



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

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### Memorial Day Thoughts

We hope you had a meaningful Memorial Day on Monday. It's a federal holiday in the United States that is meant to remember those who have died while serving our country. Did you know that it was first called Decoration Day, to honor all soldiers (Union and Confederate) who died in the Civil War? We often think of Memorial Day as the kick off for summer, but its true meaning is to honor those who sacrificed their lives for us.

*"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."*

*~ ~ Maya Angelou (1928-2014)*

### BHCS YEARBOOK

It's that time of year again to think about the yearbook! Our publisher's deadline is next week and we are accepting orders now!

\*\*\*The books are \$15 apiece and if you are interested in purchasing a copy, please complete the attached form and return to the school no later than next **Friday, June 6.**

\*\*\*If you are interested in placing a personal congratulations piece in the yearbook (a great idea for graduating eighth graders), please fill out the attached personals order form and return to the school no later than next **Tuesday, June 3.**

\*\*\*If you are interested in placing a business advertisement in the book (we would love to have your support!), please contact us no later than next **Tuesday, June 3.**

\*\*\*If you have any questions, please email Matt ([mjurick@bhcs.org](mailto:mjurick@bhcs.org)) or Beth ([bjackson@bhcs.org](mailto:bjackson@bhcs.org)). Go Bobcats!

### Library News

Ryan Higgins was here!

Maine author/illustrator Ryan Higgins shared his latest book, This Book Does Not Have Words. He drew some amazing creatures, and told the students about his upcoming projects. Ask your students how many drafts he does of each of his books -- it is a lot! The last of the book orders should be autographed by sometime Friday.

**All library books will be due Friday, June 6th!**

### PTF News

\*\*Next week many of the teachers and staff will be staying after school to make-up time lost due to snow days. The PTF is hoping to have some snacks available in the staff room on June 3 and June 4. Let us know if you are able to drop off something special for our teachers and staff.

\*\*On June 12 we will need some volunteers to help set up, clean up, and scoop ice cream for the retirement gala honoring Ms. Jackson, Mrs. Lewandowski, and Mrs. O'Neill. Please contact Tracy Gandy at [ptf@bhcs.org](mailto:ptf@bhcs.org) if you are interested in lending a hand.

### Blue Hill Public Library

There is a special presentation at the Blue Hill Public Library on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Jennifer McDowell and Frederica Marshall will team up for a wonderful Japanese culture program for adults and children ages 7 and up. Jennifer is now completing a Post-doctorate fellowship in Japan on kokeshi dolls at Tohoku Gakuin University. Frederica, a

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Deer Isle artist, grew up in Japan and currently has an exhibit of Japanese kokeshi dolls in the Larchwood Cases at the library which runs to the end of June. Jennifer will give a visual presentation of kokeshi dolls and Frederica will then lead the group in painting their own kokeshi dolls on unfinished wooden forms. Japanese snacks will be served! The workshop is free but registration will be required. Please sign-up at our events calendar at [www.bhpl.net](http://www.bhpl.net) or call the library at 374-5515 to reserve a place.

**SUMMER YOUTH TRACK & FIELD for BLUE HILL PENINSULA**

The Blue Hill Peninsula Track Club will be active again this summer. This program is for area youth ages 5 to 15 (as long as they have not completed 9th grade); it is run by GSA teacher and BHCS track coach David Stearns. This is a chance for children to try their hand (or foot) at sprinting and distance running, racewalking, hurdling, jumping, or throwing various implements. There were 50 active participants in 2013. Practices will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Blue Hill Consolidated School. Most participants also attend weekly track meets on Thursday afternoons from 2 - 6 PM in the greater Bangor area. The cost of this program will probably be \$60. Practices will begin on June 17. The first of five weekly meets is June 26.

\*\*\*For more information and to get on the contact list, please phone David Stearns at 374-3731 or email [d.stearns@georgestevevs.info](mailto:d.stearns@georgestevevs.info).

**Dates to Remember**

Tues., June 3	K-4 Concert, 6:30
Wed., June 4	5-8 Concert, 7:00
Thurs., June 5	Gr. 2 to COA, 8:30-2
Wed., June 11	Gr. 3 to Bangor Discovery Museum, 8:15-2:30
Thurs., June 12	School Board, 5 PM Retirement Party for Beth Jackson, Maryanne Lewandowski, and Julie O'Neill, 7-9 PM
Fri., June 13	Gr. 7 to Great Skates, 8-2:30
Mon., June 16	Gr. 4 to Acadia, 8-1 Gr. 1 & 2 to Holbrook Island, 9-2
Tues., June 17	Graduation, 7 PM
Wed., June 18	Gr. 4 to Jonathan Fisher House and Curtis Cove, all day
Thurs., June 19	K to Curtis Cove, 10-1 Student Step Up Day, 8:15 – 9 AM
Fri., June 20	Gr. 5 to Fort Knox, 9-2:30
Every Friday	Last day of school
Attachments	Bobcat Day *Invitation to June 12 Retirement Party *Menu for June *Yearbook Forms (2) *SNAG Golf

**Middle School Dance in Castine on  
Friday, May 30, 6-9 PM**