



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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April 30, 2015

National Winners – BHCS Chess Team Placed Second in Louisville!

The BHCS Chess Team came home victorious at the National K-9 Junior High Scholastic Chess Championships held on April 24-26 in Louisville, Kentucky. The team tied for 2nd place, out of 31 teams competing from across the country, in the K-8 Under 750 Division. The team is very young, formed in the 2013-2014 academic year, and became the Maine State Scholastic Chess Champions both last year in the K-6 Division and this year in the K-8 Division.

The 10-member team endured seven rounds at Nationals, each lasting up to four hours, over a three-day tournament that began on Friday and ended Sunday evening. The strong team effort ensured the 2nd place award. The team trophy was too big for the flight home and had to be shipped to the school!

Students who competed at Nationals include: Parker Allen, Evan Chapman, Grayson Eaton, Sam Parrott, Quinn Stabler, Aidan Stearns, Cameron Stewart, Cole Stewart, Ross Stewart, and Liam Webb. In addition, students who competed at States, winning in the K-6 Novice Division, include Kai Diel, Garrett Parker, and Henry Scheff. The boys were coached by Cameron Wendell, a high school student at Deer Isle-Stonington High School and former national chess champion. Nell Herrmann served as the faculty advisor this year.

Individual trophies were also awarded to players who performed well at the tournament. Ross Stewart tied for 2nd place nationally, and Evan Chapman and Sam Parrott each tied for 20th place nationally, from among 183 competitors in the division.

The BHCS team would like to thank everyone in the community for their generous funding contributions and for everyone's time and dedication to help get this group of students to Louisville!

2015 Speech Contest for 8th Grade

Congratulations to **Elana Williamson and Miriam Nelson** who represented us at the Union #93 Woodsman Speech Contest on Tuesday night in Surry. **Elana's speech on "The HOLLYWOOD Sign" landmark won her the 2nd place award, and she will be presenting it again at the Wagner Middle School in Winterport on May 7th at 6:00 PM.** Good luck Elana! Also, a thanks goes to Kat Hudson who organized and coached the speech contest this year.

Come to Our Parade In Honor of Our BHCS Achievements and Cinco de Mayo!

BHCS is planning a parade through town next Tuesday, May 5, at 1:30 PM to celebrate the many great things happening at the school. The Spanish curriculum includes learning about Latino cultural celebrations, and this has been the impetus for this May 5th **Cinco de Mayo** celebration.

Students from the state award-winning **Jazz Band** will play Mariachi music to accompany singers. The **2nd grade** class will dance *La Raspa*, better known as the *Mexican Hat Dance*. All students will be marching. GSA's **Planet Pan** will also be playing in the parade.

There will be a float featuring the **BHCS Maine Chess Champions who have just recently taken second place in the United States** with their amazing performance at the National Chess Tournament in Kentucky. There will be another float to recognize those who took place in the **National History Day competition** for Maine in the documentary category. They will compete at the National Convention in Washington, DC in June. We will also honor our **second place speech contest winner**. These are just a few of the wonderful things going on at BHCS. Our students are so talented and hard-working!

As the colors of the Mexican flag are red, white, and green, students should wear some type of combination of those colors to help out

Della L. Martin, Principal

with the festivities. If students want to dress more formally, boys can wear white dress shirts and dark pants and girls can wear a colorful dress or colorful long skirt and a white or colored blouse. Sombreros are also a welcome addition. We hope to see you on the parade route on **Cinco de Mayo**, May 5th at 1:30!

Please come out and wave and support these amazing students and the great things happening at BHCS!

BHCS Parking Lot Announcement:
New England Steel Drum Festival Here this Weekend

Our facility is being used for this important music festival this weekend, and an enormous tent will be put up over our main parking lot on Friday morning. This means that parking will have to be limited to the front of the gym and the GSA lot all day Friday. For those attending “Charlotte’s Web” on Friday night, please park by the gym, as well. Thank you, and please forgive the inconvenience.

PTF News

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is next week. We would like to encourage everybody to take some time and send some love to the teachers and staff who work hard every day for your children. In addition to doing so at home, all students are welcome to stop by the cafeteria between 7:30 AM and 7:50 AM on Monday and Wednesday next week to write notes or draw pictures for teachers and staff.

To celebrate, the PTF will be raffling items and gift cards each morning (to benefit teachers and staff), hosting a luncheon for teachers and staff on Tuesday, and making sure that the staff room is well supplied with treats and goodies all week. A big thank you to all teachers and staff at BHCS for all that you do!

If anybody would like to donate their time, or a food item next week please contact Sarah King at 374-9294, or Jessi Torrey at 374-1300, or email ptf@bhcs.org.

The Next PTF meeting will be Thursday, May 14 at 2:45 in the Library. We will be working on the final plans for the year!

Save the Date – On May 16 the PTF and the 5-2-1-0 Committee will be hosting a Spring Fling and Playground Clean-Up. This will be an

excellent opportunity to get outside and be active. We will be cleaning up the playgrounds and having some fun activities for our families. More information will be coming soon.

Science Fair for Grades 7 and 8

Reminder to parents of 7th and 8th grade students: This year the Science Fair will be happening during the school day, on Friday 5/8 from 1:00-1:45. If you are able, please feel free to stop by the 7th and 8th grade classrooms during that timeframe to see your child's trifold presentation! If you are unable to attend at that time, but would like to see your child's display, please contact Ms. Herrmann at nherrmann@bhcs.org. There are some fantastic projects this year!

Pre-K Registration – May 4 and 5

There will be no school those days for the current Pre-K students.

Kindergarten Registration – May 8

There will be no school that day for the current K students.

Dates to Remember

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| Thurs., Apr. 30 | Opening Night, BHCS Presents <i>Charlotte's Web</i> , 6 PM |
| Fri., May 1 | Encore Night, <i>Charlotte's Web</i> , 6 PM |
| Fri., May 8 | 7/8 Science Fair |
| Wed., May 13 | School Board, 5 PM |
| Thurs., May 14 | PTF Mtg., 2:45 PM |
| Fri., May 16 | Playground Clean-Up and Spring Fling (more info coming soon) |
| Mon., June 8 | 5-8 Concert, 7 PM |
| Tues., June 9 | PK- 4 Concert, 6:30 PM |
| Wed., June 17 | GRADUATION, 7 PM |
| Fri., June 19 | Last Day of School |

Note: There is the possibility that we will have a snow day make-up day on Saturday, May 16 for a half day. We are waiting for a possible waiver of the snow day from the Governor, and should know for sure next week.

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