



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

November 23, 2010

Dear Families,

It is no exaggeration for me to say that I am truly thankful for the joys I experience every day at Blue Hill Consolidated School. Whether it is....

.....enjoying a kindergarten student who shows up at the door to share a picture he made expressing his thanks for *Chameleon UK*,
.....listening to a letter from the Tooth Fairy,
.....observing a first grade reading lesson that reminds me of how new and fresh young minds can be,
.....dedicating a greenhouse,
.....giving food to those in need,
.....helping sort out the complexities of 3rd grade relationships,
.....reading a thoughtful poem written by an 8th grader,
.....marveling at the skills of those who work in the office, kitchen, and throughout the school,
.....watching skilled teachers dedicate themselves to children.

All these things remind me of how fortunate and thankful I am to be at BHCS.
Have a Happy Thanksgiving~~ Della Martin

Bus A Schedule Changes Next Week

Don't forget that the Falls Bridge is closed next week, from November 29 until December 3. Students living beyond the bridge will be coming to school with parents and neighbors. For the rest of the students on Bus A, please expect the bus to arrive 10 minutes later than usual in the morning. In the afternoon you can expect to arrive home 10-15 minutes earlier for that week.

PEE WEE Basketball

Grades 1-4

Starting December 4 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM
George Stevens Academy GYM

Author and illustrator Chris van Dusen in Ellsworth this weekend!

On Sunday, November 28th, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Maine author and illustrator, CHRIS VAN DUSEN, will autograph his brand new book, "Learning to Ski with Mr. Magee"! Chris is the author/illustrator of *The Circus Ship*, who came to BHCS last year for our author day for younger students. His newest book is now out.....

*For more information, please feel free to call Michael, David or Mariah at the **Union River Book & Toy Company** on Main Street.*

Contradance

Come one and all and join us Saturday, **December 4th** for the First Saturday

Contradance in Blue Hill at the Blue Hill Town Hall. **Family dance starts at 6:30-7:45** with an all-comers band, (all musicians welcome...call for a tune list!) and the **evening contra runs from 8:00-11:00**, with music by **Oakum Bay String Band and caller John McIntire**.

Beginners, singles, couples, kids, families, all are welcome. All dances taught. Come to dance or come to listen! Price is \$3.00 per person for the family dance (or \$10 per family), or \$7.00 for contra/or family and contra.

Any questions, or for information about being part of the all-comers band, **call Heidi at 374-5417**. Hope to see you on the dance floor!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed., Dec. 1: PTF Meeting, 8:00 AM

Week of Dec. 6: Conferences and Book Fair

Sat., Dec. 11: Robotics Teams to Augusta

Mon., Dec. 13: 6th Grade to Boston

Thurs., Dec. 16: K-4 Winter Concert, 6:30 PM

Mon., Dec. 20: 5-8 Winter Concert, 7:00 PM

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