



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

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Thank you, Parents!

The flow of traffic with the buses and parental pick-up and drop-off is working really well. Many have noticed less congestion and confusion at the end of the day, and in the morning there is less competition for spots to drop off kids. Thank you for helping us remedy this safety problem.

Health Alert Announcement

There have been some confirmed cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease in the school community. Please read the attached document in the newsletter for more information.
~Deborah Candage, RN, BSN/School Nurse

Notes from the Cheerleaders...

We are doing a Calendar Raffle for the month of October. We need prizes for all the weekdays. If you have a prize or service you can donate for people to bid on, please let us know. Gracias!! We will start selling the raffle tickets at the concessions table at home soccer & XC games. We're raising money for more uniforms.

**Yard & Bake Sale to Benefit BHCS
Cheerleaders!
Lots of BOOKS!
608 Ellsworth Road, Blue Hill
Sat., Sept. 21, 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

PTF News

Be sure to check the attached sign up sheet or the display in the lobby for ways you can help provide refreshments in support of the **Making Strides 5K Fitness Run / Walk** on September 28. We will also need some volunteers to help out on the day of the event.

We are still in need of some parents who are willing to be the contact person for their child's class. This is a new program here at BHCS, and the teachers and PTF are looking to provide a strong network for communication.

The following classrooms still need a volunteer: KN, KH, 1G, 2L, 3M, 3S, 4N, and 5N.

The Family Directory is being updated and edited and should be ready soon. Thanks for your prompt replies.

Looking for crafters! Registration forms are now available for the PTF Holiday Craft Fair on Sat., Nov. 23 from 10 AM - 2 PM (6 foot tables: \$25; 8 foot tables: \$30). You can pick up a form in the lobby, or contact Linsley Simmons (linsandrod@gmail.com; 610-9319). Mark your calendar for this annual event!

Contact Tracy Gandy, PTF Parent Chairperson, if you can help with any of these things (tlgandy@aol.com or 812-6171).

PMAL Club House

PMAL's new Club House program is off to a great start with students from three peninsula towns attending. Students in grades 4 – 6 are working together to design both their physical space, as well as their enrichment curriculum! We have students making costumes, learning woodcarving and tool sharpening, experimenting with Lego robotics as well as jewelry making! Interested? Give us a call at 374-5255 or email chris@pmalcenter.com.

News on Upcoming Making Strides 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, September 28

66 Steak & Seafood is proud to support Making Strides and the Blue Hill community in the battle against autism. Any participants from the 5K Run-Walk on Saturday, September 28 can stop by 66 that day for a complimentary iced tea! Furthermore, if any participants place an order, a portion the bill will be donated to Making Strides.

Music News

Young BHCS Ensemble Debut
"The Stewart Trio" (our own Cameron, Ross, and Cole) will be performing their debut public concert (free) at the Black Anchor Village Pub in Blue Hill at 7:00 PM next Wednesday,

September 25. Cameron, a sixth grader and class vice-president, will be on saxophone, and twins, Ross and Cole in 5th grade will be on clarinet and trumpet, respectively. They will be performing five popular tunes, including *The Lion Sleeps Tonight*, *The Theme from New York, New York*, and *Meet the Flintstones*. BHCS's former music teacher, Luki Hewitt, has been working with the ensemble since summer.

6th-8th grade Movie-Pizza Night at First Congregational Church of Blue Hill, Friday, September 27th, 6:00 PM, in Fisher Hall (church basement dining room) All 6th-8th graders are invited; bring a friend! Church attendance and membership not required. Free! For info call Tina Allen, 266-6336 or Wendy Ritger, 374-2891, bhcongo@yahoo.com.

Dates to Remember

Sat., Sept 21	Cheerleaders' Yard Sale, 7 AM – 1 PM, 608 Ellsworth Road, Blue Hill
Mon., Sept. 23	Pre-K Committee Mtg, 5 PM
Tue., Sept. 24	Gr. 6-8, Coastal Clean-Up, 10:30 AM
Sat., Sept 28	Making Strides 5K Fitness Run / Walk
Oct. 1-23	NECAP testing window, gr. 3-8
Fri., Oct. 4	Picture Day
Oct. 7-11	7 th Grade at Camp Kieve
Wed., Oct. 9	School Board, 5 PM
Thurs., Oct. 10	PTF Mtg., 2:45 PM, BHCS library
Fri., Oct. 11	Teacher In-service, no school
Mon., Oct. 14	Columbus Day, no school
Oct. 16-18	6 th Grade to Science Camp
Sat., Oct. 19	Early Childhood Conference on Poverty at BHCS