



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

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### Child Safety Information

Trooper Greg Mitchell from the Citizen Protection Group LLC recently presented to local parents on the topic of child protection. In his presentation he shared a list of useful safety rules for kids. I have listed the rules below and would like to hear from parents if you would like me, along with the PTF, to organize a parent session on this topic with Trooper Mitchell at BHCS. I generally teach personal safety lessons to students in the spring, and would be happy to help organize a parent session shortly before the student lessons. To be sure there is sufficient interest in the parent session, I would like parents to email or call me directly ([mgranger@bhcs.org](mailto:mgranger@bhcs.org), 374-2202, ext.104) to sign up in advance and suggest a good time of day for the session.

Thank you for your interest,  
Megan Granger, LCPC  
BHCS Counselor

### Kid Safety Rules.....

- \*I will never change location without permission from my parent or guardian.
- \*If someone tries to grab or hurt me, I have permission to defend myself.
- \*I will scream, kick and hit until I can run away.
- \*I will avoid walking alone in isolated places.
- \*I know never to go with a person who says they are a police officer if they are not in uniform, and don't have a police car; I know not to go with a stranger even if they show a badge.
- \*I know to call home when I get to my friend's house, shopping, etc., and to call when I am on my way back home.
- \*I don't walk in places after dark.
- \* I know that if I get lost in a store or shopping mall, I will go to a cashier, security person or a parent with kids to ask for help.

\*I will never go alone to movie theaters, arcades, stores, public restrooms, parks, swimming pools, or school yards (after school hours).

\*I know not to put my name on any clothing, jewelry, hats, caps, jackets, t-shirts, bikes, etc., where people can see it.

\*Just because someone knows my name, it does not make him or her a trusted person.

### Sports News

The sports season is starting to wind down and the tournaments are in sight. Our "B" basketball tournament will be in Sedgwick on Saturday, February 5. A schedule will be going home next week. Our "A" tournament will be at GSA on Friday, February 11 and Saturday, February 12. Game times will be announced after the AD meeting on February 3.

I have been very impressed with the sportsmanship of all of our athletes. We have won many games with grace and our losses have been taken very well. In the end, our athletes will learn from both winning and losing. I wish to extend a huge thank you to our coaches for instilling these life values to our children.

Stay tuned for more tournament updates.

~Lori Wessel, AD

### Pee Wee Basketball

Saturday, January 29, 10:00 AM  
BH 1 at Brooksville  
BH 2 at Castine

### PTF News

- The February PTF meeting will be next Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 8 AM in the library.
- Family Potluck & Variety Show, Friday, Feb. 4. Food starting at 5:30, entertainment starting at 6:15. Anyone wanting to perform should see Mrs. Means or Mr. Schubeck for a registration form ASAP! It is always a great family event.

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

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### Library

•Thanks to Celia Hurvitt for donating some "already been loved" books.

### Maine Student Book Award Celebration @ BHCS

Later this week BHCS will be hosting 240 students in grades 5-8 from schools in Union 93 to highlight the Maine Student Book Award program. This year's celebration, "Who Chose Poetry?" will feature a variety of workshops on the literary, artistic, musical, and performance aspects of poetry. Planned by a committee of the schools' librarians, art teacher Penny Ricker and Peninsula Metamorphic Director Amy Grant, and with workshops featuring teachers, students and outside experts, this annual event promises to be another great day in the life of our students!

### Parent Portal Night

It was great to see so many parents at last evening's workshop on how to best use the tools of Power School's Parent Portal. Thanks to 7th graders Ally Snow and Maddie Dodge who helped with childcare, to the PTF for food contributions, and to Mr. Jurick and his team of teachers, Bill O'Connell, Heather Ford, Cathy Snow, Anita Black, Shelly Schildroth, Penny Ricker and Audrey Means. Feel free to contact us again if you have further questions.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Feb. 1 (Tu)	Grades 3 and 4 - Oral History Interviews, 1 PM
Feb. 2 (W)	PTF Meeting, 8 AM
Feb. 4 (F)	PTF <b>Potluck and Variety Show</b> , 5:30 PM; 6:15 PM
Feb. 16 (W)	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Play, 7 PM
Feb. 17 (TH)	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade NAEP Testing Union Spelling Bee in Brooksville @ 6:30 PM. Spellers (4) arrive at 6:00 PM
Feb. 21	February Vacation Begins