



Explorations

Blue Hill Consolidated School

November 30, 2017

Responding with Wonderment and Awe

This month our BHCS Habit of Mind theme is Responding with Wonderment and Awe. Highly successful people are often described as creative and passionate. We want our students to be curious, passionate learners that enjoy a challenge!

Yesterday, our students were given a clear picture of what this looks like in action. Middle school science teacher, Nell Herrmann, shared with all of our students some highlights of her trips to Greenland and the science work that she has been doing there since 2009. She presented a slideshow, videos, and artifacts showing what it was like to get there (9 hours on a cargo plane!), what the plants and animals look like there and why, and what data she was collecting while she was there. Our students, right down to the four-year-olds, were engaged throughout the whole presentation. We were so proud of them!

I know that things in our world and lives might feel hard or stressful right now, but I would just encourage all of you to take time in the next four weeks to find things that you are in awe of. Point out the things that make you say, "wow!" to your children. We continue to be in awe of your lovely children each day. One example of this is the update we received on the money we raised last spring during our Walk for Water. Check this out on the next page!



Thanks for Thanksgiving

The BHCS Boosters would like to thank all our families who donated items for the Thanksgiving baskets that we were able to donate. The generosity of the BHCS community is one of the many things that make our school so amazing.

Walk for Water Update

Last spring our seventh grade students led the school in an effort to raise \$1,400 to pay for a handwashing station for Mosorec International Academy in Tanzania. We just received an update from H2O for Life and the drilling of the well has been completed and they are in the process of finishing up the work which is when the handwashing station will be added. Be sure to check out the [H2O for Life](http://www.h2oforlife.org) website to see photos of this amazing outreach.

Holiday Baskets for BHCS Families

Classrooms around BHCS are preparing to create special treats for the holidays that will be gathered together to share with families. In addition to these handmade goodies and decorations, we would like to collect money for Hannaford cards that can be given to families. If you would like to contribute to this collection, please send in your donations to the office and we will take care of buying the gift cards. Thank you !

After School Expectations

Students who have a late practice for a sport are expected to go home and then return at the start of practice. Students in grades 5-8 are allowed to be on the playground after school but they are not allowed to hang out in the building.

Hannaford Gift Cards for the Holidays!

The Hannaford Gift Card program is a great way to support the BHCS Boosters while picking up some holiday gifts and stocking stuffers at the same time!!

The Hannaford Gift card can be used at TradeWinds and all Hannaford stores!! They can be issued in any denomination from \$5 to \$500 and can be set-up to not allow the purchase of alcohol or tobacco products*.

When you sign up for a new card or reload your existing Hannaford Gift Card, Hannaford will give the Boosters 5% of the proceeds.

Just complete the form <http://bit.ly/bhcsboosters-hannaford-1718> and drop the form and your check (made payable to BHCS Boosters) or cash off with Loretta at the school office by **Thursday, December 7th, no later than 2:40PM.**

Card reloads will be processed in 24 hours and new cards will be available 5-7 days. You will receive an email notifying you that the cards can be picked up at the school office.

Any questions contact Ann Pladson, BHCS Boosters 925.997.3458 or hello@bhcsboosters.org.

*Please make a note on the form if you are interested in having non-alcohol & tobacco product cards

Dates to Remember

Thursday, Dec. 7	Hannaford Card orders due
Sunday, Dec. 10	Grade 2 to the Nutcracker
Wednesday, Dec. 13	School Board Meeting, 5pm BHCS Library
Monday, Dec. 18	Winter Concert, grades 5-8, 7 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 19	Winter Concert, grades K-4, 6:30 pm
Thursday, Dec. 21	Grades 6-8 to "Beauty and the Beast"

