailto:info@bluehillheritagetrust.org)

Little League Baseball Pitching Clinic with GSA baseball Coach Dan Kane is being offered For All Kids ages 9-12.  
When: Three Sunday sessions March 6 pm- 4:30 pm.  
Where: In the GSA High School gymnasium. This is a free clinic for kids of any skill level.  
Please contact Jonathan Smallidge at 756-2242 or [jsmallidge1@roadrunner.com](mailto:jsmallidge1@roadrunner.com) if you are interested or have any questions.