



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

May 8, 2014

### Modern Woodmen Speech Contest News

**BHCS Contest** - There were many great speeches given by our students in grades 6 through 8 on Monday. And the top scorers from 5<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> place were Miriam Nelson, Mary Richardson, Michaela White, Ivy Manner-Wheelden, and Ellie Gellerson.

**Union #93 Contest** - Three of these students competed again last night in the Union #93 speech contest and two of our BHCS speakers took the top two places, Michaela White as #1 and Ellie Gellerson as #2. Zachary Carter from Surry took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The theme of the speeches this year was "the importance of healthy living." Congratulations to them all, and best of luck to Michaela who will represent our union in the district contest tonight.

### Pre-K and K Registrations

Kindergarten and pre-kindergarten registration will be on May 15 and 16. **The current kindergarten class will not have school those days.** If you have, or know of anyone who has, a child who will be 5 years old (for K) or 4 years old (for Pre-K) before October 15th, please call the office for an appointment at 374-2202.

### Project Acceptance 2013-2014

"There's more to me than what you see" is the theme of the 7th annual Project Acceptance this Friday, May 9, 2014, at BHCS. Each year 150 middle school students from Union 93 come together for a day to explore a theme of acceptance or awareness, inspired by a book on the current Maine Student Book Award list. This year's book, Wonder by R. J. Palacio, is about a boy born with significant facial anomalies, and his story is told from various perspectives as he attends public school for the first time in 5th grade and faces many challenges.

The keynote speaker, George Dennehy, was born without arms in Romania and was adopted by an American family when he was quite

young. George, now 20, is an inspirational speaker and musician, and will be joining us from Virginia to share his story and music, playing his guitar with his feet! Students will rotate through four smaller group workshops in addition to the 2 whole group sessions. This day is supported by grants from Making Strides, Mardens, and the U93 Health Education Grant.

### Library News

Thanks, Erin Williamson, for donating The Here and Now by Ann Brashares, and to Shirley Lay for donating some already been loved books.

### International Scratch Day

Return the attached sign up sheet if your child would like to participate in the **workshop being offered Friday, May 16** from 2:45-4:30 in conjunction with International Scratch Day. Open to 20 students in grades 4-8, there will be a beginners and an intermediate session in this programming language led by Mr. Jurick, Ms. Jackson and Ms. Kim, with help from 7th graders in the Digital Discovery specials class.

### T-H-A-N-K-S ...

The teachers and staff at BHCS wish to thank EVERYONE on the PTF who has made this a week to remember and to feel appreciated!! It's great to know that we have your support behind us! Thanks so much for making this a great week, and a great year! BHCS has AMAZING parents and friends!! ... from the appreciative BHCS teachers and staff

### PTF News

A huge thank you goes to Jessi Torrey and Sarah King for organizing Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. There have been morning raffles for gifts from area businesses, Zumba, yoga, treats in the staff workroom and a delightful luncheon. Thank you to all who helped cover recess duties or sent in food in order for our teachers and staff to enjoy a peaceful meal on Tuesday.

\*\*\*This week's PTF meeting is on Thursday,

May 8 at 2:45 and it will be our first chance to recap what has worked well this year and what we want to focus on next year. There are also some events that happen fairly quickly at the start of the school year that need coordinators. If you are not able to attend, please feel free to e-mail me your feedback and suggestions. Tracy Gandy at [ptf@bhcs.org](mailto:ptf@bhcs.org).

\*\*\*If you are willing to coordinate the spring spruce up of the playground, please contact me ASAP. There are only 6 Saturdays left in the school year!

~~Tracy Gandy

**FOR SALE – BRAND NEW, STILL IN THE BOX - LIFETIME PORTABLE BEGINNER BASKETBALL HOOP, 44" BACKBOARD - \$100 or best offer. Call Alma at 374-2327.**

### **Summer Camp Info**

**Nichols Day Camp** is now accepting applications for summer 2014, but the spots are filling up quickly. Camperships are available for local children. Parents can apply and pay for camp online by going to the website below: [www.nicholsdaycamps.org](http://www.nicholsdaycamps.org).

### **Concert with Annemieke & Jeremiah McLane**

Saturday May 17th, 8pm  
Emlen Hall, The Bay School  
17 Bay School Drive  
South Street, Blue Hill  
Suggested Donation \$15

For more info: Judith [207-374-2141](tel:207-374-2141)

*Dutch classical piano virtuoso Annemieke McLane and master accordionist from Vermont Jeremiah McLane make unique arrangements based on traditional folk melodies from the 18th to the 21st centuries. The duo will perform pieces by Astor Piazzolla, Edvard Grieg, Darius Milhaud, Francis Poulenc, and Alan Hovhaness, as well as their own compositions. The sound is simultaneously classical, improvisational, exuberant, introspective, and passionate.*

### **Town Hall Meeting Our Communities, Our Health, Our Future**

Monday, May 19, 5:30-7:00 PM

**Ellsworth City Hall**

*Refreshments will be served*

**Healthy Acadia and the Hancock County Drug Free Communities Coalition are excited to invite community members to participate in a dynamic forum focused on substance abuse prevention, mental health services, and positive youth development.**

### **Dates to Remember**

Wed., May 14	7/8 to Cole Transportation Museum 8:15 to 1:30 School Board Meeting, 5 PM
Thurs., May 15 May 15 and 16	Gr. 4 to Acadia, 8-2:30 Pre-K /Kindergarten Registration
Fri., May 16	Gr. 6 to Acadia, 7:50- 2:30
May 28-30	Gr. 8 Class Trip to NH, returning at noon on Fri.
Fri., May 30	Gr. 6 to Deer Isle, 8-1:30
Mon., June 2	5-8 Spring Concert, 7 PM, gym
Tues., June 3	K-4 Spring Concert, 6:30 PM, gym
Thurs., June 5 Fri., June 13	Gr. 2 to COA, 8:30-2 Gr. 7 to Great Skates, 8-2:30
Mon., June 16 Tues., June 17 Wed., June 18	Gr. 4 to Acadia, 8-1 Graduation, 7 PM Gr. 4 to Jonathan Fisher House, 8:30-11
Fri., June 20 Every Friday Attachments	Last day of school Bobcat Day International Scratch Day Form

**Dance for 6-8 at BHCS, Friday, May 9  
from 6-9 PM**