



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

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### From Katie Danielson - Summer Slide

Summer can be a season full of learning opportunities... or learning losses. Research confirms that students who don't read over the summer typically score lower on reading comprehension tests when they return to school. Many teachers agree that every fall they can see the results of the "summer slide." Here's a few ways you can prevent it from happening to your child! -scholastic.com

#### **Lexia Reading**

This summer your child can use Lexia Core5, a fun computer-based application that has helped millions of students develop foundational reading skills. Most grade levels at BHCS use this program to supplement and extend student learning.

Here's how Lexia Reading Core5 works: Students use Core5 at a level that fits their individualized needs. Students are encouraged to work independently through these activities, for 20-30 minutes per week. These activities help to develop foundational reading skills in phonological awareness, phonics, structural analysis, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. The best part is that your child's teacher will be able to see the progress over the summer! Keep your eyes open for an instructional sheet that will include your child's username and password.

#### **Find the Right Book for Your Reader**

Do you want to help improve your child's reading ability this summer? You can use your child's Fountas & Pinnell reading level to find books at the right level of difficulty. When your child reads books at his or her reading level, it strengthens important literacy skills and develops a love of reading. Don't know your child's F&P level? Ask his or her teacher! Student F&P reading levels are also located on their report cards.

#### **Keep Reading Aloud**

Reading aloud benefits all children and teens, especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books your children can't yet, so they will build listening comprehension skills with grade-level and above books. This will increase their knowledge and expand their experience with text so they will do better when they read on their own.

#### **Don't Forget Math!**

Students can strengthen math skills over the summer by

practicing with flash cards and online math games and apps, such as [xtramath](#) and [bedtime math](#).

It's hard to keep up a learning routine in a season packed with distractions and diversions. These suggestions will fit into a busy schedule and make learning fun!

Sincerely,  
Katie Danielson  
RTI/Title 1 Teacher

### Kudos

Kudos this week go to Chelsea Robbins and Kristin Burch; Chelsea is a special education teacher here at BHCS and Kristin is our speech and language therapist. Both teachers have amazing levels of patience and such positive attitudes. They share their expertise with their students and with the rest of our staff.

### PTF End of Year Survey

The end of the school year is fast approaching and the PTF would like to get your feedback! Complete the following survey and be entered to win a \$25 Hannaford gift card. Winner will be announced Wednesday June 15th! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C657M5C>

### Committee Member Needed

If you are interested in participating on the committee to interview architects/engineers for the proposed summer work, the committee is meeting Wednesday, June 15 at 8:00 AM. Contact Superintendent Mark Hurvitt at the central office by Friday, June 10 at 3:00 PM if you would like to help: [mhurvitt@schoolunion93.org](mailto:mhurvitt@schoolunion93.org)

### Last Day of School

The last day of school at BHCS will be a special day for our students. In the morning will be Step-Up where they get a chance to meet next year's teachers. After a picnic lunch, the seventh graders will be hosting a field day. If the weather cooperates, there will be water activities so students may want to bring a change of clothes.

**Dates to Remember...**

Fri., Jun. 10	Gr. 2 Whale exhibit 1:30 PM
Mon., Jun. 13	Gr. 3 to Acadia
Tue., Jun. 14	Gr. K to Curtis Cove Gr. 5 to Fort Knox Graduation, 7:00 PM
Wed., Jun. 15	Gr. 1 & 2 to Holbrook Island Gr. 6 to Pirate's Cove
Fri., Jun. 17	Step-Up Day & Field Day Last Day of School



**BHHT Events**

6/11 Saturday 1PM- Geology Walk & Talk at Snow's Cove. [Snow's Cove](#) has a wonderful wooded trail leading down to the Bagaduce, and it is also a great place for a geology lesson by our Associate Director and resident Rock Enthusiast, George Fields! Come join George for a walking tour of the geologic features on this preserve in Sedgwick. To preregister for this event please contact our office 374-5118 or [info@bluehillheritagetrust.org](mailto:info@bluehillheritagetrust.org)

6/20 Monday 10:30 AM- Horseshoe Crab Walk & Talk. Horseshoe crabs are one of the wonderful oddities we have here in Maine and on June 20th they will be spawning along the Bagaduce River. BHHT board member and local naturalist Sarah O'Malley will be leading a walk and discussion on these pre-historic creatures on our Snow Natural Area trail in Brooksville. Please join us! If you would like to preregister for this event, please contact our office 374-5118 or [info@bluehillheritagetrust.org](mailto:info@bluehillheritagetrust.org)

It is difficult to believe, but this completes PMAL's 7th year of after school enrichment programming. It has been a joy and an honor to provide after school enrichment for the students of this peninsula for these last seven years. Thank you for the opportunities to support and encourage so many children over the years. Now, however, we are changing gears at PMAL and will be discontinuing the after school enrichment programming as in currently exists. We will still be here year round providing tutoring services, camps, and other learning opportunities from art classes and wood carving to gifted math programing! AND - we do have some amazing summer activities for you starting at the end of June! You can find more information on our website ([www.pmalcenter.com](http://www.pmalcenter.com)) or Facebook - or just stop by! Have a great summer!

Interested in Cub Scouts? Blue Hill Cub Scout Pack 97 is starting up again this summer! Boys who will be in grades 1-5 in the fall are welcome to join. We are also looking for adult volunteers- would you like to be a den leader, scoutmaster, committee member or volunteer behind the scenes? The more boys we have, the more adults we will need to make it work. We are excited about re-starting this great opportunity for boys in our community- help us make it successful! Contact Rebecca at [rconable@mac.com](mailto:rconable@mac.com) or 669-5134.

Summer Instrumental Music Lessons - Brass, percussion, beginning piano and recorder. Folk instruments: penny whistle, beginning guitar and ukulele. Private lessons available this summer. Degree in Music Education. Call Luki Hewitt at [413-313-5815](tel:413-313-5815).

Margret Baldwin is offering private art lessons for children and adults at the Little Gallery at the Head of Morgan Bay beginning in July. Drawing, Painting and 3D explorations. State of Maine Certification with 25 years of teaching experience. 667 8328, [margretbaldwin@gmail.com](mailto:margretbaldwin@gmail.com), [www.margretbaldwinart.com](http://www.margretbaldwinart.com)

Softball Clinic, June 20/24 at GSA softball field (by Fairgrounds), ages 7-10. Parents need to stay. Contact Stormi Wentworth 299-4584.

The Blue Hill Peninsula Track Club will be active again this summer. This program is for area youth ages 5 and up to age 15 (as long as they have not completed 9th grade); it is run by GSA teacher and BHCS track coach David Stearns. For more information and to get on the contact list please phone David Stearns at 374-3731 or email [d.stearns@georgestevens.info](mailto:d.stearns@georgestevens.info).