

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin -- October 15, 2015



Message from the PTO Co-chairs:

Did you read this week's issue of *Your Niskayuna*? Check it out [HERE](#). We were thrilled to see our own Al Garrison profiled in the Gazette's local weekly. We all know what a treasure we have in Mr. Garrison, it's nice to see him being recognized in such a special way. Our Birchwood Staff is amazing; we recognize that everyday!

JoMarie Ethier and Jan Brown

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.
Sign up to donate goods [HERE](#).
For more information click [HERE](#).

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

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 carnival-style game booths 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!!!



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 6th ONLY!

See more details [HERE](#).

SPIRITWEAR FUNDRAISER

[Orders](#) for this fall's Spiritwear fundraiser are due back tomorrow, Friday, October 16. If you have any last minute questions please contact Nicole Ladopoulos at [518/469-0947](tel:5184690947) or nladopoulos@icloud.com.

FALL PACKET FUNDRAISER

Please return orders for the Fall Fundraiser by tomorrow, Friday, October 16. Checks should be made payable to the Birchwood PTO. Questions? Please email Jill Appert at jappert@earthlink.net

Green Thumbs (or any colored thumbs) need to help!

To celebrate Red Ribbon week, the kids will be planting 100 tulip bulbs in front of the school. Each grade will plant 20 bulbs during their recess time. On Tuesday 10/20- 1st grade from 10:45-11:10 and 2nd grade from 11:30-11:50. On Wednesday 10/21- 3rd grade from 11:50-12:15 and 4th grade from 12:35-1:00. Then on Thursday 10/22- K from 11:10-11:30 and 5th grade from 12:15-12:35. Volunteers are needed to help assist the kids, please consider coming and helping during your child's recess time. Contact Suzanne Brooksby if you can help at suzierunsl8@gmail.com

THANK YOU!!



Mark Your Calendars!

- 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 16th! Complete the attached form and



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

return it to the main office; or become a member online

at www.niskyfom.org (make sure to indicate Birchwood on-line).

Music begins in Kindergarten and continues through 12th 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 program within Birchwood, and all the schools within the district.

Tammy Apkarian, FOM Birchwood
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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.

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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