

# Explorations

Blue Hill Consolidated School

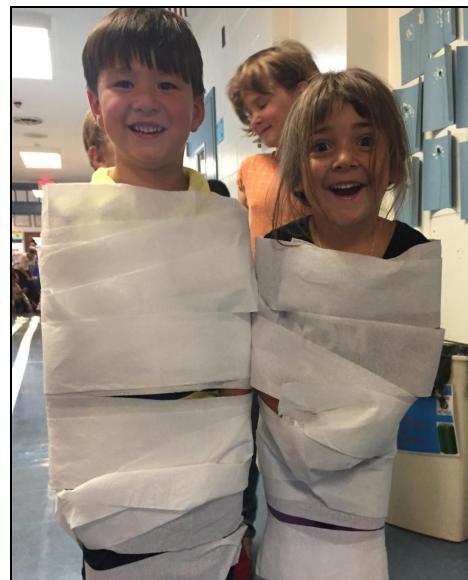
November 17, 2016

## Crazy 8's Math Club

Thank you to Mrs. Danielson, Mrs. Davis, Ms. Herrick, and Mrs. Nightingale! Over the past eight weeks, these teachers volunteered their time so that 32 students in Grades K-2 could participate in BHCS's first math club! Supplies and snacks were provided through a BEEM grant--thank you, BEEM!

This wasn't your usual math club, however! Crazy 8's math club is where math meets mischief and students learn to enjoy the math behind over-the-top activities, some of which included:

- Glow-in-the-Dark Geometry: Students made geometric shapes using glowsticks. They laid out the sticks to make mystical repeating patterns and then flicked off the lights to see it all glow.
- Time of Your Life: Students turned themselves into the minute and hour hands of a giant clock.
- Flying Marshmallows: Students sent marshmallows flying through the air using popsicle sticks and rubber bands. Students worked together to figure out which positions work best, then measured the flight to prove it!



Crazy 8's was such a hit that it will be back for another session during Winter Clubs! Stay tuned for more information!

## **Silly Songs & Story Night**

The PTF and Title 1 teams are joining up to bring the renowned singer/storyteller [Rick Charette](#) to BHCS for a fun night of songs and stories. Join us in the cafeteria from 6-7 pm.



**Please Join Us!!!!**

PTF and Title 1 Co-Host: PJ Story Night

Featuring  
Children's Singer/Author

**Rick Charette**

Friday, December 2 from 6:00-7:00 PM in  
the cafeteria at BHCS!

Feel free to wear your PJ's, slippers, and enjoy a night of stories,  
music, and entertainment!

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## **Thanksgiving Meals**

If you are able to help out with the collection of meals for BHCS families, please sign up at [SignUpGenius](#). All items are due Tuesday morning so we can get them out to our families.

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## **Pet Food Drive**

For the month of November BHCS is working to collect pet food for the Tree of Life Food Pantry and the ARK Animal Shelter. After speaking with a representative from the Tree of Life, pet food was identified as a big need during this time of the year. The class that collects the most food will earn a prize!

## **Updates from the Nurse**

We recently have had a couple cases of head lice reported. Head checks have been carried out as well as education done in the classrooms. Please be vigilant at home with any complaints of an "itchy scalp" or funny feelings in the hair. I am happy to complete a head check at any time if you have a concern.

Another condition that we have seen this week is strep throat. The symptoms of strep throat are a sore throat, fever, swollen glands, headache, and sometimes nausea. Strep throat is contagious, so it is important to not share drinks and to remind everyone that good handwashing is VERY important. Treatment for strep throat is antibiotics.

My door is always open and I am available by phone, so please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

April Chapman, RN

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## **Littering & Recycling**

by Tucker Norwood, Grade 7

The littering problem on our school's playgrounds is a huge problem. The teachers in our school have been trying to inform and teach the kids about the problems of littering and how it affects the environment. Littering is dangerous to the seagulls and it isn't a pretty sight to see garbage all over our playgrounds. There are two trash cans on the playground located at the corners of the basketball court. Also, the school is now participating in the zero sort recycling in Blue Hill. If we all work together, we can clean up our playgrounds and help our community.

## PTF Craft Fair

Be sure to stop by BHCS this Saturday to do some holiday shopping. Over 40 craft vendors will be set up in the gym and cafeteria from 9-2 pm. There will also be some great music from the band, yummy treats from the chess team, and an exciting raffle to benefit the PTF.

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## Winter Clubs

Each year the PTF sponsors winter clubs to provide some free after school activities for our students from January 9 through February 17. Some of the previous clubs have included science club, art club, cooking club, bookmaking, violin, snowshoeing/outdoor fun... just about anything that you could imagine. If you think that you have a talent or hobby that you would like to share with a group of students for six class sessions, please contact [PTF@bhcs.org](mailto:PTF@bhcs.org) for more information.

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## Free money for BHCS! - Hannaford Cards

The Hannaford Card program is a great way to donate money to the school at no additional cost to you. When you shop at any Hannaford (including TradeWinds) and purchase or reload a Hannaford Card through us, Hannaford donates **5%** of your order to the PTF. We use these funds to benefit BHCS and PTF activities and programs.

