



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

October 10, 2013

The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) is the testing instrument that Maine uses to assess students (grades 3-8) and each school's success. The tests are currently in progress at our school. Thanks to the PTF, students have a snack each day before they take a test, and teachers set up a quiet and conducive testing environment to help ensure that kids do their best. **Please make sure your child is in attendance for NECAP testing for the next two weeks.**

### Health Announcement: Flu Vaccination Clinics at BHCS

*The single best way to protect your children from the flu is to get them vaccinated each year. CDC recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older get a seasonal flu vaccine.*

The seasonal flu vaccine protects against the influenza viruses that will likely be the most common during this upcoming season. Blue Hill Consolidated School will be offering the flu vaccine for free to all students. The clinics will be conducted the week of October 28<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>. An announcement and a packet of information about the types of flu vaccine that will be offered will be coming home in the mail next week. If you would like to have your child receive this vaccination please complete the Health Screening and Permission Form. Send it back to school as soon as possible. For more information about the flu and flu vaccine, you can visit the Maine CDC at this website: [www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/children.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/children.htm). If there are any questions regarding the flu vaccine and our clinics, please contact me, Debbie Candage, RN, BSN/School Nurse.

### Original Works

Packets with student artwork and order forms are coming home today for most classes, and the rest will be sent early next week. Order forms are due back Monday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>; orders will be received by Thanksgiving. Artwork created outside of school may also be used, but must be

8.5 x 11" (which can include mounting). Product samples are in the lobby display case. Contact Penny Ricker or Beth Jackson with questions. Your orders support arts activities at BHCS.

### PTF News

**PTF Costume Exchange - October 15 - 31.** A huge thanks to Sarah King for organizing a costume exchange. There will be a box in the lobby for donations and a rack set up so you can browse. Costume donations are appreciated and parents should feel free to make use of what is on the rack!

Keep clipping your **Box Tops for Education!** Send them in to school in a bag or envelope labeled with your student's name and class. Or you can fill up the attached collection sheet. Last year we earned over \$700 through this program.

### A Note from a Concerned Classroom

Dear Parents and Kids,  
We have collected 126 plastic sandwich bags that would have been thrown in the garbage during our K-2 wing lunch. We are wondering if you are interested in recycling your kids' plastic bags? For example, you can use containers that you can re-use instead of using the bags. We are trying to stop pollution of plastic bags in our school garbage.

From,  
Mrs. Hally's Second Grade Class

### Spanish Classes Need.....

We need 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 drop them off in the Spanish room. Gracias! Projects start Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, so we would appreciate donations to be dropped off as soon possible.

### A Note from the Cheerleaders

We are doing a "Calendar Raffle" for the month

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

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of October. There are lots of great prizes! Drawings will be at the end of the month. Please see a BHCS cheerleader or Coach Brown to purchase a ticket! *Prices: 1 ticket for \$1, 6 tickets for \$5, and a "Baker's Dozen" (13 tickets) for just \$10!*

### **Boys Travel Basketball**

Boys travel basketball tryouts for grades 5-8 will be Monday, October 14, 5:30-7:00 PM at GSA. Call Matt Mattson at 669-2347 with any questions.

### **A Community Created Supper**

The Simmering Pot is closed October 14<sup>th</sup> for Columbus Day, but reopens October 21<sup>st</sup>. The Simmering Pot provides a free delicious meal on Mondays, 2:30 to 6 PM, eat in or take out, at First Congregational Church, Blue Hill. No charge, donations accepted. For information call 374-2891.

### **Flute for Sale**

Like new flute used minimally for one year. It's in great condition, purchased new through Northern Kingdom Music Company. \$500 (or best offer). Contact Christina at this website: [moondon65@yahoo.com](mailto:moondon65@yahoo.com)

### **Fun with Autumn Leaves**

with Laurie White

Saturday, Oct 19, 10:00 AM until noon  
Blue Hill Heritage Trust Barn  
258 Mountain Rd., Blue Hill

Free craft program; space is limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please pre-register by Friday the 18th by contacting Eileen at 374-5118 or [eileen@bluehillheritagetrust.org](mailto:eileen@bluehillheritagetrust.org).

### **Children's Geology Walk**

with Sarah O'Malley

Sunday, November 3, 1:00 PM

Snow's Cove Preserve, Sedgwick (Rt. 15)

Space is limited to 25 participants. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free and open to all ages. Please pre-register by Friday the 1st by contacting Eileen at 374-5118 or [eileen@bluehillheritagetrust.org](mailto:eileen@bluehillheritagetrust.org).

### **5Rhythms in Sedgwick**

5Rhythms is a fun, enlivening, and powerful work. In this series of mini-workshops, we will focus in depth on one Rhythm each time we meet. There are monthly classes at the Bay School, but these workshops are designed to go a bit deeper. Beginners are welcome - Flow is a great place to start!

**FLOW - October 12**

**STACCATO - December 14**

**CHAOS - February 1**

**LYRICAL - April 12**

**STILLNESS - May 10**

SATURDAYS 1- 5pm

at the Trowbridge Studio in Sedgwick

Cost: Entire Series \$200

Per Workshop \$ 50 - \$65

Pre-registration is appreciated.

### **Halloween Carnival at Sedgwick Elementary School on October 25, 6-8 PM.**

Costume parade, snacks, activities, games, and a goodie bag for pre-school to grade 8. Donations to the Sedgwick PTF are welcome but not required.

### **Dates to Remember**

Oct. 1-23	NECAP testing window, gr. 3-8
Fri., Oct. 11	Teacher In-service, no school
Mon., Oct. 14	Columbus Day, no school
Oct. 16-18	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Science Camp (pending)
Sat., Oct. 19	<b>Early Childhood Conference on Poverty at BHCS</b>
Oct. 21-25	*Parent Teacher Conferences *FREE Early Childhood Screenings (Oct. 21 and 22) *Book Fair
Oct. 25	No school for students
Fri., Nov. 1	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Survival Day
Sun., Nov. 3	Daylight Saving Time, turn clocks BACK an hour