



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

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### *From the Principal - Lively Literacy and Magical Math Night*

On Thursday, March 10, School Union 93 will host Maine comedian and motivational speaker, Randy Judkins, for our Title I Parent Night. Randy has visited hundreds of schools throughout Maine and New England with a unique approach to blending school curriculum with his many interactive characters. He uses storytelling, theatrics, and circus skills in each performance.

You may have heard of Title I before, but as a refresher, Title I is a federally funded supplement to local and state educational programs to ensure all students achieve in academic areas. The Title I program offers a variety of services at BHCS including additional staff working with qualifying children in an individual or small group setting, additional instruction and/or different teaching methods, and materials. For us, students in Title I are those with the highest need that are not in the Special Education Program.

Our Lively Literacy and Magical Math Night is funded through Title I but we are opening the performance to all of our students! We know that the best way to enhance the education of your child is to involve families in their child's continuous learning — beyond the school day! Randy will incorporate ways to have fun with learning in this hour of entertainment. We hope to see you there!

Here are some parent resources for reading and math:

- [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)
- [www.wordcentral.com](http://www.wordcentral.com)
- <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com>
- <https://www.khanacademy.org>
- [www.xtramath.org](http://www.xtramath.org)
- [www.bedtimemath.org](http://www.bedtimemath.org)

First and foremost, consult with your child's teachers! They are your greatest source for information, don't hesitate to ask!

Please check out the attached flyer for details.

Warmly,  
Shelly

### *Kudos*

Kudos this week to Bill Schubeck! As our instrumental music teacher, Bill meets with students in grades five through eight weekly for individual lessons as well as for band. He is now pushing our students to prepare for the jazz festival coming up. We wish him and his jazz bands good luck in this coming season! Thanks, Bill for all the time and energy you put into music!

### *Note from the Nurse*

Just wanted to remind everyone that if your child has been ill, we request that you keep them home until they have been fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing agents (Tylenol, Advil) and if they have been vomiting they should not return until it has been 24 hours since last they vomited. We are seeing a variety of illnesses going around school, which is common for this time of year, but following these guidelines will help to limit the spread. Remember that the best defense with any illness is good hand washing! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call.

Thank you,  
April Chapman, RN

### *Library News*

Dr. Seuss Day is coming!! On March 2 the library and cafeteria will be teaming up to celebrate literacy and have a birthday bash. Our featured book this year is *Oh the Thinks You Can Think*, so students are encouraged to use their imaginations and dress for fun. One of our students in fifth grade has even figured out a way to create a headband so he can be a unicorn, and a second grade class thought it would be amazing if the entire school dressed in red and white. What great imaginations! Students will be coming to the library to pick out a brand new book to keep and the cafeteria has created a special menu for the day. A few volunteers are needed to help serve cake in the cafeteria and also to help students pick out free books from the library. Contact Tracy Gandy if you are able to help.

**PTF News**

BEAR NIGHT is quickly approaching! Join us Friday March 4, from 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM in the BHCS Library as we gather to celebrate literacy. This is an opportunity for families to stop by the library and enjoy some quiet time to read. There will also be book related games and snacks. See the attached flyer for more information. Contact Tracy Gandy at [tgandy@bhcs.org](mailto:tgandy@bhcs.org) if you have any questions. All ages are welcome!

Join us Friday, March 11, in the BHCS Cafeteria for our last MOVIE NIGHT of the year! Doors open at 5:30 PM, movie starts at 6:00 PM. We will be watching *The Good Dinosaur*, which is an animated movie about an amiable Apatosaurus named Arlo in a world where dinosaurs never went extinct. Movie, popcorn, and healthy snacks are free. There will be other snack items for sale. Contact Sarah King at [ptf@bhcs.org](mailto:ptf@bhcs.org) with any questions.

The next PTF Meeting will take place at 2:45 PM on March 17. We will be discussing upcoming events such as Blue Hill Town Meeting Refreshments and Childcare, Screen Free Week activity support, and Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. We would love to hear your ideas and input! Contact Sarah King at [ptf@bhcs.org](mailto:ptf@bhcs.org) with any questions.

**Reminder**

There is an after-school activity bus that is available. 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.

**Dates to Remember...**

Wed., Mar. 2	Dr. Seuss Day
Fri., Mar. 4	B.E.A.R. Night, 6:00 - 7:30, BHCS Library
Thur., Mar. 10	Lively Literacy and Magical Math Evening, 6:30 - 7:30, Emlen Hall, The Bay School
Fri., Mar. 11	PTF Movie Night



Max Treitler, Cello, and John Moyer, Piano, in Concert Saturday Feb. 27, 7 pm, First Congregational Church of Blue Hill (snow date Feb. 28) Donation \$20 at the door, students, children are free. Sonatas by Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Debussy. Donations shared by maintenance fund for church's organ and piano. Questions, 374-2891.

On Monday, 2/29/16 PMAL's 'Arts Playhouse', will be opening a new 2 month session of after school enrichment workshops! Every Monday through Thursday, students in K-5 participate in after school snack, homework help, outdoor fun and games followed by the scheduled enrichment workshop at 4:00.

Here is the new line up! Families may choose 1 or all 4 workshops!

To register, give us a call at 374-5255 or E-mail [renee@pmalcenter.com](mailto:renee@pmalcenter.com)

- Monday - Myths & Fables
- Tuesday - Ancient Egypt
- Wednesday - Animal Abodes
- Thursday - Culinary Adventures

Transportation is available from BHCS Monday - Thursday!

Little League registration will Thursday and Friday March 10 11<sup>th</sup> after school in the BHCS lobby.

*Blue Hill Heritage Trust & Blue Hill YMCA*

*Present the First Annual*

**HOP! Trail Run & Egg Hunt**

Saturday, March 19, at the Blue Hill Town Park

**Race Registration-** 8:15am \$5 suggested donation (t-shirts for the first 30)

**Race Start Time-** 9am

**Trail Run Terrain-** Roads, Sidewalks, and Woods Trail (3K)

**Egg Hunt-** 10am (12 & Under)

For more information, please contact Chrissy at the Blue Hill Heritage Trust (207)374-5118 or [chrissy@bluehillheritagetrust.org](mailto:chrissy@bluehillheritagetrust.org)