For example: Load \$100 per month on a Hannaford card and Hannaford donates \$5 per month to the school. This adds up quickly!

### Changes to the program

We've made it even easier to participate:

- Choose from two recurring dates monthly; first and third Thursdays
- Pay with cash or checks
- Access order forms online at any time

### It's easy to get started

- Click on this link to access the order form <http://bit.ly/bhcsptf-hannaford-1617>
- Complete the form and drop off your initial check or cash payment at the school office no later than 2:30 pm on the first and/or third Thursdays of the month
- An email will be sent to you from the admin of the program letting you know when to expect your new card

### Reloading your card is even easier

1. Write a check (made payable to BHCS) for the dollar amount you want to add to the card
2. Drop off the Reload Order form and check or cash at the school office by 2:30 pm on the first and/or third Thursdays of the month
3. You will receive an email confirming your card has been reloaded
4. Use the card to pay for your groceries at checkout

The December Hannaford card order will be due on Thursday, December 1 and December 15 by 2:30 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Pladson at [925-997-3458](tel:925-997-3458) or [ptf@bhcs.org](mailto:ptf@bhcs.org).

## **Look for us at the BHCS Holiday Craft Fair on November 19!**

Volunteers will be at the Holiday Craft Fair to answer any questions and help you get started. Stop by our table at the entrance to the Fair.

<b><u>Dates to Remember</u></b>	
November 18	Brooksville Dance, Gr. 6-8: 6-9 pm
November 19	Craft Fair
November 23 - 25	No School - Thanksgiving
December 2	Silly Songs & Stories: 6 pm
December 10	Holiday Gift Workshop: 10 am
December 12	5-8 Winter Concert: 7 pm
December 13	K-4 Winter Concert: 6:30 pm





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There will be a Benefit Dinner for Johnny Gordon who lost everything in a house fire recently. Menu of baked beans & casseroles, on Saturday, November 19th at 5:00 pm at the Penobscot Community School. \$8.00 per person under 10 free. Also a Chinese Auction and 50/50 raffle.

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Blue Hill third and fourth graders that are interested in playing on a YMCA rec league basketball team should contact Cory Schildroth at: 939-3318. The team would practice once or twice during the week and have games on Saturdays.

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The Bagaduce Music Lending Library is offering "Music In Literature" for children ages 5-7. There are five workshops, with local musicians. Attend one session or all 5. Gene Nichols Sat., Nov. 19th 10:30 am at BMLL, 49 South Street. Joe Boulet, percussion Sat., Dec. 10th 10:30 am BMLL Meredith Amado, strings Sat., Jan. 21, 2017 10:30 am Friend Library, Brooklin Leslie Ross, woodwind Wed., Feb. 15th 2:00 pm Brooksville Library Liza Rey Sat., March 25th 10:30 am BMLL. Contact BMLL 374-5454 for info. All are Free.

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**Book Signing Saturday, November 26th 10 am - 1 pm at the Ark Thrift Shop**

Come celebrate the release of The Ark-produced children's book, . Author, Vincent Ewald, and illustrator, Tom Leigh, will be signing books and sharing stories. Proceeds to support The Ark.

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**Pancakes with Santa** Saturday, December 3rd from 8 - 10 am, at the Penobscot Community School. Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.50. Bring your own camera for a photo with Santa!

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**Christmas Angels Program** provides gifts of warm clothing to children in need living on Blue Hill Peninsula and Deer Isle/Stonington. The program also gives gifts of books and stuffed animals in 'new' condition, and is accepting donations of these. To learn how you can help the program, by shopping or donating, contact Kim Williamson at [peony13@me.com](mailto:peony13@me.com), 374-2092 by December 1. To receive assistance from the program, contact Wendy Ritger, [info@bluehillcongregational.org](mailto:info@bluehillcongregational.org), 374-2891.

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**Calling All Submissions for the Open-Air Arts Initiative!**

The Open-Air Arts Initiative is collecting submissions for their 2017 Winter Show at the Blue Hill Public Library. If you are school aged, and created a piece of art (painting, poem, photograph, drawing, anything!) inspired by a Blue Hill Heritage Trust property, we want to see it. In fact, we want everyone to see it! Please visit [openairarts.org](http://openairarts.org), fill out the submission form and get your creation to the Blue Hill Heritage Trust office by the end of November. All school ages and talent levels welcome and encouraged to submit.

The Open-Air Arts Initiative is a collaboration between BHHT and Cynthia Winings Gallery. Please contact Chrissy Allen at the Blue Hill Heritage Trust with any questions.

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The App Club meets at the Blue Hill Public Library monthly for people to learn more about apps and share their favorites. Sat., Nov. 19 at 3:00pm Theme: How are apps made?

Community articles submitted by the Blue Hill community are posted as-is. Those interested in submitting community news for the newsletter may contact Tracy Gandy ([tgandy@bhcs.org](mailto:tgandy@bhcs.org)). Views/opinions expressed in this section are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect official school positions or policies.