



# EXPLORATIONS

## Blue Hill Consolidated School

60 High Street • Blue Hill, Maine 04614

**March 26, 2015**

**Don't forget...we have school tomorrow!**

### **Congratulations, Jazz Bands!**

The BHCS jazz bands won two Gold Awards at the Maine State Middle School Instrumental Jazz Festival last weekend. The judges presented the Gold Awards to both bands for earning the highest rating of "1" on their performances. The bands competed in the Division III group of school bands under the direction of Bill Schubeck. This was an excellent showing for the students who have put in a lot of hard work.

In addition to the Gold Awards, the *Fives/Sixes/Sevens* band placed third in their division. Cameron Stewart received an outstanding musicianship award for his alto saxophone playing. Ross Stewart earned an outstanding musicianship award for his oboe ability. The *Eights* placed fourth in their division. Tess Williamson earned an outstanding musicianship award for her vocal, piano and trombone ability.

Thank you musicians and Mr. Schubeck, for representing our school so well! We are very proud of all of you!

### **Graduation Date Set**

Mark your calendars for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation on Wednesday, June 17, at 7 PM. We still are not sure of the last student day for the other grades.

### **Spring Play Parent Meeting**

All parents of actors in this spring's play are invited to attend a parent meeting on Monday, March 30, at 5 PM in the BHCS Cafeteria. We will be discussing the topics of set construction, costumes, and operations at performances. Any parents of students interested in helping the stage crew are welcome to attend, as well, and there will be a stage crew meeting for students on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:45. Please contact

Bryan Lescord at ([blescord@bhcs.org](mailto:blescord@bhcs.org)) or at 374-2202, Ext. 127 with any questions.

### **Pre-K and Kindergarten Registrations**

Anyone who has, or knows of, a student who will be in Pre-K or K next year please contact the office at 374-2202. This year's Pre-K students do not need to call. Children will need to be 4 or 5 years old before October 15.

### ***Bake Sale***

**Chess Team Fundraising for their  
Nationals Trip!  
Tradewinds, Saturday, April 4,  
from 11-2**

### **Spring Sports News**

#### **Track**

Spring track begins Tuesday, March 31. Track practices will be offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3-4 PM until April vacation. For students participating in the spring play AND track, there will be a conflict until the first meet, but Director Lescord will do his best to schedule the play practices with flexibility. Students in the play will need to be sure to get the play practice expectations completed, then go to track if time allows and to communicate with Mr. Lescord and the track coaches.

After April vacation, track practices will expand to Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3-4 PM. The first meet is on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Baseball**

Baseball begins Tuesday, March 31, from 4:30-5:30 PM and Wednesday, April 1 from 4:45-6 PM in the gym for pitchers and catchers ONLY. All athletes signed up for baseball may attend a practice on April 2 from 4:30-5:30 PM in the gym. Tryouts for baseball will be held on April 7 from 4:30-5:30 PM and April 8 from 4:45-6 PM in the gym.

Della L. Martin, Principal

### **Softball and Baseball Clinic**

Softball and baseball clinic for students in grades 3-5 will also be offered this spring, but the clinics will not begin until after April vacation.

### **MEA Testing Starts in April**

Classroom announcements are coming soon. Check with your child's teacher to find out when the tests are scheduled at his/her grade level.

### **Library News**

It has been busy in the library as we've celebrated literacy. On March 13 over 30 people gathered to read and share stories at BEAR night. A special thank you to Miss Nelson for organizing this event and preparing our "Guess the Character" game.

Last week the library was transformed into a campground in honor of the book *Mystery on Pine Lake*, and to prepare for Author Day and the MSBA celebration. Our students in K-3 learned campfire songs, read in a tent, created nature journals, and met two wonderful Maine authors. Roger Stevens shared *June the Loon*, his amazing picture book that is packed with actual photos of a loon family. He also brought in some of his photography equipment and explained how he was able to capture the images that he uses in his books. Tamra Wight was our special guest author for the day. Her book, *Mystery on Pine Lake*, is nominated for the Maine Student Book Award. Mrs. Wight described the work required to write a book and had the students practice descriptive writing skills.

The following day, Cyndi Kuhn, a loon expert from the Maine Audubon Society, and Chris Sargent, a Maine Game Warden, joined Tamra Wight. Students in grades 4 and 5 from throughout Union 93 gathered at our school to participate in this event. A huge thank you to the students and teachers from BHCS who made sure the visiting students felt welcomed.

**This is the last call for any book orders for the books related to these events.**

**Library Volunteer Needed** - If you have some free time on Monday afternoons and you love

helping students and organizing things, have I got a job for you! Let me know if you are interested and we can coordinate times and tasks.

Thanks,  
Tracy Gandy  
[tgandy@bhcs.org](mailto:tgandy@bhcs.org)

### **PTF News**

Breakfast items are still needed for the Blue Hill Town Meeting on April 4. If you are able to contribute an item, please contact us at [ptf@bhcs.org](mailto:ptf@bhcs.org) or sign up using the attached form.

### **Town Meeting Luncheon**

7<sup>th</sup> graders are putting on the traditional turkey and ham meal during the noon break at Town Meeting on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Please join us – it's delicious!

### **GSA International Night**

Join them on Saturday, March 28, from 4 to 8 PM. There will be cultural booths and ethnic food to sample from 4-6 PM. Entertainment starts at 6:00 and will include songs, skits and other performances. The price is \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. This is a wonderful event for people of all ages!

### **Dates to Remember**

Fri., April 3	Blue Hill Town Election Day
Sat., April 4	Town Meeting, 9 AM
Wed., April 8	School Board, 5 PM
Fri., April 17	School Day Make-up
Thurs., Apr. 30	Opening Night, BHCS Presents Charlotte's Web, 6 PM
Fri., May 1	Encore Night, Charlotte's Web, 6 PM
Wed., June 17	GRADUATION, 7 PM

### **Sedgwick Dance, March 17, 6-9 PM**

### **Attachments:**

PTF Town Meeting Form  
Author Day Order Form