



Explorations

Blue Hill Consolidated School

October 20, 2016

From the Principal - Making a Difference

Last week I wrote about our school-wide theme: BHCS Cares. I love this theme because it has put into words one of the core values of our Blue Hill community, and I think it's important that we teach our children to care for themselves and others. This week, I thought I'd share a few ways that our BHCS students, staff, and families are making a difference right here in Blue Hill.

Earlier this month, our local Cub Scout Pack 97 planted a flowering cherry tree at BHCS! As a community service project, these cub scouts dug the hole, set the tree, filled it back in, and watered it. They learned about the ways that trees help our environment AND made BHCS a bit more beautiful. Thank you, Cub Scouts!

The Blue Hill Garden Club has partnered with our own BHCS Garden Club to transplant our hostas to a better location, plant bulbs that will be ready in the spring, and even pick apples to make apple cider! We are grateful for this community connection and all the ways that our Garden Club, under the supervision of staff members Heather Nelson and Cate Reuter, have made BHCS more beautiful.

This Saturday we have another opportunity to come together to support a community organization. Making Strides is an organization started by a small group of parents and teachers eight years ago to help families affected by autism. In the last few years, they have donated over \$10,000 to schools and families on the Blue Hill Peninsula. They've purchased iPads, trainings, weighted blankets, occupational therapy equipment, and even a reading program. I encourage you to check out their website <http://www.makingstrides.me>. I hope to see you Saturday at the Making Strides Annual Run/Walk beginning at BHCS at 10:00, registration at 9:00.



Warmly,
Shelly

From the Communications Club

Welcome to the new digital version of the Explorations newsletter. Our goals include to provide content that is relevant to the families of BHCS, photographs of the amazing activities happening around the school, and timely information about the events that are happening at BHCS and the community. Please let us know what improvements we can make as we continue to learn about publishing the newsletter. Send any comments to tgandy@bhcs.org.

Chrous Club

Dear 2-4 Grade Parent and Students,

It's time to get started! I am so excited! Students wishing to sing may join 2-4 Chorus Club which will be starting after school Wednesday, October 26, from 2:45 - 3:45. We will meet in my general music room. The Chorus Club is open to students from grades 2-4 (and some fifth graders who have expressed an interest, as well). See me for a permission slip.

Mrs. Means

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes will be on November 4. If you purchased a package that you want to have done over, just send in the package. If you need an order form please see Loretta or Jerin in the office.

PTF News

We have moved the date and time of the next meeting. It is going to be a nighttime meeting to enable some of our working parents to attend. Join us on October 27 at 5:00 pm in the BHCS library for some pizza and to discuss some of the upcoming events. Childcare will be provided.

Volunteers are needed to help Heather Nelson with the Holiday Gift Workshop that will be held on December 10. Although that seems like a long way off, there is a lot of planning that goes into this fun event where students come to BHCS and make holiday gifts for their family. Many different skills are needed so be sure to talk to Miss Nelson to figure out how you can help.

Bobcat Gear is on its way! The orders will be going home with your students next week unless you specified that it was a gift. If you would like to pick up your order, please let us know and we will set it aside in the library for you to pick up starting Monday afternoon. You can e-mail us at ptf@bhcs.org.

Dates to Remember

October 21	No School Dance @ Surry, 6-9 pm
October 22	Making Strides 5K
October 24 - 28	Grade 7 at Camp Kieve
October 26	Grade 3 to Acadia Park



Rhythm Rockets starts Oct. 25th. Call Nigel Chase 326-8684.

Parker Ridge Retirement Community wants to invite Trick or Treaters in grades K - 4 on Halloween Night from 3:30 – 5:30. There will be treats for the kids and Hot Chocolate for the parents. We also honor the Teal Pumpkin Project and have non-candy items for kids with food allergies. When you arrive, please enter the main entrance at the end of the car port to receive instructions on where to go. All children must be accompanied by an adult. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Alma Mote – Activities Director at #374-5789.

Trick or Treating for Kids and Treat-Giving Opportunity in Brooklin

BROOKLIN--Children of all ages and their parents are invited to a Halloween Monster Roundup and Community Dance at the Brooklin School on Saturday, October 29th.

The round up starts at 4 p.m. and the dance starts at 6 p.m. People who would like to give out treats to the children are also invited, and are asked to come at 3:30 to set up their "treat stations." These will be tables that they can decorate as they like.

The event is a fundraiser for the eighth graders' class trip. Admission is \$5 per child; \$20 per family as a suggested donation. The roundup will feature games, scary snacks, fortune telling and trick or treating, of course. The dance will feature a professional disc jockey. For more information, please contact Vicki Hull at 479-4844.

Girl Scout Troop 251 is hosting a Trunk or Treat for the Tree of Life on 10/30. We are looking for participants and decorators. Please see the attachment for details.

New PMAL Classes and Workshops begin the first week of November! Contact us at www.pmalcenter.com or amy@pmalcenter.com for more information.

For Kids:

- Greek Heroes: exploring the Greek Heroes through myth, art, and culture; for 3rd – 6th Grades on Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30

For Teens, Tweens, and Adults:

- Probability with Paul Gilden: exploring the mathematics of uncertainty; for 5th- 12th Grades (and interested adults!) on Mondays, 6:00-8:00
- Pottery with Johanna Barrett: wheel and handwork; for Teens, Tweens, and Adults on Thursdays, 5:00-7:00
- Pop-Up Holiday Cards with Melissa Rioux: create your own holiday masterpieces while learning basic pop-up techniques; for Teens, Tweens, and Adults on Wednesday, 5:30-8:00 - November 16th
- Bookmaking with Melissa Rioux: learn techniques to bind your own book; for Teens, Tweens, and Adult on Nov 30, Dec 7 & 14, 5:30-8:00

For Teachers (Classroom, Homeschool, Other):

- Drama as a Learning Tool with Amy Grant, MFA: exploring ways to use the tools of drama and theatre as mechanisms for learning
- Friday, November 11, 8:00-Noon, \$75

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