



# EXPLORATIONS

*Blue Hill Consolidated School*

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

**April 6, 2011**

## **The Blue Hill Consolidated School Presents "Oliver!"**

Come support our 5th-8th grade thespians! Performances are Friday, April 8, 7:00 P.M. and Saturday, April 9, 1:00 P.M. Tickets will be sold at the door: adults \$5.00 and students \$3.00. The musical is based on Charles Dickens's novel Oliver Twist and originally opened in London in 1960. The music and the lyrics are written by Lionel Bart who, at the time, was 30 years young.

**Kindergarten Registration** will be held on May 5 & 6. If you have, or know of, a student who will be 5 on or before October 15th, please call the office at 374-2202 for an appointment. Students in the current kindergarten classes will not be attending school on those days.

## **STUDENT ART SHOW** **BLUE HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY** **RECEPTION, Friday, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 4 – 6 PM**

Put it on your calendar to visit the town library during the month of April to view the student art on exhibit. There's beautiful work from all the area schools. It is wonderful to see so much work in one place; exhibits are throughout the library, upstairs and down. There will be a reception with refreshments for the student artists this Friday afternoon April 8th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Please take this opportunity to come and celebrate our young artists.

## **Little League Tryouts**

For those kids, ages 9-12, who have not previously played Little League on a Blue Hill team, or for those who are interested in moving up from Farm League: Saturday, April 9 @ GSA gym, 9:00 – 10:30 AM. Wear indoor sports attire and bring a baseball glove. Other

equipment will be available. Please bring registration paperwork if it has not already been passed in.

## **8<sup>th</sup> MMA Trip Rescheduled**

The 8th grade will be at Maine Maritime Academy on Monday, April 11th. All 8th graders from Union 93 will be attending. Students need to be sure they returned their permission slips last week. They will be using MMA's climbing wall, field house, swimming pool & receiving a tour of the ship. MMA will also provide lunch. We will leave Blue Hill at 8:00 AM & return to Blue Hill at 2:30 PM.

## **Sports News**

The Third and Fourth Grade Baseball/Softball Intramural Program is looking for old baseball gloves. We will be asking intramural students to bring a glove to practice this year for catching practice. We would love to gather a big bucket of hand-me-down gloves to offer to children who may not have a glove at home. Cleats are also welcome. Just drop them off in Tara McKechnie's room.

## **Congratulations, Peyton Cole!**

Peyton placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Marshwoods New England Wrestling Classic Competition last weekend. Wow!

## **Do you know....??**

As a lead up to Screen Time Awareness Week after vacation, students are encouraged to keep track of their regular screen-related activities for the coming week on the record sheet attached to this newsletter. Please return the form before vacation.

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

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**Ultimate Frisbee** will start the Friday after April vacation. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and the field will be ready by then!

**The BEEM Board says, “ Thank you to everyone who made donations and who came to the BASH. You helped make it a huge success!”**

### **Mononucleosis**

We have one current case of mono at school. It is an infection that produces flu-like symptoms, and usually goes away on its own in a few weeks with the help of plenty of fluids and rest. Please contact the school nurse if you have questions.

### **Library News**

The BHCS voting is done and our winners have been announced! Our Chickadee Award K-4 votes went to Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer by Carol Brendler and Ard Hoyt in first place, Circus Ship by Chris Van Dusen in second place, and Lousy, Rotten, Stinkin' Grapes by Margie Palatini and Barry Moser in third place. The Maine Student Book Award winners, voted on by students in grades 4-8, were Killer Pizza by Greg Taylor in first place, Nubs: the True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle by Brian Dennis in second place, and When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead (also winner of the Newbury Award) in third place. The State winners will be announced next week.

**Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer Day:** Tomorrow, April 7, Carol Brendler will be here from Chicago for the day to share her book, her worms, and her stories about being an author. Students in K-5 will have a chance to do a variety of garden/worm/writing related activities, including helping with our greenhouse, making seed packets or seed paper, singing and creative movement about worms and gardening, making garden diaries, and/or making a classroom worm farm. See how much more your children know about red wigglers after tomorrow!

### **PTF**

\*Tonight (Wednesday, April 6) is the meeting to plan Staff Appreciation Day which is coming up on May 3. Join Melissa Emerton in the library at 6:30 if you have ideas and/or want to help plan, or get in touch with her with any ideas.

\*The regular April PTF meeting will next Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30 PM. It will be in the library unless the School Board meeting which starts at 5 PM isn't finished, then it will be in Mr. Baxter's room.

