



Explorations

Blue Hill Consolidated School

December 8, 2016

Mr. Snow Goes to Washington

by Elia O'Hara and Gahl Falkner, Grade 8

Mr. Snow joined over 4,000 social studies teachers from all around the country who gathered in Washington, DC to attend the National Council for the Social Studies annual conference. While there, Mr. Snow met with other teachers and they shared effective teaching strategies, visited the African Museum of Culture, and met author Kenneth C. Davis author of the book series, "You Don't Know Much About History." It turns out that Mr. Davis has a family connection to Belfast and volunteered to come to Blue Hill next week to talk to our middle school students! Students will have an opportunity to learn about his research and writing process. Thank you Mr. Snow for coordinating this event.



Basketball Season Starts

Wednesday marked the start of the BHCS basketball season. The sounds of whistles, buzzers, and cheerleaders echoed off the walls of the gym as fans gathered to watch the girls team take on Castine. It was an intense game with Castine winning 39-36. Then it was time for the Peninsula boys team to take to the court. Castine won that game too, 49 - 34.



PTF Holiday Ham Boxes

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This year BHCS will be doing the Holiday Ham boxes again. We will be filling up dinner boxes to be given to local families this holiday season. The boxes include ham, potatoes, canned fruit, dinner rolls, vegetables, and a dessert. Each box also includes special treats made by the classes here at BHCS as part of our theme this year: BHCS Cares. If you would like to help, please see the online sign up sheet at [Sign-up-Genius](#) or e-mail us at ptf@bhcs.org Whatever you're able to bring is great! Donations are due December 21.

Chorus Club

There will be an extra 2-5 Chorus Club rehearsal in preparation for the concert next week. We will have our regular rehearsal Wed. (12/7) 2:45-3:45 and in addition we will have a Friday rehearsal (12/9) 2:45-3:45. Please remember to pack extra snacks and water for your students. Thank you for your support!

PTF News

Since this is such a busy time of the year, we have decided to skip our December PTF meeting. Enjoy all the wonderful Holiday Concerts and events at BHCS and around town. Join us in the BHCS cafeteria on Friday December 16 at 5:30 pm for a holiday movie night! We will be playing Mickey's Christmas Carol. Popcorn and healthy snacks will be provided. This is a free event.

Reminder

Students go outside each day for recess so please make sure they come to school prepared with hats, gloves, snow gear.

Holiday Gift Workshop

Don't forget to come by BHCS this Saturday from 10-12 to create some fun holiday gifts for families and friends. There will be everything from snow-globes to pet treats. Hope to see you there!

Free Money for BHCS PTF

The Hannaford Gift Card program is a great way to donate money to the school at no additional cost to you. If you purchase, or reload a Hannaford Card through us, Hannaford will donate 5% of your order to the Blue Hill Consolidated School Parent, Teacher Friend (PTF) Group. We use these funds to benefit BHCS and PTF activities and programs. Cards are good at any Hannaford - including TradeWinds!

December Hannaford Gift Card Order: Whether you are ordering a new card or requesting to reload a card just click on this link for the Hannaford Gift Card order form <http://bit.ly/bhcsptf-hannaford-1617>. Please drop off the completed form and your cash or check to the school office by 2:30 pm, Thursday December 15, 2016. Contact Ann Pladson ([925-997-3458](tel:925-997-3458) or ptf@bhcs.org) with any questions.

Dates to Remember

December 10	Holiday Gift Workshop: 10 am
December 10	Chess Team to Aurora
December 11	2nd Grade to Nutcracker
December 12	5-8 Winter Concert: 7 pm
December 13	K-4 Winter Concert: 6:30 pm
December 14	School Board Meeting, 5 pm
December 15	Hannaford Card orders due
December 16	PTF Movie Night, 5:30 pm



Third Annual Toys for Tots: The GSA girls basketball team will be sponsoring their yearly Toys for Tots Game at GSA, on December 15th, at 7:00 PM. Any spectator bringing in a new gift will receive free admission to the game. All gifts received will be donated to Toys for Tots. GSA will donate proceeds from the gate to the event. All cash donations are welcome. No wrapping is necessary.

Friends of the Library Holiday Party at the Blue Hill Public Library

Saturday, December 17th starting at 2:30

The party will feature:

2:45—songs and stories from Noel Paul Stookey

3:05-- the talented jazz stylings of the GSA Jazz Combo.

3:30-- the always entertaining dramatic reading of Dickens' A Christmas Carol

3:30-- magician Peter Boie

4:30-- a special magic workshop with Peter Boie

5:00- Carol Sing-along

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