



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

March 16, 2011

2nd Trimester Conferences Next Week

Be sure you sign up for conferences with your child and his or her teacher. They begin on Monday and go through next week. This is the best time to talk about your student's strengths, as well as the areas that need work. We are asking that you make every attempt to schedule your conference during the allotted times provided by teachers during that week. Schedules are tight and teachers need to get this important part of our assessment and reporting system completed in a timely way.

Specialists' Hours During Conference Week

Penny Ricker - Art

Monday and Tuesday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM
Wednesday, 3:00 – 6:00 PM

Bob McCormick - PE

Monday and Tuesday, 3:30 – 6:00 PM
Wednesday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Audrey Means - Music

Monday and Wednesday, 2:30-4:00 PM
Tuesday, 2:30-7:00 PM

Beth Jackson - Library

Monday-Thursday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Penny Ricker - Art

Monday and Tuesday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM
Wednesday, 3:00 – 6:00 PM

Julie O'Neill - Speech and Language

Monday - Thursday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Silvana Cuello - Spanish

Monday and Tuesday, 3:00 – 6:00 PM
Wednesday, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Matt Jurick - Computer

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Tuesday, 3:00 - 7:00 PM

Bill Schubeck - Instrumental Music

Monday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM
Tuesday, 3:00 – 6:00 PM
Wednesday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

PTF

Family Movie Night will feature Open Season 3 this Friday, March 18 (Rated PG, 75 minutes). Food will be available for sale at 5:30 PM, the movie will start at 6:00 PM. There is a sign-up form in the lobby for snack donations and for helping at the food table. You can also contact Melissa Emerton if you can help. Donations at the door will benefit the PTF.

Classroom News

Grades 5-8 celebrated Pi Day on Monday, 3/14. They recited part of pi, made a pi-ku, used equations with pi to do some circumference, area and volume activities, heard stories and saw videos about geometry and pi. At the end of each class they celebrated with pie. A special thanks goes to Loretta Smith who made lots of pies to help us with our celebrations. We are already coming up with good ideas for next year.

Grade 7 celebrated the end of their **immigration** unit with a special luncheon. They brought in food that came from the countries of their ancestors, and we enjoyed lots of main dishes and desserts. It was fun trying out new foods. They also dressed up as someone from their past and introduced themselves as that person. They have researched their family trees, written autobiographies, read historical fiction about immigrants, and learned about the early 1900's when more immigrants came to the United States than at any other time.

Notice: Gymnastics cancelled on March 29th.

Reminder: If you are picking your child up after study hall.... please wait in the lobby.

Shoot Hoops Fundraiser for Gym Floor Covers
Tradewinds Marketplace has offered to pay \$1.00 per foul shot for the basketball teams to "shoot hoops" as a fundraiser to pay for the new gym floor covers. Our Swing Team boys will be shooting on Thursday, March 17 from 2:45-4:00 PM. More news to come later from other teams.

DATE CHANGE!

PENINSULA BASKETBALL CAMPS...

...with Coach Mark Baxter, and featuring guest coaches from Husson University men's and women's teams. Our mission is to help develop the fundamentals of basketball. This includes shooting, ball handling, rebounding, passing, offense, and defense. Most of all, we will be learning, practicing, and having fun!

Mar. 19, 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM at GSA.

BOTH boys and girls in grades 3-8.

COST: \$30.00

Sign up sheets have been given out to every class.

Information Contact: Mark Baxter
207-540-2621 or mrkbaxter88@yahoo.com

Peninsula Skating Association Meeting

We hope to see you at the next PSA meeting on Monday, March 21 at 7:00 PM at the Blue Hill Farm Country Inn (on Pleasant Street/Rte 15). Jim Schatz, selectman and inn owner, has graciously offered us a cozy meeting space and light refreshments.

Agenda items carried over from the last meeting include the election of new officers and an update on development of the PSA web site. If you would like to suggest additional items for the agenda, please send your thoughts to John Gallagher (gallagher@eena.com) and Noah Tapley (noahtapley@hotmail.com).

Little League and Farm League

Baseball registration will be held on Tuesday March 22 from 3:00 – 4:30 PM in the lobby of the Blue Hill Consolidated School. Kids who are 6 – 12 years old on April 30 of 2011 are encouraged to sign up. Questions? Call Jonathan Smallidge at 374-5709.

BEEM BASH – Coming Soon! April 1st!
Be sure to RSVP to spolitte@roadrunner.com or call 374-3513...or on Facebook Event Response.



DISCOVERY DAY....
"TRICK OR TRUTH?"

Friday, March 25th

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Is it real or is it only an illusion? Has someone tricked your brain? Is it magic after all? Together we will discover the truth of illusion with puzzles, optical illusions, conundrums, and slide of hand!

Cost: \$40 and a 20 % sibling discount (\$32)

Grades: K - 5

Before and after care available upon request.

Note: Register by email with Chris at chris.pmal@gmail.com or by calling 374-5255.

The Book Fair is coming!

Stop by the Book Fair next week while you are in for parent conferences. There will be lots of fun reads, teacher wish lists, and more. All your purchases benefit our school library. Credit and debit cards, checks and cash accepted.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 16/17 (W/TH) GSA Registration for 8th Grade
March 18 (F) PTF Family Movie Night
March 21-24 Parent/Student/Teacher CONFERENCES
Report cards will be mailed **the week before** the conferences.
Book Fair during conference week
March 25 (F) NO SCHOOL, Teacher In-Service
March 26 (S) State Middle School Jazzfest, Stearns High School, Millinocket
April 8 (F) Student Art Show Public Reception, Blue Hill Public Library, 4:00–6:00 PM
June 16 (TH) Graduation, 7:00 PM



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PTF Parent Night Survey

The PTF is considering sponsoring some parent nights. Please indicate below any topics you might be interested in attending, and suggest any topics you would like that we haven't listed.

_____ Child Protection with Trooper Greg Mitchell

_____ Wellness Education for the Family

_____ Math Programming at BHCS

_____ Understanding the BHCS Grading System

_____ Substance Abuse Prevention

_____ Computer Safety for Younger Grades (3-5)

_____ Bullying

_____ Other ideas: _____

_____ I would appreciate childcare being provided.

_____ I have a child/children in _____ grade(s).

The best day(s) for me are: _____

The best time(s) for me are: _____

Please return to the library.