### **Parents, please help!**

There have been several instances of rough play and unkind words on the playground after school. Students are well aware of the rule of “hands off” and being kind to all during the school recesses, but after school there is NO supervision on the playground. You are welcome to bring your child to play after school, as it is a great and fun facility, but please stay to supervise them so that there are no instances of physical harm or teasing and bullying. If students are not being appropriate and we get complaints from other parents, then we will have to ask your child not to use the playground after school.

### **GSA International Night**

Saturday, April 9 from 5-8 PM in the GSA Cafeteria. No admission fee.

Donations will be accepted for Disaster Relief in Japan. Over 20 country booths featuring food samples and information. Additional food and drinks will be on sale in the Cafeteria.

Entertainment acts including GSA's own Sam's Soul Children & Steel Band.

For more information, please contact [k.pelletier@georgestevens.org](mailto:k.pelletier@georgestevens.org)

### **COMING UP: "5-2-1-0 Potluck and Spring Fling"**

at Blue Hill Consolidated School---Thursday, April 28th, 5:30-7:30 PM. Lots of great food, fun activities and great information!!! Join us---you'll be so glad you did! Watch for more information next week. NEEDED: Pictures of BHCS kids and families

doing all the fun and fantastic activities they do that don't require a TV or screen. We will be doing another bulletin board highlighting all these activities for everyone to enjoy at the "5-2-1-0 Potluck and Spring Fling." Send them soon and send in lots!

Thanks very much. ~~ Debbie Candage : )

**PMAL Announces....May/June Arts Playhouse Schedule**

Beginning Mon., May 2, running through Thurs., June 16th, the Arts Playhouse workshops will be:

**Mondays:** Tree Forts Galore!

What could be better for a child to do on a spring afternoon than to play in the woods and build a fort? Many of you have seen our "Meadow" here at PMAL. This spring, by student request, we will be getting out the ropes again and rebuilding our creations from last summer. Children will be learning lashing, knot tying and the oh-so-important art of being safe in the forest!

**Tuesdays:** The Return of Spy School!

Gadgets, Codes, Secrets! Learn them all here at PMAL's Spy School!

**Wednesdays:** Collage Art

So ... Your child loves to mix it up! Nothing like collage art for those who like to cut, paste and reconfigure the world from another view!

**Thursdays:** Fairies and Magical Kingdoms

Come be a Fairy or a Wizard or a Nome! Create some fairy dust! Come make MAGIC!

Registration is now open. The cost is \$15/day for one child and \$12/day for each additional sibling. The program runs from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM each day and includes homework help, a healthy snack and creative, age-appropriate activities.

To register, contact Chris at [chris.pmal@gmail.com](mailto:chris.pmal@gmail.com) or 374-5255.

**MERI Kids! 2011 April Vacation**

**Programs**

**\*\*Tuesday, April 19, Ocean Food Webs:**

**Plankton to Whales, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.**

**\*\*Thursday, April 21, Earth Day Everyday!**

For children ages 6-12. \$15/session.

Registration required: call MERI at 374-2135 or email [info@meriresearch.org](mailto:info@meriresearch.org).

**Come one, come all to the Blue Hill Contradance, Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>!**

**Family dance** is from 7:15–8:00 PM with music by the All-Comers Band and all musicians are welcome to the open stage. Call for a tune list. \$3.00 single - \$10.00 family.

**Contradance** is from 8:00-11:00 PM with music by UpRiver Reel (Tavi Merrill – fiddle/piano, Rebecca Bosworth-Clemens – clarinet, and Anthony Viselli, mandolin/guitar. \$8.00.

**\*\*All are welcome! No partner or experience necessary. For more information contact: Fiona Schubeck, 735-7006.**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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| April 6 (W)    | PTF Staff Appreciation Meeting, 6:30 PM                                |
| April 7 (TH)   | Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer Day (K-5)                                     |
| April 8 (F)    | Student Art Show Public Reception, Blue Hill Public Library, 4–6:00 PM |
| April 8 & 9    | OLIVER! Friday, 6:30 PM and Saturday at 1:00 PM.                       |
| April 11 (M)   | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade to MMA, 8:00 AM                                  |
| April 13 (W)   | Garden Committee Meeting, 3:00 PM                                      |
| April 13 (W)   | School Board Meeting, 5:00 PM  |
| April 13 (W)   | PTF Meeting, 6:30 PM   |
| April 15 (F)   | Start of April Vacation, 3:00 PM                                       |
| April 28 (TH)  | 5210 Family Spring Fling, 5:30-7:30 PM                                 |
| May 5&6 (TH/F) | Kindergarten Registration  |
| May 30 (M)     | Memorial Day – no school   |
| June 7 (TU)    | 5-8 Spring Concert   |
| June 9 (TH)    | K-4 Spring Concert   |
| June 16 (TH)   | Graduation, 7:00 PM  |
| June 21 (M)    | Last Day of School   |