



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

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September 27, 2012

### **TOMORROW is Picture Day!**

Please make sure your child has his/her order form here in the morning for the pictures. Pre-school children are welcome to come in between 7:30 and 8:00 AM.

### **NECAP Testing**

It's that time of year again! NECAP tests, the standardized tests given to all Maine children at the elementary level from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, will begin next week. These tests give us information about student achievement and they also give us data about our school programs and our instruction. Please help us to help your children to find success with these tests by making sure they are in attendance from October 1 to October 16. There will be only one or two tests given each day, generally in the morning. Like every day, breakfast is important. The PTF will be providing snacks during the breaks, as well. Thank you, PTF! While we all know that a standardized test only takes a snapshot of a child's academic abilities within a small window, we try our best to make sure the snapshot is as accurate as possible for the sake of the students' records and the school's programs. If you have questions about the schedule or the tests, please contact your child's teacher. Thanks.

*Correction: Three proofreaders and a spell checker are sometimes still not enough. Please forgive the typo in the first line of Explorations last week. It was an **excerpt**, not an **expert**, from The Little Prince, though one might argue that the author was indeed an expert.*

### **Maine Harvest Lunch Week September 24-28**

This week the kitchen staff has been busy preparing and serving Maine grown foods to celebrate Maine Harvest Lunch Week. Tomatoes, green beans, squash, potatoes, and apples are just some of the fresh produce served this week. Flowers from the BHCS garden were an additional treat on the lunch tables Thursday and Friday, thanks to the After School Garden Club.

### **BHCS Library**

The library is looking for one or two people who would be interested in learning how to repair books. Veteran volunteer Mariah Hughs will share her techniques for mending books so there can be several

people able to help with our books. Stop by or call to let Beth Jackson know if you might be interested.

### **Making Strides Run/Walk**

Making Strides run walk is approaching fast. If you would like to take part in the race, volunteer or help the PTF with food, please touch base with Katye Lacasse at 266-5434 or [katyelacasse@yahoo.com](mailto:katyelacasse@yahoo.com).

For more information and registration forms, please log on to [www.makingstrides.me](http://www.makingstrides.me).

### **PTF News**

\*The PTF will be helping with food at the Making Strides Run/Walk this Saturday. If you can help with food donations or volunteering on Saturday, there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby or you can contact Nancy White at [njwmaine@yahoo.com](mailto:njwmaine@yahoo.com).

\*PTF Discount Cards are still available -- at half price! Still good for 3 months, the discount cards can be used over and over at the participating local businesses. Check the PTF link on the BHCS website for a list of the 19 businesses. Pick up your card for \$5 in the office!

\*Still looking for PTF Room Parents to help reach out to new parents, to support teachers and the PTF for special events, and to help facilitate communication between the PTF and the school community. Contact Nancy White ([njwmaine@yahoo.com](mailto:njwmaine@yahoo.com)) or Heather Nelson ([hnelson@bhcs.org](mailto:hnelson@bhcs.org)) if you might be interested.

\*Registration forms for the PTF Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 17 are posted at the top of the PTF link on the BHCS website. Reserve your space today!

### **Children's Books for Gambia**

The 7th and 8th grade Desktop Publishing class is putting on a book drive for children in a village in Gambia called Jambanjelly. Books donated will go to Jambanjelly's Library, which was started by BHCS grandmother and former Peace Corps volunteer Mrs. Anne Smallidge. The book drive is extended through October 12th. Drop off any books in the BHCS Lobby. ~by Kyle Rice and Gage Clapp

### **Health Alert: Chickenpox**

We have had a reported case of chickenpox at school and have notified all parents of students whose children do not have documentation of vaccination. Please contact us as soon as possible if your child has been diagnosed with chickenpox or any other

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communicable disease. You can also get information from the Maine Center for Disease Control by calling 1-800-821-5821.

### **Soccer Clinic**

The Deer Isle-Stonington Recreation Board is hosting soccer training on Sunday afternoons through October 21 for kids ages 5 - 10. Children from ages 5 to 7 meet from 1:00 - 1:45 PM. Those aged 8 to 10 meet from 2:00-3:00 PM. Coach Jono Cross from Challenger Sports leads lively, organized practice sessions that lead players through warm-ups, drills designed to help players become familiar with the ball, fun games that use new skills, and small-sized games that introduce players to the rules of the game. Parent participation is encouraged and sometimes needed depending on the number of players that show up. This is a great opportunity to find "the coach within you." The fee for the season is \$5.00. Jono is available to conduct Coaches' Clinics after the Sunday sessions or at other times when a group of interested people is able to get together. For more information call or e-mail Jo Jacob at 348-6997 or [josephinejacob30@gmail.com](mailto:josephinejacob30@gmail.com).

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Fri., Sept 28	School Picture Day
Sat., Sept. 29	Making Strides 5 K Run-Walk
Oct. 1-23	NECAP Testing Window
Mon., Oct. 1	MLTI Parent Meeting, 6-7 PM, Grades 7 and 8, Cafe
Fri., Oct. 5	Teacher In-Service, no school
Mon., Oct. 8	Columbus Day, no school
Tues., Oct. 9	Kieve Parent Meeting, 5 PM
Wed., Oct. 10	School Board Meeting, 5 PM
Fri., Oct. 12	Gambia Book Drive deadline
Oct. 15-18	Conference Week
Oct. 22-26	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Kieve

**WANTED!**



Shoe boxes in good condition. For use by the Spanish and Art teachers in a collaborative "*Día de Los Muertos*" project. Please send your donations to school, and students (or parents) can drop them off in the Spanish room. Gracias! Projects will start October 8th, so we would appreciate donations to be dropped off before then.