



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

January 19, 2011

Parent Portal NIGHT - January 25 (Tu), 6:30 - 7:30 PM

The PTF, Matt Jurick, and some skilled teachers are providing an evening workshop in the cafeteria to encourage more families to use *PowerSchool's* Parent Portal and to demonstrate the unique features within it. We will have laptops ready for your use and a lot of patience to help you. Refreshments will be served and babysitting will be provided by the PTF. AND, we will be offering door prizes of geeky items like flash drives, iTunes cards, and more..... Guaranteed to be a fun event!

Sports News

The gym is hopping, the buses are rolling, and the kids are all playing! It must be January because lots and lots of basketball games are being played. It is nice to see how the teams have improved since the beginning of the year—being at every home game has its advantages!

Please be sure to check the school's website often, as changes to the schedule are a fairly common occurrence.

While all players get up-to-date changes, I know most parents don't. Changes on the website are made as soon as they happen. This is how you can access the sports calendar if the homepage is down:

<http://64.45.90.2/groups/basketball/calendar>

See you on the courts,

~~Lori Wessel, AD

PEE WEE Basketball

Both teams (1 and 2) are playing at GSA this Saturday, January 22 at 10:00 AM.

Notice: We are experiencing difficulties with our website, but hopefully it will be up and running soon.

Maine Student Book Awards Event

On January 27, there will be a big student gathering featuring the MSBA books, and nearly 250 students from 5th to 8th grade from area schools will be participating. More information about this exciting activity will be coming next week.

Library

Thanks to Mariah Reinke for donating books she is no longer reading.

Homework Club Changes

The 3-4 homework club will now include 5th graders and will be held from 2:45 to 3:15 on Mondays through Thursdays in Mrs. Nightingale's room.

5-2-1-0 Tidbit.....The Challenge is ON!!!

Every fruit or veggie in every classroom that is eaten for snack is being tracked EVERY DAY at school!!! All classrooms that reach 200 portions of fruits and veggies WIN!!!

Parents, send fruits and veggies with your kids for their snacks. Kids, tell Mom and Dad what your favorites are so they can have them for you to bring. And teachers, count your fruits and veggies too!!! They all count and everyone benefits!!!

One of the questions that came in today was whether "applesauce" counts as a fruit? You betcha!!! Any form of a fruit is as good as the fresh, which is sometimes hard to come by all year round. However, it is healthier for teeth to avoid the "fruit roll-up" types of fruit as these are mostly concentrated "sugar" after they've been dehydrated. But, there are many, many other forms and types of fruits and veggies that can be great choices. Bring them and enjoy eating them with everyone else!!!

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

The bulletin board is starting to look pretty great with pictures of BHCS kids and their families enjoying fun activities that don't require the TV, a video game, or the computer. Of course, there are sliding and ice-skating pictures! Soooo... much fun! Even the parents are playing! One family sent pictures of "Spending time with Grandma"--- I think this is my favorite so far! No TV, no video, and no computer, but having a FANTASTIC and memorable afternoon with a very special family member! Great pictures, everyone! Keep them coming and come on in and take a look at what activities others are participating in. It's easy to find fun activities that help to limit the screen time to less than two hours a day, and that add up fast to at least one hour every day of physical activity! So, keep the fruits and veggies coming, and send in more pictures! We've got to fill up the bulletin board with them!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jan. 19 (W) **8th Graders** welcome at **GSA** for pizza and a varsity basketball game.
- Jan. 21 (F) School **Spelling Bee** at 8:15 AM
8th Grade Dance at 7:00 PM
- Jan. 25 (Tu) **Parent Portal Meeting**, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
- Feb. 4 (F) **PTF Potluck and Variety Show**, 5:30 PM.
- Feb. 16 (W) 8th Grade Play
- Feb. 17 (TH) 8th Grade NAEP Testing
- Feb. 21 February Vacation Begins