



Explorations

Blue Hill Consolidated School

June 15, 2017

BHCS Cares

I can't believe that we have reached the end of another school year. I wanted to take a moment to revisit our year long, school wide theme: BHCS Cares. We've focused on ways that we can care for ourselves, our community, and our environment through activities, assemblies, fundraisers, and more. I love the end of the year because it's a time of reflection, and I am just so proud of our school community and how caring our students and staff really are.

For the months of May and June our school participated in many community service projects. We focused on "BHCS cares for the community" and each grade level did something, including planting flowers for the boxes on the bridge for Memorial Day, the Walk for Water, and working on the gardens and bird blind at BHCS. Our final days of school next week we will remind students about taking care of themselves by getting lots of exercise!

It's a privilege for each of us to have the opportunity to work with your children every day. Have a lovely summer!

Warmly,
Shelly

First Grade made milkweed bombs and launched them around the school and downtown in hopes of growing milkweed plants. Chrissy Allen did this project with us and Leslie Clapp joined us to show us some birds nests as well.



Choice-Based Specials

Wednesday morning the students in grades 6&7 had an opportunity to hear about the choice-based specials that will be offered for the first trimester next year. Each student received a form that needs to be completed, signed by a parent, and returned to school by the end of the year. While every effort is made to honor first choice picks, it is important to also indicate other specials that are of interest in case there is no room in the first choice. It will be an exciting year of enriching activities as students explore the humanities with the specialist team.

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.”
-Scholastic.com

This is our annual, friendly reminder to help your child to keep learning over the summer! Some easy ways to do this are: find books that your child enjoys and set aside time each day to read; read aloud to your child; find educational apps (ask your child’s teacher for recommendations if you’d like); have your child keep a journal; use flash cards or xtramath.com to practice math facts.

End-of-Year Events

As we approach the end of the school year, there are some special events planned for the entire BHCS community.

Monday, June 19 we will be wrapping up our BHCS Cares theme with a schoolwide hike up Blue Hill Mountain. Different groups will be taking different paths up the mountain that are age-appropriate. **Students will need sturdy shoes, long pants, their Autism Awareness t-shirts, and, if possible, a water bottle for students in first through seventh grade.** We will meet for a whole school picture and a song!

The last day of school, June 20, we start the morning with Step-Up Day. This is a BHCS tradition where students are given an opportunity to see their classrooms for the next year and meet their teachers. Then in the afternoon, the seventh grade students and middle school teachers will be supervising field day.

Dates to Remember

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| June 16 | 5th Grade to Fort Knox |
| June 16 | 8th Grade Graduation, 7 pm |
| June 19 | All School Mt. Hike 9-10:45 am |
| June 20 | Step-Up Day 9-9:45 am |
| June 20 | Last Day of School |

Have a safe and relaxing summer!



Blue Hill Heritage Trust Events:

6/17 Saturday 10AM – Summer Tree ID W&T with Sarah O'Malley.

Now that trees are in full foliage, join our Board Member and Local Naturalist Sarah O'Malley for a guided Tree ID W&T at [Greenbie Natural Area](#) in Castine. Learn how to distinguish species in the spring/summer in this diverse landscape.

6/30 Friday 1PM – Quill's End Farm Tour.

In collaboration with the Blue Hill Co-op, join our second farm tour of the year at [Quill's End Farm](#) in Penobscot with the Retburg family. Blue Hill Heritage Trust holds agricultural easements on Quill's End Farm, protecting the land forever. The farm tour is free, family-friendly, and open to the public. Sponsored by Blue Hill Heritage Trust and the Blue Hill Co-op. For more info, directions, or to register for the event please contact the BHHT office

SUMMER YOUTH TRACK & FIELD for BLUE HILL PENINSULA

The Blue Hill Peninsula Track Club will be active again this summer. This program is for area youth from age 5 to those having just completed 8th grade. It is run by GSA teacher and BHCS track coach David Stearns. This is a chance for children to try their hand (or foot) at sprinting and distance running, race-walking, hurdling, jumping, or throwing various implements.

Practices will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Blue Hill Consolidated School. Most participants also attend weekly track meets on Thursday afternoons from 2 pm to 6 pm, in the greater Bangor area. Students compete in four different age levels. The cost of this program will be \$70 with a \$10 discount for siblings. Practices will begin on Tuesday, June 20. The first of five weekly meets is Thursday, June 29.

For more information and to get on the contact list, please phone or text David Stearns at 266-5589 or email d.stearns@georgestevens.info.

Girls Open Gym Basketball at GSA on Wednesday's from 5-6:30 pm, starting July 5th for incoming 5th through 8th grade girls. Run by Brandi Ensworth.

Interested in Cub Scouts? Blue Hill Cub Scout Pack 97 will be hiking and having fun all summer- join us! Boys who will be in grades 1-5 in the fall are welcome to join. Summer meetings are Monday night in the Blue Hill American Legion Hall at 5:30, every other week or so- contact Rebecca for a schedule. We are also looking for adult volunteers- would you like to be a den leader, committee member or volunteer behind the scenes? The more boys we have, the more adults we need to make it work. We have had a terrific year with Pack 97 and are excited to share this great opportunity for

boys in our community- help us make it successful! Contact Rebecca at rconable@mac.com or 669-5134.

'HILL FIDDLERS' Summer Sessions with Fiona Schubeck in Blue Hill

Learn to play the fiddle this summer!

Fiona draws primarily from Irish, 'Old Time' and New England fiddle traditions -- teaching reels, jigs, marches and waltzes with an emphasis on rhythm, intonation, and playing in a group. Please see the attached flyer for complete information.

No experience necessary! Some fiddles available.

Contact Fiona for more information and to sign up!

fiona.schubeck@gmail.com 207-735-7006

Attachments:

Hill Fiddlers

Jazz Band Camp

Magic Food Bus

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