

Explorations

Blue Hill Consolidated School

January 19, 2017

MEA Testing Results

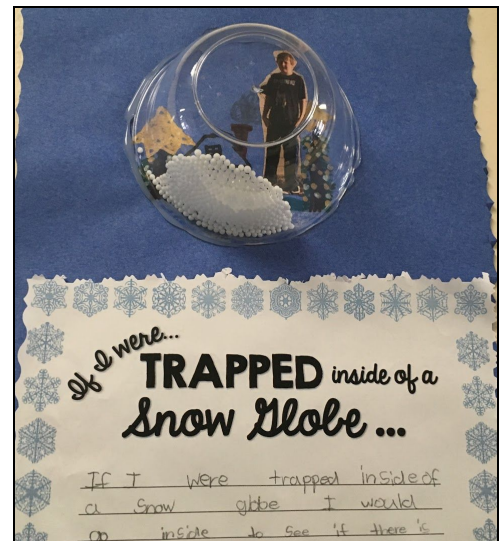
Last Spring, third through eighth grade and third year high school students throughout Maine took the MEA Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy assessment. You may remember that two years ago, the state of Maine stopped using the NECAP (New England Common Assessment Program) tests and switched to the Smarter Balanced Assessment, which was basically a disaster. This caused the Maine Department of Education to find a new assessment, the MEA Math and ELA test through the company Measured Progress. The Department of Education had initially promised a quick turnover of scores for the new MEA that would be ready sometime in the summer of 2016 after the testing in the spring, but the data was actually released to schools just recently.

Overall, our scores were very favorable for this pilot year of testing. In English Language Arts, the state average for students who met or exceeded the standards was 46%, the BHCS average was 61% (#43 out of 188 schools in Maine counted). In Math, the state average for students who met or exceeded standards was 39%, the BHCS average was 51% (#23 out of 183 schools in Maine counted). In Science, the state average for students who met or exceeded standards was 51%, the BHCS average was 71% (#23 out of 152 schools in Maine counted). Individual student scores should become available at the end of January and will be sent home to you when we have them.

If you'd like more information about the MEA testing or statewide scores, please visit: <https://mainedoenews.net/category/interests/teaching-learning/assessment/>

Warmly,
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We at BHCS are also proud of the creative learning that is evident throughout the building. Way to go, Bobcats!



Specialists' Conference Hours

Megan Granger, our school counselor, is available to meet with parents individually by appointment or to join scheduled parent/teacher conferences at the request of parents or teachers. Megan is also available at any time throughout the school year. Please feel free to contact her by phone at 374-2202, x104, or email her at mgranger@bhcs.org.

Mrs. Gandy	M - Th	3:00 - 5:00 pm
Sr. Holman	M, Tu	3:00 - 7:00 pm
Mr. Jurick	M - Th	3:00 - 5:00 pm
Mr. McCormick	M, Tu	3:00 - 6:00 pm
	W	3:00 - 4:00 pm
Mrs. Means	M, Tu	2:30 - 6:00 pm
Mrs. Ricker	M, W, Th	3:00 - 5:30 pm
Mr. Schubeck	T, Th, W	3:00 - 6:00 pm
		3:00 - 4:00 pm

2017-2018 Pre-K and Kindergarten Sign-up

Parents with children who will be four years of age before October 15, 2017 and wish for their child to start Pre-K in the fall should call the school office at 374-2202 to be placed on the list. Pre-K has a capacity of 18 and is a first-come, first-served listing.

Children who will be five years of age before October 15, 2017, are not in our Pre-K program, and wish to start kindergarten in the fall, should also call the office.

PTF News

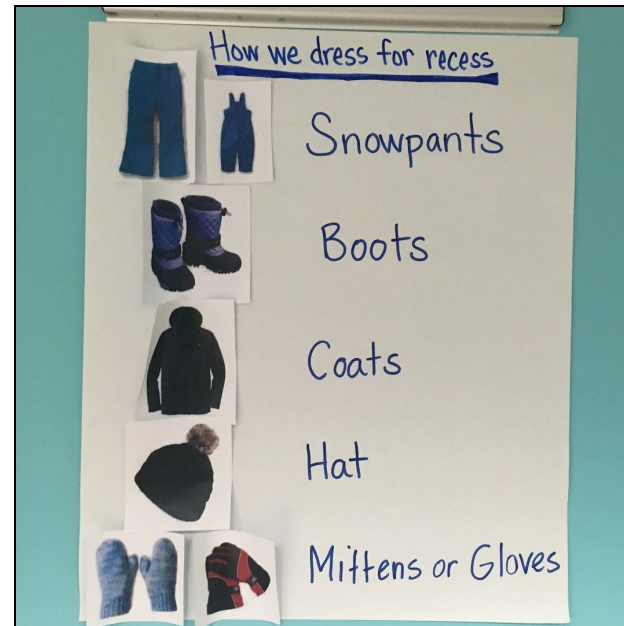
The next PTF meeting is January 19 right after school in the library. We will be discussing funding requests, plans for the spring, and

ways to improve communication. Please join us if you are able. Childcare is provided.

Join us Friday, January 20th for the movie [Storks](#). Doors will open at 5:30 and the movie starts at 6. We will be in the BHCS library this time. Healthy snacks, popcorn, and the movie are free. Baked goods and other treats will be available for purchase.

Winter Weather

Our students are fortunate to be able to have supervised outdoor recess every day. Please make sure your student is dressed for the weather.



Dates to Remember

January 19	PTF Meeting, 2:45 BHCS Library
January 19	Hannaford Card orders due
January 20	Movie Night - Storks; 5:30pm BHCS Library
January 20	Dance & Activity Night 6-9pm

