



# Explorations

Blue Hill Consolidated School

December 14, 2017

## BHCS Renovation Update

Last night at our monthly School Board meeting architects, Matt Carter and Joshua Tunick, and engineer Pete Tuell presented details about our renovation project set to take place in the summer of 2018. They were able to share an overview, an updated budget, maps of spaces impacted, and renderings of newly designed spaces. It was very exciting to share the progress the Building Committee has made.



As you may recall, the renovation is a two part project that started off small (about \$330,000 funded mostly by a grant) to improve a lot of technical things throughout the buildings. The technical parts include stair tower fire separations, code deficiencies such as handrails and steps, accessibility issues such as restrooms, thresholds, ramps, exterior doors, etc. Once the team assembled and started further looking into the building and it's growing needs, the project was expanded to include a sprinkler system, paving of the driveway and parking lots, and programing improvements. Attendees at the meeting were able to see that more classroom spaces have been added including transforming the mezzanine into a classroom, relocating the tech center, creating smaller classroom spaces for interventions and other services, as well as creating an accessible teachers' workroom. Other improvements include a wiring upgrade for computers, phones, and intercom, gym renovations including bleachers and floor repair, insulation improvement to the older part of the building, and restroom renovations.

The next steps are to complete the designs, create specifications, and put projects out to bid. As you can imagine, it is going to be a very busy summer around here! We are excited about these changes that will improve safety, accessibility, and accommodations for our students!

## **Holiday Craft Workshop**



Thank you to all our families who joined us for the Holiday Craft Workshop on Saturday. The cafeteria was filled with glitter, sawdust, sprinkles, and sparkles as happy hands created unique holiday gifts.

## **Winter Clubs - Sign Ups**

Sign up forms for Winter Clubs are due Monday, December 18. Here are descriptions of two of the clubs we are offering this year.

### **"Outdoor Adventures & Winter Wellness for Kids!"**

Outdoor and indoor activities to encourage kids to stay active, be safe and eat well through the winter.

Hosted by: Blue Hill Heritage Trust, Blue Hill Memorial Hospital and Healthy Peninsula's Magic Food Bus.

### **"American Girl Club"**

Bring your American Girl doll (or any other 18" doll) and make some great crafts, learn some new skills, and have fun. Hosted by: Liz Conlon

Please contact Tracy Gandy with any questions - [tgandy@bhcs.org](mailto:tgandy@bhcs.org)

## **Hannaford Gift cards = great holiday gifts!**

The BHCS Boosters have some Hannaford cards available for immediate purchase. These are great gift ideas and benefit our programs here at BHCS.

To purchase cards, contact Andrew Chung, [achung@bhcs.org](mailto:achung@bhcs.org) or 479-0375 or email [hello@bhcsboosters.org](mailto:hello@bhcsboosters.org),

## **Menu Change**

Due to the 6th, 7th and 8th grades being gone on Dec. 21st, we are changing our holiday meal to Wednesday, Dec. 20th. Thursday, Dec. 21st will be Pizza.

## **Bobcat Backpacks**

Last week enclosed with report cards was an information sheet about the new Bobcat Backpack program here at BHCS. Please make sure you get your forms in to Loretta to sign up for this program.

## **Holiday Gift Baskets**

We are still collecting donations of money for Hannaford Cards to put with the Holiday Baskets that our classrooms are creating. Please send your donation in to Loretta by next Wednesday so that the gift cards can be purchased.

### **Dates to Remember**

Monday, Dec. 18	Winter Concert, grades 5-8, 7 pm Winter club sign-ups due
Tuesday, Dec. 19	Winter Concert, grades K-4, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 20	Donations due for Holiday Baskets
Thursday, Dec. 21	Grades 6-8 to "Beauty and the Beast"



The Open-Air Arts Initiative is excited to announce their second annual show, at the Blue Hill Public Library's Britton Gallery, for February 2018. The Open-Air Arts Initiative is a collaboration between the [Blue Hill Heritage Trust](#) and [Cynthia Winings Gallery](#). Its mission is to use nature to ignite creativity in the young people who live on the Blue Hill Peninsula.

A public reception for the exhibit, *Created! In Nature* will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, 3-5pm at the Blue Hill Library. In anticipation of this exhibition, artists who participated in the Open-Air Arts Initiative are invited to send their completed artworks to the Blue Hill Heritage Trust by January 12, 2018. We are excited to share that many of the artist's creations will be included in the Blue Hill Chamber of Commerce's Area Guide, reflecting the beauty of the peninsula through the eyes of our children. If your child or student has not created something, but would like to, there is still time! Please see the instructions and guidelines on our website:

<http://www.openairarts.org/join-us/>

Please save the date: February 3, 2018 for the Artist Reception at the Library, from 3-5PM.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.openairarts.org](http://www.openairarts.org) or contact Chrissy at Blue Hill Heritage Trust 374-5118

### Blue Hill Public Library Events

December 15 at 4:00 – “Extreme Survivors” with author Kim Ridley

December 16 at 10:30 – 52 Weeks of Giving “Wrap Party” – wrapping gifts for kids in need

December 16 at 2:30 – Friends of the Library Holiday Party!

December 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 – Downeast Audubon: Celebrating Solstice with Evergreens

Friends of the Blue Hill Public Library  
**HOLIDAY PARTY**  
Saturday, December 16, 2017, 2:30-5:30pm  
Blue Hill Public Library  
5 Parker Point Road, Blue Hill, Maine

**2:45** Songs and stories from **Noel Paul Stookey**  
**3:05** The talented jazz stylings of the **GSA Varsity Jazz Combo**  
**3:30** A dramatic reading of Dickens' **A Christmas Carol**  
**3:30** Juggler **Zach Fields**  
**4:30** The **Misty Mountain Singers**  
**4:30** A special how-to workshop with **Zach Fields**  
**5:00** Caroling Sing-a-long with **Holly Bartlett Weinberg**

Refreshments are always welcome.  
We also invite you to participate in our Annual Gift Drive.  
Bring a wrapped gift for our tree. Include a tag with appropriate age.  
We'll make deliveries to local charities.  
Call 207.374.5515 for more information.