



EXPLORATIONS

Blue Hill Consolidated School

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From the Principal - Community Support

Last week I wrote to you that “we’re all in this together,” as was exemplified in all of the people that helped me through the first few weeks of school—including a broken arm! This week I want to piggyback on that theme and feature two of the local non-profit organizations that directly benefit the students of BHCS: Making Strides and Blue Hill Educational Enrichment Monies (BEEM).

Making Strides is an organization started by a small group of parents and teachers seven years ago to help families affected by autism. In the last year and a half, they have donated over \$10,000 to schools and families on the Blue Hill Peninsula. They’ve purchased iPads, trainings, weighted blankets, occupational therapy equipment, and even a reading program. I encourage you to check out their beautiful website <http://www.makingstrides.me>. This Saturday is the Making Strides Annual Run/Walk beginning at BHCS at 10:00, registration at 9:00. I hope to see you there!

After the Run/Walk, head over to the BEEM Cruise-In at the Boatyard Grill between 12-4. This is going to be a family fun event complete with ice cream, fancy cars and big trucks to explore, and a DJ! BEEM has awarded over \$130,000 in grants since 1992 to enrich school programs and fund special projects or events. As a teacher, BEEM was an amazing resource that allowed me to think outside the box. Several years ago, in anticipation of teaching my unit on weather (specifically the tools used by meteorologists), Mr. Jezak and I co-wrote a BEEM grant for our school weather station. Students were able to use and read real weather instruments, and view the data it gathered daily. Find out more on our school website, and click on BEEM!

Warmly,
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PTF News

The PTF currently meets after school once a month. However, we are open to changing that time if it is not convenient for our families. If you have been wanting to attend meetings, but cannot due to a scheduling conflict, please take a few minutes to complete the online survey and let us know. Take 5 minutes to answer 10 questions and learn more about PTF. We are asking a few extra questions that will help us shape things! Visit <http://bit.ly/bhcsptfsurvey2015>.

Thanks!

If you are on Facebook, be sure to like our group <https://www.facebook.com/bhcs.ptf>

School News

The newly-formed Communication Club is a group of 8th graders that meets twice a week and creates articles and displays for school related activities.

The first Cross Country meet of the season was held at the Bay School on Thursday, September 17. The boys were able to place first, and the girls second. The first meet of the season was very successful and hopefully many more Cross Country meets are as fun with great scores from our team!

Last Friday, the coastal soccer team had their first loss this season. They played MDI and tried their hardest but couldn't quite get another goal in the last couple minutes to tie it up 3-3. Instead the score was left at 3-2. Great job Bobcats, maybe next time.

Kneisel Hall Performance at BHCS

Wednesday at school, some people from Kneisel Hall came in. They began with a very exciting song, and asked the kids what they felt when they heard the song, or the feelings they experienced when the song was played. The musicians taught us a few things about how some songs are composed, and then we composed a vocal song that was supposed to resemble lunch time. It was an interesting experience for all involved.

Library News

There are still some openings for Library Volunteers! Please contact Tracy Gandy at tgandy@bhcs.org if you are interested.

Mark your calendars - The Monster Book Fair is coming! October 19 - 22 the BHCS library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. More information will be coming - including ways you can volunteer!

Cruise-In at the Boatyard for BEEM

Come cool off after you run/walk for Making Strides by visiting BEEM at the Boatyard Grill on Saturday, September 26, from 12-4. BEEM (Blue Hill Educational Enrichment Monies) will be hosting a family-friendly Cruise-In featuring live music provided by BHCS bands and DJ Gary Milliken. The Cruise-In features Vintage Cars & Trucks, Touch-a-Truck, Face Painting, Pick-a-Prize and 50/50 raffle. Ice cream cone included with admission and a special event menu for purchase. Admission: \$10 per adult; children under 14 free. For more information: beem@bhcs.org.

Reminders...

Emergency contact forms need to be turned in ASAP so we can update our systems - thank you.

Our website is back up and running! www.bhcs.org

Picture Day Tomorrow, September, 25th

Please be sure to send your order and payment in on the 25th with your child.

Dates to Remember...

Fri., Sept. 25	Picture Day
Fri., Sept. 25	Dance at Blue Hill - Grades 6-8
Fri., Sept. 25	Grade 4 to Common Ground Fair 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Sat. Sept 26	<i>Making Strides</i> 5k run/walk Registration 9:00 AM, Run/walk 10:00
Sat., Sept 26	BEEM Cruise-In at the Boatyard Grill, 12:00 -4:00

Dates to Remember...

Tue., Sept. 29	Grade 4 to College of the Atlantic 8:00 AM -2:00 PM
Thu., Oct. 4	Grade 4 to Acadia Park 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Oct. 19 - 22	Monster Book Fair 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM BHCS Library
Wed., Oct. 28	Grade 6 to Acadia Park 8:00 AM - 2:15 PM



The Blue Hill Co-op and the Blue Hill Heritage Trust are co-hosting a viewing of this year's lunar eclipse on the lawn in front of Blue Hill Mountain. The event begins at 8:30pm, just before the eclipse starts and goes until midnight so that die-hard astronomy fans can watch it in it's (almost) entirety.

The eclipse officially ends at 12:27 AM. In addition to the eclipse (which is not often fully visible in our section of the globe) the moon will be at its closest position to earth for 2015, which will make it a "Super Moon". The Co-op and BHHT will provide hot cocoa, snacks and a telescope. We would like to invite the public, including the local schools to join us in the field at the base of Blue Hill Mountain. Consider bringing blankets or lawn chairs, binoculars or telescopes. This date also coincides with the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend, a project of the Maine Outdoor Coalition, which encourages people to get out and enjoy Maine. We ask that all minors be accompanied by an adult. We hope to see you there Sunday September 27th, 8:30 pm - Midnight.