



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

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April 12, 2012

### Poster Contest Winners!

Congratulations to the following students who were winners of the Blue Hill Birthday Poster Contest:

Katherine Charles  
Maddie DesFosses  
Makenzie Grindle  
Abbie Keenan  
Becca Marks  
Katrina Walls  
Grady Walsh

Thanks so much for helping make the Blue Hill Town Meeting more festive and informative!

### ART SHOW

There is an artist reception for BHCS students Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30-6:00 PM. There will be food, of course, and live music provided by the BHCS jazz musicians! Student work will be on display at the Blue Hill Public Library for the month of April.

### Spring Fling, Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:00-7:30 PM- Save the date!

### Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

Mrs. Means and I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's spring musical one of the best ever. We entered into the production with an unusually large cast (41 student actors!) as well as some pretty high expectations ("Wait, exactly how are we going to make them fly?") but the proof was in the pudding this week as the cast and crew brought down the house to gales of laughter and applause. There is true talent to be found here at BHCS, and I feel incredibly fortunate to have been given the opportunity to work with it.

As I tell the students, theatre is a collaborative art. Perhaps even the most collaborative art. It takes the talent and effort of many people in many various capacities and roles to put together a show. We had so much support and assistance from so many individuals and groups that we could barely fit all the names in four pages of our program! If we have great talent here at BHCS, it pales in comparison to the overwhelming support of the community. So thank you, Blue Hill, for helping us put on our spectacular show; we really couldn't have done it without you.

~Mr. Jurick, Drama Director and  
Mrs. Means, Music Director

### First Bank of Blue Hill Makes a Generous Contribution to BHCS Drama Program

The directors of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* were surprised with a \$405.17 donation from the employees at First Bank this week. On the night of the first performance, Diane Willey-Ward presented the check to the directors before the curtain opened. They had raised the money with their "Dress-Down Friday" activity and chose BHCS drama to be one of the recipients of the fun funds. Thank you, First Bank!

### Town Meeting

At last Saturday's Town Meeting, the school budget was passed as presented. Our town is very supportive of our school and we are extremely appreciative of what is provided for us at BHCS. Thank you, Townsfolk. Also, thank you 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their teachers and parents, for the delicious turkey dinner.

### BEEM says, "Thank you!"

It was a fun and profitable evening at Barncastle! The BEEM Board members would like to thank everyone who attended, donated to, or bought auction items for this wonderful cause – to promote innovative and new ideas for the kids at Blue Hill Consolidated School. The final figure was around \$8,000!! It took many hours of collaboration from the members of BEEM to organize what has become an annual event that many people look forward to.

### PTF

\*Thanks to everyone who donated items to the PTF Refreshment and Bake Sale Table at Town Meeting.  
\*Activity sign ups for TV Turn-Off Week (April 30-May 4) will be coming home after vacation.  
\*We are starting to plan for Staff Appreciation Day on May 8th. Watch for a sign up coming home after vacation if you would like to help.  
\*Date change: The PTF Yard Sale will be Sat., June 2. The good news is that it gives you more time to identify things to sell at your table, or to donate to the PTF table! Watch for details after vacation.

### Library

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders from BHCS, Penobscot, Brooksville and Brooklin will spend Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> together for a Maine Student Book Award Celebration, featuring MSBA author Janet Tashjian and her son Jake from California. We were lucky

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

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enough to be able to get them to come here as part of an East Coast school visit tour. Students have been reading and loving their book, My Life as a Book, featuring Jake's cartoons. There will be an author keynote and smaller group workshops related to the book and writing. It will be an exciting day!

The Blue Hill Public Library has some great "Boredom Buster" activities scheduled for April school vacation week!

~On Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, in celebration of National **Poetry** Month, kids ages 7 to 12 are invited to shout, dance and have lots of fun with poetry. We'll rap, tap and clap poems out. We'll make magnetic poetry and more! Registration is required.

~On Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:30 PM kids ages 7 to 12 are invited to use their creative energy and materials that have been thrown away to **construct fun and playful toys!** All materials will be provided. Space is limited so registration is required.

~On Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a **Lego party** at the library! Kids aged 7-12 are invited to bring one container of Legos to the Library and spend some time getting creative! Come build something and see what others are building. If you don't have Legos, we have some you can use for the day. Please be sure to register in advance so we are sure to have room for everybody!

~Space is limited and registration is required for both the Poetry In Motion, The Trash to Toys and Legos at the Library programs. To register, please see the library's interactive calendar at [www.bhpl.net](http://www.bhpl.net) or call the Library at 374-5515.

What: Spaghetti with choice of sauces, salad, rolls, beverages, and brownie sundaes.

Why: To raise money for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip. \$7 per person, \$18 for a family of 3 or more.

### Dates to Remember

Fri., April 13	Student Art Show and Reception at the Blue Hill Public Library, including BHCS Jazz Musicians, 4:30-6 PM
April 16-20	SPRING VACATION
Thurs., April 26	Maine Student Book Award Celebration for grades 5-6 with area schools.
Tues., May 1	<i>SPRING FLING</i> , 5-7:30 PM, with "JUMP ROPE FOR HEART HEALTH" and the BIG TOP CIRCUS EVENT
May 7 and 8	Kindergarten Registration, No school for current Kindergarten students.
Wed., June 13	Graduation for Grade 8, 7:00 PM
Fri., June 15	Last Student Day

### Spaghetti Dinner in Brooksville

When: Saturday, April 28, 5 – 7 PM

Where: Brooksville Elementary School