



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

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From the Principal — Lockdown Debrief

Megan Granger, our fabulous school counselor, has headed the charge for our school's safety for several years now. She, along with our School Safety Committee, has implemented policies and procedures, as well as numerous trainings, on how to keep our students safe in the event of an emergency. Following our lockdown drill on Tuesday afternoon, she wrote the following to share with our school community:

BHCS families please take a moment to commend your children for the exemplary job they did following lockdown procedures during our drill this week. The students were prepared, quiet, and very respectful of the staff's directions during the drill. We are living in a time when the children will understand lockdown drills as a natural part of prevention training along with fire drills. Seeing the pride in students' faces when law enforcement unlocked classroom doors during the drill and acknowledged the kids' preparedness was wonderful.

During the drill we were lucky to be joined by two local troopers, a detective on the tactical team, and our Hancock County Emergency Management representative. The best feedback from the drill was from Detective Greg Roy who commented that he would want his wife to work in BHCS because of our commitment to staff safety training. All of our staff have attended protection training as well as lockdown instruction and consultation meetings.

We will continue practicing the drill at later times during the school year so that in time lockdown procedures become second nature to our students and staff. With practice comes greater mastery and comfort with the drill.

Warmly,
Shelly & Megan

Kudos

Kudos this week go to Nancy Bos. In my first year as a principal I have learned a LOT of things from creating a school budget to managing student behavior. Working with Nancy through challenging student behaviors, I have learned so much. She is so patient, kind, and consistent. Thank you, Nancy!

School News from the Communication Club

On Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016, BHCS celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday! The library was decorated with balloons and banners and each grade came to the library to choose a free book from the tables set up around the room.

On Thursday, this week the 8th grade will be joining GSA across the street for step-up day. Other 8th graders from our district will be joining us at the high school from 8:00 to 12:00, we also will be eating lunch at GSA.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner To Support the Chess Team



Date: Thursday, March 17
Time: 5:00 PM



Location: BHCS Cafeteria

Menu: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Mac n' Cheese,
Dessert

Cost: Suggested Donation of \$10/Adult, \$5/ Child,
\$25 Family

- * Exciting Irish Auction to follow the dinner with Auctioneer Foster Smith! Bring your quarters!
- * New this year Silent Auction Tables beginning on 3/10 in the lobby.



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. Grab your favorite stuffed animal, wear your PJs, and bring a snack to share. 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 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 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...

- Fri., Mar. 4 B.E.A.R. Night,
6:00 - 7:30, BHCS Library
- Fri., Mar. 4 Dance at BHCS
Gr. 6-8, 6-9 PM
- Thur., Mar. 10 Lively Literacy and Magical
Math Evening, 6:30 - 7:30,
Emlen Hall, The Bay School
- Fri., Mar. 11 PTF Movie Night

The Transgender, Family and Friends Group (TGFF) provides support for families, friends and transgender people of all ages. TGFF meets Thursday March 3 and March 24 at, 7:30 pm, at First Congregational Church, Blue Hill. For details, contact Susan Yaruta-Young, (207) 460.6155 or email: syyoung@myfairpoint.net. In case of stormy or icy weather, please contact Susan to find out if the session is on.

Minor League Softball -Blue Hill and surrounding peninsula towns are trying to get a softball team together. Any girl 7-11 years old, that is interested in playing, contact Haley Jenkins 214-8050.

Girls Softball Clinic -Saturday, March 5th, 12th, 19th at GSA gym from 9:00-11:00, ages - up to 14 years old, run by Stormi Wentworth.

Little League registration will be Thursday and Friday March 10 and 11th

All invited to the thirteenth annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at First Congregational Church of Blue Hill, Thursday, March 17, 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a great corned beef and cabbage supper (or a vegetarian dinner--please request as you enter). The feast is followed by Irish entertainment in the church's Jonathan Fisher Hall. Delicious food and fun for all ages. Children's activities and child care provided. Space is limited, so first come first served. Suggested donation Adults \$7, kids \$4. For information, call 374-2891 or email bhcongo@yahoo.com.

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