

# **BIRCHWOOD**

## **ELEMENTARY**

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### **Weekly Bulletin -- October 8, 2015**



#### **Message from the PTO Co-chairs:**

With the onset of this chilly weather, our Fall Fundraiser was launched this week. If you haven't received the packet, you should today. We admit this fundraiser is going out little earlier than we would have preferred--we aren't quite ready to think about our holiday shopping or even about our Thanksgiving menus. That said, we have been told that if we adhere to our due date (Friday, Oct 16), delivery will be the week of November 16th. This was important to us as we are interested in having those Grandma's Pies for our families for Thanksgiving. We'll have a month to make room in our freezers before the pies and the cookie dough (and everything else!) arrives. Please contact either of us or Jill Appert with any questions regarding this fundraiser. We'll do our best to find an answer for you.

Your support of PTO fundraising enables us to provide programs and events for all of our children.

JoMarie Ethier and Jan Brown

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#### **FUN FUNDRAISER AT PIZZERIA UNO ON MONDAY OCTOBER 12th, 2015**

Come enjoy a night with friends at Pizzeria Uno in Latham. Birchwood earns 15-20% of purchases when our flyer is used on Columbus Day. You should have received a flyer by backpack mail but if you need

another click [here](#) to print!

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**Birchwood's Staff Appreciation Breakfast  
will be October 19th.**

This is a nice way to say thank you to our Fabulous Birchwood Staff.  
If you are able to help, please contact Tiffanie Wood at [woodiesroundup@hotmail.com](mailto:woodiesroundup@hotmail.com).  
Sign up to donate goods [HERE](#).  
For more information click [HERE](#).

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**Get Ready for [Monster Mash 2015](#) -- Carnival Craziess!!!**

This super fun extravaganza will run from 6:30-8 pm on Friday, October 23rd. Click on the  
above link for more information.

The Monster Mash committee is looking for families to plan and run a carnival-style game  
booth at the Monster Mash.

We still need lots of volunteers!

Contact [Tara](#) or sign up [HERE](#) if you can help!

We are asking families with children in each grade to bring the following donations:

K -- Packs of water

1st -- Juice

2nd and 3rd -- Dessert

4th and 5th -- Appetizers

Everyone loves the Monster Mash!!!

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**Birchwood's 23rd Annual Family Poster Contest is underway!**

This is an exciting Birchwood tradition that is loved by all! Kids create a poster that has something to do with reading in general or a specific book or author. The poster must have a clearly readable theme or slogan written on the front. Anyone in the Birchwood School community may submit a poster. Students can work alone, with a friend, with brothers and sisters, parents, or any family member. The only requirement is that anyone who helps with the poster must put his/her full name on the poster.

Students must include grade and teacher.

Posters may be submitted to Mrs. Kirkpatrick in the Media Center anytime up to and including Friday, November 6th.

**All 3D Posters should be handed in November 6<sup>th</sup> ONLY!**

See more details [HERE](#).

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## SHOW YOUR BIRCHWOOD SPIRIT

Flips flops, T's, Sweatshirts, Hats--so many ways to show your Birchwood and Nisky spirit. You should receive your flyer today or tomorrow. If you have any questions contact Nicole Ladopolous at [518/469-0947](tel:5184690947) or email [nladopoulos@icloud.com](mailto:nladopoulos@icloud.com). Lost your flyer? Print one [here](#).

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### From the Nurse's Office:

**Regarding exclusion from PE class:** If your child has an injury or illness outside of school and has been seen by a physician(orthopedist, pediatrician, etc.), please be aware that I need a note from that physician with the reason for the exclusion and an estimated length of time if the child will be out for more than one week. These notes need to be in your child's file per NYS. I cannot accept a hand written note from home. When the child is able to go back to regular activity, I will also need a note from physician for clearance. I would also like to let you know that when they are not able to participate in Physical Education they are also not able to participate in recess. Thank you for your cooperation

**Just a reminder** that I need a current physical for our 2nd and 4th graders per NYS. Please send them in as soon as possible. Thank you.

**If your child is on medication** and it needs to be administered at school please remember that I need a prescription from your physician to keep in my files in order to administer that medication. The medication needs to be brought to school **BY THE PARENT**. If it is a prescription medication it needs to be in the original bottle with the pharmacy label. If it is an over the counter medication it needs to be in the original container/box and clearly labeled with the child's name. Thank you for your cooperation.

Nicole Pazro RN

Birchwood Elementary School



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## Mark Your Calendars!

- October 9: Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- October 12: No School
- October 12: Uno's Fundraiser
- October 13: Board of Education Meeting (VA, 6pm)
- October 15: Picture Day!
- October 19: Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- October 21: Nature Park Program

- October 23: Monster Mash
- October 23: Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- October 26: Board of Education Meeting (NHS, 7pm)
- October 30: Halloween Parade

October's Menu is posted [HERE](#).



### **Friends of Music – Be a Winner for Music**

What a great start for our Friends of Music membership! If you haven't had a chance to enter to win 1 of the 2 \$50 Amazon gift card drawing, there is still time. Become a member by October 16<sup>th</sup>! Complete the attached form and return it to the main office; or become a member online

at [www.niskayfom.org](http://www.niskayfom.org) (make sure to indicate Birchwood on-line).

Music begins in Kindergarten and continues through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The foundation of our music program starts with your children. Friends of Music is a volunteer organization that supports your child's music journey. Please consider joining FOM to help support the music



### **OPEN PTO Volunteer Opportunities**

We need a few more volunteers - please take a minute to see if there's something that YOU could help with.... sign up [here](#) or contact [Suzanne Brooksby](#). THANK YOU!!

5th Grade Talent Show Co-Chair and Committee Members - Help the 5th grade students plan and organize their end of year talent show.

Fun Fair Co-Chair and Committee Member - Help plan and organize this all-school event held in March; assist with setup/breakdown, food service, running activities, promotion & ticket sales.

Niska Day Parade Organizer - Help organize the Birchwood children and show their school pride as they march in the parade in May.

program within Birchwood, and all the schools within the district.

Tammy Apkarian, FOM Birchwood  
Liaison  
tapkarian@transtechsys.com



Sign up [HERE](#) for Buzzable and the School Notification Network to receive news about school events, closings, Continuing Ed classes, and more. It's easy and you can pick and choose which notifications you which to receive.

Staff Appreciation Breakfast and Luncheon Co-Chair and Committee Members - Help plan and organize these two events; breakfast in the Fall and luncheon in the Spring.

Fall Frozen Food/ Packet Fundraiser Chair - Prepare, distribute, and collect orders for this fall fundraiser; promote the program; coordinate distribution when orders are filled; report on earnings and distribute prizes.

NCAP and Board of Ed Liaisons - Attend the monthly meetings and report to the PTO as needed.

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