

All the news from Birchwood Elementary for the week!

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin -- November 21, 2013



Birchwood's Fall Book Fair will be December 3 - 6! Mark your calendars! It's Scholastic Book Fair time! Be on the lookout for an information flyer coming home in your child's backpack! Additional Book Fair info available on the [Birchwood Media Webpage](#).

Book Fair Raffle -- A basket filled with 12 books and 6 extras (pencils, erasers, sharpener) will be raffled off during the Book Fair. This fun-filled prize is on display in the display case at Birchwood. It includes lots of favorites like Bad Kitty and Lego books!! Raffle tickets are .50 each or 3 for a \$1. Tickets can be purchased during the book fair starting on browsing days, Tuesday through Friday.

The Tardy Brothers, a high energy juggling act, performed at a fantastic "Character

Building" assembly at Birchwood on Tuesday. The assembly was sponsored by the PTO's Arts in Education program, headed up by our Amazing AinE Committee Chair Cheryl Gerstler. Thank you, Cheryl! Find out more about the Tardy Brothers, and see photos from the assembly [here!](#)

The Frozen Food Fundraiser Delivery has been rescheduled for Monday, November 25th, from 2pm-6pm. If you are unable to pick your order up during this time, please contact Stephanie Fusco at stephufusco@nycap.rr.com to make other arrangements.

Box Top Fun Continues! This month's drawing is sponsored by Sweet Frog! So... keep collecting those Box Tops and Labels for Education and sending in completed sheets or labels in a sealed envelope with your child's name and classroom. Please use these attachments for November: [Basketball Fun](#) or [Point Collection Sheet](#). For more Box Tops info and tons of different and fun sheets, click [HERE!](#)

Birchwood Elementary's Fifth Grade Students enthusiastically support Marine Troop in Afghanistan. It started with a simple FaceBook post by a Birchwood parent putting together a care package for a troop in Afghanistan. Then the fifth grade classes got involved by writing letters, making friendship bracelets, and drawing beautiful pictures for 20 service men and women. But it didn't stop there. Families of the students got wind of this effort and also voluntarily participated by bringing in needed supplies, such as microwavable foods, K-cups, winter clothing, baby wipes, and more for the platoon. For pictures and more about this amazing collaboration, visit [Community News](#) on Birchwood's Website.

Nisky District News & Info are constantly being updated on the [district website](#). Highlights of district news impacting the Birchwood Community are also periodically updated [here](#). Check it out to find out more about district art and music, organizations like [Nisky FOM](#), and the NCSD's upcoming 60th Birthday!

The District's Coffee Talk Series will continue on January 10th with "4 Weeks to a Quieter, Healthier Home" at Glenclyff Elementary School. The presenter for these

workshops will be Dr. Randy Cale. He is a licensed psychologist, author, speaker, and parenting expert. These workshops are timely, focused and filled with practical advice. See the [COFFEE TALK SCHEDULE](#) for more information.

Birchwood's Shopping Event Extravaganza will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2013 at Mansion Square / Mohawk Commons in Niskayuna! Start or finish your holiday shopping! Barnes and Noble, Chipotle, and Sweet Frog are all participating. Make a day of it, get your shopping done, AND support Birchwood at the same time! Win- Win! For more information see our [Shopping Event Flyer](#).

Mark Your Calendars!

- November 22: Half Day (10:45am dismissal)
- November 25: Frozen Food Delivery (2pm-6pm)
- November 27 - December 1 : Thanksgiving Break
- December 3 - 6: Scholastic Book Fair (Mon - Fri 8:10am - 2pm; Fri 5:30-7:30pm)
- December 6: Popcorn Friday & School Banking
- December 6: Open House -- Scholastic Book Fair Night, Kids Holiday Shop, Storytelling, and Cookies & Cocoa (5:30-7:30pm)
- December 9: Birchwood's Book Club (2:15 - 3pm)
- December 13: Fiddle Club
- December 15: [Birchwood Shopping Event -- Barnes & Noble Book Fair \(10am-4pm\), Chipotle \(12-4pm\), and Sweet Frog \(1-9pm\)](#)

[Click HERE for November's Lunch Menu](#)





Birchwood's Book of the Month Club is back!

Please join us in the Media Center on December 9th, from 2:15 - 3pm, for games, snacks, and book talk! December's book will be "The Tale of Despereaux" by Kate DiCamillo. Birchwood's Book of the Month Club is for students of all ages. For a permission form and more information about the club and the book, please see the flyer [HERE!](#)



Look It Up on the [Birchwood PTO Website!](#)

Don't know what's for lunch, or can't remember where to make school lunch payments? Your school calendar isn't handy, and you can't remember when the next half-day is? Forgot what days the Book Fair runs? Can't make PTO meetings, but want to know what was discussed? You can find all that information (and much much more) by visiting the [Birchwood PTO Website](#). It's even searchable! Don't forget to bookmark the site for repeat visits.



Once again, Birchwood Elementary School will be joining the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in their annual TOYS FOR TOTS Campaign. We will be a drop off point for anyone who would like to donate **NEW & UNWRAPPED** toys for local distribution. There will be donation boxes at the Main Office until **December 16th**.



Media Center Poster Contest 2013

79 posters were submitted this year! These marvelous creations represent the efforts of over 94 students and family members. They are displayed in the halls and the media center at Birchwood. Please stop in to see them. Thank you to all of the students and family members who created posters!

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