



Explorations

Blue Hill Consolidated School

February 1, 2018

National Geographic Bee

Each year BHCS joins around 10,000 other schools across the United States to participate in the National Geographic Bee, organized by the National Geographic Society. After competing in a classroom competition, the top scorers in grades 5-8 competed in our school bee Wednesday. Students were asked challenging questions about the United States in most rounds. After two incorrect answers, students were eliminated from the competition. In the Championship Round, 8th grader and returning BHCS Geography Bee champion, Colby Lacasse squared off against fifth grader Thiago Barrett-Pereria. Each were asked the same three questions in a best, two-out-of-three competition. In the end, Colby was our 2018 National Geographic Bee Champion! He will now take an online test for the chance to compete in the State Geographic Bee. If he is victorious, he could go on for the chance to win college scholarships at the national competition! Great work and good luck!



Text Notifications Coming

We are throwing the “texting” switch on our SchoolMessenger notification system **next Friday, February 9, at noon**. By default, you will not receive text notifications from the school; you will need to opt-in by responding to a text message that will be sent out at that time from the system. If you do nothing, you will not receive texts from the school. You can opt-in or opt-out at any time. Mr. Jurick will be sending out a separate email to everyone next Friday with more information, so stay tuned!

Wellness Committee

The wellness committee will meet next Wednesday, February 7 at 3:00 pm in the conference room. Anyone interested is welcome to join us.

Flu & Cold Letter

Please see the attached letter from our school nurse, April Chapman, regarding colds and the flu.

Spring Musical: *Into The Woods, Jr.*

Large Group grade 5-8 Auditions - mandatory
Mon. Feb. 26th (2:45-4:15 pm)

Small Group grade 5-8 Auditions - mandatory
pick one

A Group, Feb. 28th, Wed. (2:45-4:15 pm)

B Group, March 1st, Thurs. (2:45-4:15 pm)

Rehearsals: M, T, W, TH @ 2:45-4:15 pm
beginning March 5th

We need actors only. There will be no stage crew. Actors will serve as stage crew due to minimal set design. Any manufacturing needs will be done in 7/8 CBS Drama Course. Public Performances on April 10 & 11th!

Dates to Remember

February 2	Brooksville Dance 6-9 PM
February 7-8	8th grade trip to Sugarloaf
February 12-16	Spirit Week
Wednesday, Feb. 14	School Board Meeting, 5 PM
Friday, Feb. 16	Winter Carnival
February 19-23	Winter Break

Yes, Mathletes are really a thing!

Come and join our latest extracurricular club at BHCS and become a Mathlete. In a few days time, a signup sheet will be coming home to our Middle Schoolers inviting them to weekly meetings to learn and train in innovative and interesting techniques in competitive mathematics. We will spend time deconstructing and solving difficult math problems at the minimum of one afternoon a week with the hopes of fielding a team for state and national competitions.

We will be participating in the MathCounts program, which is the GT curriculum for many schools in our state. All 5th through 8th graders, however, are welcome to participate so long as they are engaged in the work and are willing to learn. There is such beauty and fun in math, and it will be the intent of this club to encourage and inspire in this.

To express your interest or to ask any questions, please contact Andrew Chung at achung@bhcs.org

In the meantime, tackle this pickle: If $(x^2 + 3x + 6)(x^2 + ax + b) = x^4 + mx^2 + n$ for integers a , b , m and n , what is the product of m and n ?



FREE YOGA CLASS AND NEW SESSION STARTING!!!! FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL YOGA GRADES 5-8

Mountain Studio in Blue Hill Fridays 3-4:30 Taught by Rebecca Rose Tousignant

****Free class on Friday, Feb 2...any child is welcome to come try out yoga and see if they are interested in attending a session!****

\$96 for 8 week session to follow, or Drop-ins allowed at \$15 per class if there are enough students signed up to run the session.

This is a yoga class for kids in grades 5-8 held at Mountain Yoga Studio Fridays from 3-4:30 pm. This class is open to all students. This will be a hatha yoga class which focuses on helping children learn tools of developing mind/ body awareness, focus, stress reduction, flexibility, and relaxation. There is a strong emphasis in this class of helping kids develop self care techniques. This hour and ½ class will be fun and a healthy way for students to end their school week and transition into the weekend. With permission of the parent(s) children attending from the Bay School may walk to the studio and children attending from BHCS could ride bus A. All students will be greeted from walking or off the bus by Rebecca Rose, the yoga instructor.

Dates of the class:

Feb 2 **FREE CLASS**

Feb 9-First class of session

Feb 16

(Feb 23 no class Feb break)

March 2

March 9

March 16

March 23

March 30

April 6-Last class of session

Please call or email Rebecca Rose to register for this class or let me know if your child will be attending the free class on Feb 2. (207) 991-1255/ vitalevolutionyoga@gmail.com

Open-Air Arts Initiative Show- February 3rd

The Open-Air Arts Initiative is excited to announce their second annual show, at the Blue Hill Public Library's Britton Gallery, for the month of February. 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 will be held on Saturday, February 3rd from 3-5pm. Come learn more about Open-Air Arts Initiative, meet some of the incredible young artists who submitted works for this year's show and find out how to participate and submit works in our next exhibit. All are welcome!

The Open-Air Arts Initiative is a program, in which school aged young people on the peninsula (Pre-K through 12th Grade) may visit any conservation property and create something that expresses their inspiration from and connection to that place. All participants' work, once submitted, will be displayed and celebrated at an art show in the next year.

The Initiative asserts: 'Yes! be inspired, we believe that you are all creative and amazing, show us what you see out there, we think it's amazing too!'

<http://www.openairarts.org/>

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