



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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March 27, 2014

No School Tomorrow – Teacher In-Service

Town Meeting is Saturday, April 5!

Celebrating Acadian Culture Tonight!

Don't forget to join us at 5:30 tonight for food samples and art displays, and then all children are encouraged to come to the performances and the contradance in the gym at 6:00 PM. Thanks for the contributions of food!

Students have had a wonderful time throughout the week learning about the Acadians -- their history, culture, language, music, dance, and arts and crafts. And, thanks to the cooks, we had a very special French lunch today!

~~Robert McCormick

8th Grade Fundraiser at 66 this Sunday!

If you go to **66 Steak and Seafood** on Sunday, March 30, between 9 AM and 9 PM, then 10% of the day's proceeds will go to the 8th grade class trip fund. It's a wonderful meal with a wonderful atmosphere, so come and enjoy a Sunday feast for a great cause. Thank you, Fritz, for helping our classes with this generous offer.

There will also be a dessert theater and Irish auction to benefit the 8th grade class trip on May 1 beginning at 6 PM.

Jazz Band News from Mr. Schubeck

Congratulations Jazz Bands! The BHCS jazz bands came away from the State Middle School Jazz Festival with two Gold Awards, two Musicianship Awards and a 2nd place! This was a tremendous showing for the students who have put in a lot of hard work. The Eights placed 2nd in their division and received a Gold Award (a I rating) for the 2nd year in a row. Isla Brownlow earned a musicianship award for her fine trombone playing. The Sevens earned a Gold Award, which was also a huge accomplishment. Tess Williamson received a

musicianship award for her wonderful singing and trombone playing. The Sixes played their hearts out with an excellent showing for their first year. I am so proud of all the students! And, there's a special thanks to the parents who helped out all day, making our performance possible.

~~Mr. Schubeck

PTF News

Thank you so much to all the participants in last week's PTF meeting. It is always refreshing to get together and figure out how we want to move forward on different projects. So, make sure you keep your eyes on the newsletter and e-mails in the next couple weeks as more information regarding Screen Free Week and Staff Appreciation Week comes your way!

Reminder: Town Meeting is April 5. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby for breakfast items or you can complete the attached form. Please make sure you plan on attending this important meeting. As Della Martin discussed at the PTF meeting, the school budget is complex and it impacts all our children. There will be free childcare provided and, of course, there is the fabulous turkey lunch sponsored by the 7th grade.

The PTF is pleased to announce that all students and staff at BHCS will be receiving a **free PBIS t-shirt**. It has been a true group effort from the student art design guided by Mrs. Ricker to the theme provided by the PBIS team. Thanks to Kara Morrison (8th grade), the bobcat logo is splendid. The support of all our families over the past few years provided the funding for this project. **Go Bobcats and Reach for the Stars!**

Remind your child to wear the new t-shirt as you join us for the Acadian Celebration tonight! There will be samples of Acadian food, dancing and exhibits of student work.

From the Library Desk...

We have some exciting events coming up to put on your radar:

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

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*Tuesday, April 15 will be our **K-5 author day** featuring Maine marine author, Mary Cerullo from Portland. She will talk about researching and writing nonfiction books, and students will enjoy other workshops related to science and writing.

*Wednesday, April 16, 5th and 6th graders will be joining other students in Union 93 at Maine Maritime Academy for the annual **Maine Student Book Award Celebration**. This year's featured MSBA book is The Giant Squid by Mary Cerullo. Lots of exciting workshops are being planned, in addition to presentations by Mary. It is sure to be a great day!

*Order forms will be coming home next week for ordering one of Mary's books for autographing during her visit.

***Project Acceptance** for 7th and 8th graders on the peninsula will be held here on Friday, May 9. The featured book for this gathering is Wonder by R. J. Palaccio, and the theme will be "There is more to me than what you see."

***Blue Hill poet, writer and musician, Henry Finch**, led writing workshops with our 6th graders this week, helping them to get their creative juices flowing and making unique comparisons. Students were very engaged and eager to share! Thanks, Henry, and we look forward to seeing you at Project Acceptance in May.

Spring Sports

Monday, March 31, is the mandatory pre-season parent meeting at 6:30 PM in the gym. I will be there to discuss the policy with the whole group and then teams will get to meet with coaches to hear more specifics about their sport. I look forward to seeing you all there!

~Mrs. Schildroth, AD

Science Fair – April 3

BHCS students in 7th and 8th grades will be presenting results of their original scientific research projects on the evening of April 3rd in the gym. Each project will include a hypothesis, based on background research, as well as data collection and analysis. Students who receive a "superior" score from the judges will be recognized, as will the top-scoring student. If you have questions, please contact Nell

Herrmann.

Timing will be as follows:

5:30-7:00 - Students and judges only

7:00-8:00 - Public welcome

7:45 - Winners announced

BEEM BASH

The BEEM Bash is next week! Mark your calendars for Friday, April 4th at 6:00 PM. It's a fun evening at Barncastle and a chance to help raise funds that provide enriching opportunities to students at BHCS. There's dinner, an auction, and dancing with DJ Gary Milliken – all for \$30/person. Make your reservations at spolitte@roadrunner.com.

Blue Hill Concert Association Concludes Season with International and Local Talent

On Sunday, March 30, violinist Joseph Puglia and pianist Erika Allen, a former BHCS student and Blue Hill native, will be the featured artists in the final performance of the season. The two artists met as students at Kneisel Hall Chamber Music School in Blue Hill and subsequently formed the Acadia Chamber Ensemble in 2007. The concert begins at 3 PM at the Congregational Church in Blue Hill. As always, the Blue Hill Concert Association admits all students for free! Adult tickets for the concert are \$30 and may be purchased at the door or online through PayPal at the website bluehillconcertassociation.org. The concert program may be viewed on the website.

Covering All the Bases Indoor Baseball Clinic on March 29

For players aged 13 and 14 from Surry, Blue Hill, Castine, Penobscot, Brooksville, Brooklin, Sedgwick, Orland, and the Bay School.

Location: GSA gym

Time: 8-11 AM

Equipment needed: glove, bat and athletic clothing, sneakers

Cost: \$10

Topics covered: throwing, fielding, hitting

For more information: Coach Dan Kane, d.kane@georgestevens.info and 374-2808.

First Congregational Church of Blue Hill

Middle School Ice Cream Social, Sunday, March 30, 11:15-12. Come and meet our new youth group leader Jenny Talbert, and learn about youth group activities. 5th-8th graders and parents are invited. For more info, 374-2891, bhcongo@yahoo.com.

Dates to Remember

Fri., Mar. 28	No school, teacher in-service
Mon., Mar. 31	Spring sports meeting, 6:30 in the gym
Thurs., April 3	7/8 Science Fair, 5:30-7:45 in the gym
Fri., April 4	BEEM BASH, Barncastle at 6:00 PM
Sat., April 5	Town Meeting, 9 AM
April 9 and 10	Suessical the Musical, 7 PM in the café
Tues., April 15	K-4 Author Day with Mary Cerullo
Wed., April 16	MSBA Celebration for grades 5-6 at MMA **Deborah Lipsky, Autism Awareness Speaker, 6:30 PM
Tues., June 17	Graduation, 7 PM
Every Friday	Bobcat Day
Attachments	BHCS PTF Helpers Sign-Up Healthy Acadia Flyer