

BIRCHWOOD

ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin -- December 17, 2015



From the Principal's Desk:

I would like to welcome Kristi Alois, our new receptionist, to the Birchwood Community! Please be sure to stop by the main office and say hello! I would also like to wish all our families a peaceful and restful holiday season. We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

Deb Berndt

From the PTO Chairs:

With the holiday season in full swing, we mark the half-way point of our year together as your co-presidents and would like to express our gratitude to each and every one of you for all of the ways that you support our PTO. You give your time and talents, support our fundraisers, and attend events with your children. The PTO would not be able to execute the program and events that we do without your generosity.

We wish you peace and happiness this season and throughout the New Year,

JoMarie and Jan

So Thankful for.....

Millie Gnatek for coordinating the gift card fundraiser.
Nicole Ladopolous for coordinating the Spiritwear Sale.

Mrs. Vermilyea and Mrs. Santandrea for being our teacher liasons.
Laura Mirkovic for coordinating our Junior Achievement program.
Cheryl Gerstler, Jennifer Sargent and Katrine Rush for coordinating the assemblies.
Daniella Richardson for managing the roadside sign.
Shilpa Garde and Pennie Cuevas for our fantastic directory.
Francesca Hill and Maria Johnson for coordinating our School Banking program.
Erin Cassady-Dorion and Joni Bonilla for coordinating ASEP.
Jill Appert and Diane Schroder for popping all that popcorn.
April Dolce for coordinating the Grocery Programs.

Attention Playground Donors:

If you did not receive or have misplaced your donation receipt for tax purposes please contact Jill Appert at jappert@earthlink.net for a new one.

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM - WINTER 2016

We are prepping for Birchwood After School Enrichment Program 2016!
Would you, or someone you know, love to teach an after school class? Fill out our online information form so that we can craft an incredible offering for our students in 2016!

Class Information Form: <http://goo.gl/forms/SGcCxmwx65>

Have a class idea, but no one to teach it? Email Erin or Joni with comments, suggestions, and ideas! erincassadydorion@gmail.com ~ Jonisdoggietrain@yahoo.com

Look for the winter session catalog online the week we get back from break!

Winter Fun!

Looking for exciting (and often free) things to do with your family this season?
Want to know the best sledding hills, cool places to skate, and where to go caroling?

Check out [Kids Out and About](#) for a whole lot of local fun!

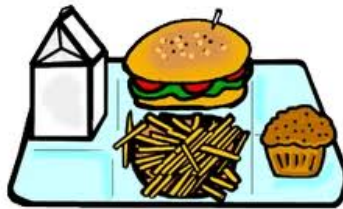
Also take a peek at winter recreation offerings from the great Town of Niskayuna [HERE!](#)



Mark Your Calendars!

- December 18: Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- December 24 - January 3: No School, December Break
- January 5: Birchwood PTO Meeting (6:30 pm)
- January 8: Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- January 12: Board of Education Meeting (VA, 6 pm)
- January 13: Birchwood Concert (NHS, 7 pm)
- January 18: No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 21: Bingo Night (6-7:45 pm)

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



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Birchwood Bingo Night Save the Date!

On January 21, from 6-7:45 pm, we will be PLAYING BINGO!

Click [here](#) for more information!



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