



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

September 24, 2010

School Pictures

Lifetouch will be here Monday morning for school photos. An information sheet will be coming home today. Families with three or more children can buy two and get the 3rd free. Please return the background forms on Monday. Pre-schoolers welcome at 8:00 AM.

After school study hall will be from 2:35-3:15 on Mondays through Thursdays starting next week.

Notes from the Music Department...

A big thank you and congratulations to the Jazzband for their efforts at the back-to-school picnic! If you enjoyed the jazzband at the picnic, be sure to come to the *Making Strides* walk/ run benefit on Saturday as the Jazzband will perform for participants as they return. Combos have started up in the mornings. The 8th grade combo will perform at Parker Ridge November 1st, and the 7th and 6th grade combos are learning jazz articulations, rhythms, and theory. This is a great opportunity for them to develop their skills and I appreciate their early morning efforts.

Attention 5th graders and parents... On Tuesday, September 28th at 6:30 NK Music will host rental night in the BHCS Cafeteria. Stay tuned. ~Mr. Schubeck

Music Request Mrs. Means needs 80 strips of cloth to use as washable blindfolds for students for vocal improvisation.

PTF

Help the greenhouse project take the next step when soil is delivered next Sat., Oct. 2! Come between 9-11 to help with the greenhouse and other playground spruce-up jobs that will be waiting for ready volunteers. Watch for more details coming next Friday. Save an hour or two if you can help out!

The 2010-11 edition of the BHCS Family Directory is coming home today with the youngest child in each family. If you need an extra copy, you can get one in the office. Thanks to Lesley Litwiller for once again taking on all the word processing to put this together!

Thanks to everyone who is contributing to the food for the *Making Strides* event tomorrow. We are hoping for a great turnout!

*Holiday Gift Planning - Just to let you know, we will again be offering the opportunity to order gifts made using your children's actual artwork through Original

Works. Mrs. Ricker is working with art classes to create pieces that will lend themselves to this project. There will be many items you can choose from, in all price ranges. The order forms will come home in October, and the orders should be back early December, ready for the holidays. Stay tuned for more info.

From the Sports Desk

Tomorrow the Soccer Round Robin in Castine starts at 2:00 PM. We are providing a bus from the GSA parking lot to Castine and back. The bus will leave at 12:30 and return around 8:00 PM. A and B team players are welcome to attend. We will make sure players all get a chance to play. Any interested players must bring a snack to contribute to the food room. Kids are provided with lunch, water, and snacks. Blue Hill will be playing in 6 games. Each game is 22 minutes. It is all for fun!

Next week's schedule:

Monday

Cross Country @ Parker Pruett/Sumner High School (leave school at 2:15) meet at 4:15

A Team Soccer and B1 @ Brooklin 3:30

B2 Team Soccer-HOME w/Bay School 3:30

Tuesday

Cross Country 3:00 - 4:15

A Team Soccer 3:00 - 4:30

B1 Team Soccer 4:30 - 5:30

B2 Team Soccer 3:00 - 4:00

Wednesday

Cross Country 3:00 - 4:15

A Team Soccer-HOME w/Brooksville 3:30

Thursday

Cross Country @ Trenton (leave at 2:45) meet at 4:15

B1 practice 4:30 - 5:30

B2 practice 3:00 - 4:00

Friday

Ultimate Frisbee 2:45 - 4:15

A Team Soccer @ Surry 3:45

Making Strides Walk – This Saturday, rain or shine!

5K Fitness Run-Walk

Registration: 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM

Starting and Finishing at BHCS at 10:00 AM.

Della L. Martin, Principal • Loretta Smith, Secretary • Beth Jackson, Librarian • Matt Jurick, Technology Specialist

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Making Strides is an organization committed to making a difference in the lives of children on the autism spectrum so that they can meet their highest potential.

When school is closed we're open! Peninsula Metamorphic Arts & Learning

PMAL announces its fall schedule of discovery days. Designed to give parents an enriching option on in-service, holiday, and vacation days, these programs offer engaging and productive activities for children ages 5-12.
October 8th - Crime Scene Science
October 11th - Create a Museum, Columbus' Impact
November 11th - 1918 World Tour
December 29th - Holiday Food & Art
December 30th - Art of the New Year

All programs are held at the PMAL Center, 139 Mines Road in Blue Hill, and run from 9 AM to 2 PM. The cost is \$40 per session (\$35 for each additional sibling). Please register at least 48 hours before the event. Call 374-5255 or email chris.pmal@gmail.com to register.

Community Updates:

Blue Hill Public Library

October marks the start-up of some popular children's programs at the Library for the school year.
*Chess Club resumes Friday, October 1st, 3:00 -3:45 PM and is for children ages 7 and up and for all levels of skill. Snacks and chess sets are provided.

*Reading With the Big Kids resumes on Monday, October 4 from 3-5 PM. This program connects teen (or nearly teen) volunteers who read to young children on Monday afternoons. Parents are then free to browse the library, use a computer or chat with a friend, knowing that their children are having fun. No sign-up is necessary; families may just drop in. Children can choose books from the collection or bring their favorites to share.
*The Reader Dog program will be back on Tuesday, October 5 at 3:30 PM. Bri the veteran listener and her sister Gracie, who will be making her debut, are both registered therapy dogs who enjoy listening to children read in a relaxed and nonjudgmental environment so that they may gain self confidence. Children must sign up ahead of time for 20 minute reading periods as this is a very popular program.

Upcoming Events:

Sat., Sept. 24 – Making Strides Walk-Run
Mon., Sept. 27 – Picture Day
Tues., Sept. 28th - 6:30 Northern Kingdom Music will host rental night in the BHCS Cafeteria
Sat., Oct. 2 - Greenhouse/Playground Spruce Up, 9-11AM
Wed., Oct. 6 - PTF Meeting, 8 AM
Fri., Oct. 15 - PTF Benefit Supper for BHCS Family Assistance Fund
Sat., Oct. - 16 PTF Family Fall Festival, 10 AM-2 PM
PTF Halloween Costume Exchange 10 AM-12 PM
Sat., Nov. 20 - PTF Holiday Craft Fair

5-8 CHORUS CLUB Guidelines & Commitment Letter

Blue Hill Consolidated School 2010-2011
MONDAYS 2:40 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Dear Parent and Student:

- 1. Chorus Club, although an elective, is a school-sponsored activity. Students who elect to be in Chorus Club must follow all regular rules and procedures.**
- 2. Students are expected to attend all rehearsals** unless they are absent from school.
- 3. If it is necessary for a student to miss a rehearsal, he/she should speak to Mrs. Means at least two periods in advance** of the rehearsal so adjustments can be made.
- 4. Performance Dates:** The student is responsible for performing in both designated performances -- one winter and one spring. Students joining Chorus Club are eligible for **extra activities**, such as Christmas caroling, Karaoke Night and other festivities.
- 5. Joining Chorus Club is a real team commitment** and it is important to have students follow through their commitment or withdraw properly. If a student chooses not to continue in Chorus Club, he/she must have a parent or guardian conference call or send a letter to Mrs. Means.

--Mrs. Means, Chorus Club Director

*****Cut bottom and turn in before **Sept.28********

Middle School Chorus Club COMMITMENT SLIP

My child _____ would like to join the 2010-2011 BHCS Chorus Club. We have read the above guidelines and accept the commitment of being a member.

_____ and _____
Student Signature and Grade

_____ and _____
Parent/Guardian Signature and Phone Number