



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

February 7, 2013

**We are going to dismiss early tomorrow at 12:15, anticipating the snow.**

**There will be no YMCA Aftercare tomorrow due to the early dismissal.**

### Winter Carnival Next Friday!

*And, I think we will have plenty of SNOW!* We hope your child will join in on the fun leading up to Friday....

Monday- Mismatched Clothing Day  
Tuesday- Twin/ Triplet Day  
Wednesday- School and Team Spirit Day  
Thursday- Dress Your Best Day  
Friday- Crazy Hair Day and lots of fun events all day long!

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Is Hosting a Dance

February 15, 7-10 PM, for any students in grades 6-8. BHCS Gymnasium.

### Montessori Valentine's Dance Rescheduled

The Family Valentine's Dance, to be held at Blue Hill Consolidated School (to benefit Peninsula Montessori School), scheduled for Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, has been postponed. We were able to reschedule it for Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM. If you are unable to make it, and have purchased your tickets, please contact Jeanne at 359-4614 for a refund. We hope to see everyone next Saturday! Thanks!

~~Teri Ames

### Music Café in the BHCS Music Room

Have you ever seen the show "The Actors' Studio" on the A&E channel? Looking for a place to perform? Well, Mrs. Means, one of the music educators at BHCS, is looking for small musical acts to perform for her 7/8 Choice Specials Class called "Music Café." It would consist of a 10-15 minute performance followed by interview questions from her 7/8 music

students. Booking would be between March 25<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup> during one of the following times on a Monday or Thursday from 10:45-11:25 AM. If you are interested in sharing your talents with our students, please contact Mrs. Means either by phone (374-2202 x115) or email (ameans@bhcs.org). Thank you!

### PTF News

**Variety Show** - If we get the anticipated snowstorm, then the Variety Show will rescheduled for Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Movie Night** – February 15. Start your vacation off with a fun night at the movies. Join us at 5:30 PM for pizza and stay for the movie at 6:00 PM.

We will be showing *Journey 2!*

### Family Assistance Fund Raiser

Spaghetti Supper, Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 PM. Please join us for a delicious spaghetti supper to raise money for the Family Assistance Fund. This fund has helped many families in our school community who are in need of assistance with fuel, utilities, food, gas, and more, but it needs replenishing. If you can help us with this event, please contact Melissa Emerton (479-2763) or Rena Flores (214-2361).

### Box Tops for Education

The next submission date for the school year is quickly approaching at the end of February, so please keep clipping and sending in your Box Tops. Check out the Box Tops website for a list of participating products and for fun collection sheets you can print out and use. Be sure to include your child's name and teacher so the proper class gets credit. [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com).

### Sports News

Thank you to all of our winter coaches! It was a great season!

**Congratulations to our Coastal Boys for a great tournament game last night!** The

championship game will be Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, in Trenton at 3:45 PM.

**Please return winter uniforms soon!**

Pass them in to Mrs. McKechnie. Please label them to be sure you are credited with a return. Prizes will be given for all uniforms returned prior to February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Track team** will be starting this spring. We are looking for an assistant coach for this team, and there is a small stipend for the position. Softball and baseball teams will begin in April, and we will be looking for a softball coach. There is a stipend for that position, also. Please see the Office of the Superintendent about fingerprinting and an application, if you are interested.

**Gymnastics:** Students in grades 3-8 are eligible to participate in the BHCS Gymnastics Program. Gymnastics will begin after February break; practice time is from 2:45-3:30 PM for all grades. Individual and small group practices are made by appointment with the instructor from 3:30-4:30 PM. Clean up is from 4:30-5 PM.

**Soccer Clinic:** Blue Hill Soccer Club will host a soccer clinic in the BHCS gym. The clinic will be put on by the Acadia Fire Soccer Club that runs these clinics in the Bar Harbor and Ellsworth area and have expressed interest in bringing it to the Peninsula. The dates for the clinic are 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/30, 4/13, and 4/20, with a block of time from 8-12:30 PM.

**Powdah & Chowdah**

**Saturday, Feb. 16...**

Grab your skis, snowshoes, snowmobile or hiking boots (whatever conditions allow), spend a morning of winter family fun in the Great Pond Mountain Wildlands, then head to MacLeod's Restaurant in Bucksport for a benefit chowder and chili buffet between 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM (or vice versa!). Cost for lunch is \$15 for adults or \$10 for kids under 12. It also includes salad, coffee and dessert. Cash bar available. All proceeds benefit Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust. **Pre-register** for this event by February 11<sup>th</sup>. Seating is limited;

e-mail Emily at [emilyfhawkins@gmail.com](mailto:emilyfhawkins@gmail.com) or call 348-9901. (*Psst...Don't want to play outside? You can still come to the buffet!*)

**PMAL Arts Playhouse SPECIAL Workshops!!!**

Don't miss these exciting afternoons at PMAL!!!

**Kickboxing for Kids**, Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

AND...

**Karate for Kids** on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>! Registration closes 24 hours prior to each event.

Cost of each afternoon's registration is \$18.

To register, phone Chris at 374-5255 or email [chris@pmalcenter.com](mailto:chris@pmalcenter.com).

**Dates to Remember**

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| Mon., Feb. 11   | Hancock County Spelling Bee, 6:30 PM, Ellsworth Elementary-Middle School                |
| Tues., Feb. 12  | Board Budget meeting, 5 PM  |
| Wed., Feb. 13   | Regular Board Meeting, 5 PM   |
| Thurs., Feb. 14 | GSA Registration – grade 8 Jazzband at GSA, 3 PM  |
| Fri., Feb. 15   | PTF Movie Night, food at 5:00 and movie at 6:00 PM                                      |
| Fri., Feb. 16   | Montessori Valentine Dance  |
| Feb. 18-22      | February Vacation   |
| Sun., Feb. 24   | Sunday Jazz Madness   |
| Thurs., Feb. 28 | Jazzband Dress Rehearsal, 4 PM  |
| Fri., Mar. 1    | District Jazz Fest, Orrington Family Assistance Spaghetti Supper, 5:30 PM               |
| Mon., Mar. 4    | NAEP Testing – grade 8  |
| Fri., Mar. 8    | Trimester 2 Ends  |
| Fri., March 15  | PTF Potluck and Variety Show Dinner is at 5:30 PM and the show is at 6:00 PM, BHCS Café |
| Sat., Mar. 23   | State Jazz Fest, Portland   |
| Fri., April 5   | BEEM Bash   |