

All the news from Birchwood Elementary for the week!

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin -- December 5, 2013



Birchwood's Open House is this Friday from 5:30 - 7:30pm! Bring your whole family for an evening of fun-filled activities! Walk around and check out what's going on in your child's classroom and have some December Fun!

- Kids' Holiday Shop -- Kids can buy inexpensive gifts for friends and family. There will be a large display of items (25 cents - \$12 price range) for sale in the art room. Birchwood kids love this!
- Story Time -- Join our special guest Mrs. Disque at 6 and 6:30pm as she reads favorite stories for kids of all ages.
- Scholastic Book Fair -- This is the last night to purchase books, posters, and other fun items from Scholastic.
- Cookies & Cocoa -- Warm up in the cafeteria with some yummy treats and cocoa. Mmmmmm....

See [Open House flyer](#) for more information.



Birchwood's Holiday Shopping Event will take place on December 15th! Come to Mohawk Commons and Mansion Square (right across the street) to finish/start your shopping AND support Birchwood. That's a WIN-WIN! There will be the Barnes & Noble 15% to Birchwood event with in-store gift wrapping booth (make a donation to Birchwood and have someone else do the wrapping for you). Same day, eat at Chipotle from 12-4 PM and 50% goes to Birchwood. Last but not least, treat your family to a little Sweet Frog, and our school will receive 25% of any purchase all day (including gift cards) if someone presents flyer or just says "Birchwood" when placing an order. We're in need of parent volunteers to hand out flyers and help wrap. To volunteer, contact [Deb Foley](#) today. For more information see our [Shopping Event Flyer](#).

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!](#)

BOE Update: This past Tuesday evening at the Board of Education meeting, four representatives from the Facilities Utilization Advisory Committee (FUAC) gave a presentation outlining the committee's work and concluding recommendations regarding use of our district buildings. It was great to see a number of Birchwood parents in attendance that night and, once again, we thank all those who served as members of FUAC. Within the coming days the PTO will work to provide you with a comprehensive update and some key points that we feel you should know. Please keep an eye out for this in your child's backpack or in your inbox. It's a busy time of year, but it is crucial that parents stay informed, connected, and involved! You can view the FUAC presentation given on Tuesday [HERE](#). The next BOE meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 17 at 7 p.m. Please consider attending!

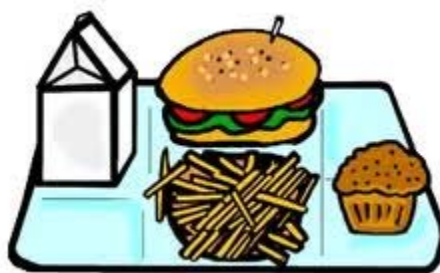
It's Snowing! It's Snowing! How will you know if it's a snow day? Cancellations, delays, and early releases will always be posted at the [District Website](#), on local TV and radio stations, and on the district's [FaceBook](#) page. Closing information can also be sent directly to your email account via the district's School News Notifier (SNN) system if you have signed up for the closings and delays notification option. It will also be sent directly to your cell phone via text message if you have signed up for text message alerts. Sign up for School News Notifier (SNN) [HERE](#).

Mark Your Calendars!

- 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 \(1-9pm\)](#)
- December 17: [Board of Education Meeting](#) at VA (7pm)

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



Box Top Winners!

This month's Box Tops/Labels for Ed drawing winners are.....drum roll please.....Tobias Calhoun in Mr. Parisi's class and Teddy Corwin in Mrs. Bielawski's class. Each child won 2 FREE 12 oz cups of Sweet Frog frozen yogurt....EACH!

Next month's drawing is December 20.....the prize is from the Scotia Theater.



Again, Birchwood is a collection point for the Toys for Tots Campaign. Please consider donating NEW & UNWRAPPED toys for local distribution this season. There will be donation boxes at the Main Office until December 16th.

Go [HERE](#) for Box Top sheets and more information.

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