



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

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Kudos

Kudos this week go to Audrey Means for her amazing leadership and dedication to the music program here at BHCS. Under her direction, over sixty students had the opportunity to explore and develop their dramatic and musical talents. The production of *The Wizard of Oz* was truly magical. Bravo, Audrey!



Miles of Quarters Fundraiser

Don't forget that we are raising money for Making Strides during this month of Autism Awareness. Students have been bringing in quarters to contribute. Keep those quarters coming!

PTF News

The PTF is working to organize and coordinate Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, which will take place the week of May 9-13. Anybody that is able to help supply food or time this week, please fill out and return the attached form.

BEEM Bash Recap

Thank you to our community for supporting the BEEM Bash this year! BEEM is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation whose mission is to raise money to enhance Blue Hill Consolidated School's programs and projects. BEEM awards grants based on innovation and creative approaches to education. Our largest fundraiser of the year is the BEEM Bash, held every April. It takes a village to put it on: businesses and individuals donate wonderful items to our silent auction, community people place bids on the auction items, attendees purchase tickets and – this year – figure out *whodunit* in our first-ever murder mystery party! It was a fun night and, with your help, we raised \$4,500. Next year we hope to reach \$5,000. Thank you all for your support!

Pre-K & Kindergarten Screening

Pre-K screening will be May 5 & 6. The current Pre-K will not attend school those two days.

Kindergarten screening will be May 13. If you know anyone with a child that is a Blue Hill resident and will be five before Oct. 15, please have them call the school. The current kindergarten students will not attend school that day.

Young Author's Camp

This summer there will be an opportunity for students in grades 5-8 to participate in the Maine Writing Project Young Authors Camp. This is the first year the camp is being offered here at BHCS and we are very excited about the program. The session will run from June 27 - July 1. Please see the attached flier for complete information.

Screen Free Week

Screen Free week will be May 2 - 6. Once again we will be offering healthy options for students and families to participate in after school. Please see the attached flier for the activities offered and to sign up your students.

Attachments

There are many attachments this week for activities here at BHCS and around the community.

Dates to Remember...

Fri., Apr. 15	No School
Apr. 18-22	Vacation
Apr. 4-29	Student Art Show at BHPL
May 5-6	Screen Free Week
May 9-13	Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
Graduation June 14, 7:00 PM	
Last day of school June 17.	



The BHPL will be hosting a free writing workshop on Tuesday, April 19, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. It is open for writers ages 12-17 and will be led by author Henry Finch. For more information, see the attached flier.

Transgender, Family and Friends Group (TGFF) provides support for families, friends and transgender people of all ages. TGFF meets two Thursdays per month, upcoming meetings are April 21, May 5 and May 19 at 7:00 pm, at First Congregational Church, Blue Hill. Details, contact Susan Yaruta-Young, [\(207\) 460.6155](tel:2074606155) or email: syyoung@myfairpoint.net. In case of stormy or icy weather, please contact Susan to see if the session is on.

Bicycle Safety Rodeo - Saturday, April 30, 1:00PM - 3:00PM. Children should bring their bicycles and helmets. There will be a bicycle condition check, helmet check, and a skills course.

Blue Hill Cares- Citizens for a Cleaner Community!

A community clean-up day is in the works for Saturday, April 30th, with some schools and organizations going out earlier that week as well. Blue Hill Disposal has volunteered to pick up all of the bagged trash free of charge, which will be weighed at the end. WE ARE LOOKING FOR AREA LEADERS to find and coordinate volunteers for specific roads or neighborhoods. If you would like to be a part of this effort please email- bluehillcares@gmail.com or call Vaughn Leach at 266- 2975 - with your name, contact info, and area you would like to help with. Stay tuned for more information.