

BIRCHWOOD **ELEMENTARY**

Weekly Bulletin -- January 14, 2016



Message from the PTO Co-chairs

What a great concert last night! The 4th and 5th graders did a fantastic job. All of them should be commended for their hard work. It definitely paid off! Special thanks to Mrs Johnston, Mrs Brown, and Mrs Kokernak for their dedication to our students. It's hard to believe but it's time to start thinking about PTO board and committee candidates for next year. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please let us know by February 1st. Our goal is to approve the committee at our February meeting.

Have a great weekend!

Jan and JoMarie



Birchwood's Family Bingo Night!
Come have some old fashion family fun!
When: January 21st at 6:00-7:40 pm
Where: Birchwood's Cafe.

Bring your coins to use as Bingo markers and then choose to donate to our local fire/EMS department at the end of the evening! Many teachers will be calling the Bingo numbers!

Hope to see you there!

Winter/Spring After School Enrichment Program Registration is Underway!

Visit the PTO website for the catalog and link to online registration. Access it directly here: <http://birchwood.niskypto.org/asep>

Classes are filling up quickly! Be sure to send your check payment into the main office before the close of registration (1/25).

Preschool Story Hour: Know anyone with an incoming kindergartener to Birchwood next year? Make sure they know about the Preschool Program on Thursdays at 12:30pm.

The preschoolers learn about gym class, the media center and how to take out books; using their lunch code in the cafeteria, and more! Each week, the parents listen to different Birchwood leaders discuss the important programs and services for our students. If you know any parents that would benefit from this program, have them reach out to Soyoung Mok at absolutevalue@gmail.com



Submit Those Labels and Your Child Could Win!

Let's keep raising money for Birchwood!! Please keep clipping those labels that you can find on a ton of products in the grocery store. Submit the Box Tops labels by gluing them on [this sheet](#) or tossing them in a ziplock bag in bundles of 25. Cut out those Labels for Education and [submit labels on this sheet](#), or in a ziplock bag in bundles of 19. Don't forget to include your child's name. **At the end of this month, students who submit completed sheets are entered into a drawing for a great prize.** Keep it going Birchwood!! Thanks so much to everyone who cuts out those Box Tops!

Questions? Contact [April Dolce](#).



Birchwood is Bursting with Readers!

It is time to kick-off our annual Winter Reading Celebration! This year our theme is "Be a Smart Cookie, Read!"- To participate we will be asking our K-2 students to read 1.5 hours and our 3-5 grade students to read for 3 hours! Of course you are welcome to read more!!

We are hoping for 100% participation!

Watch for letters and reading logs to come home this week, and all completed logs should be returned to the Media Center by March 1, so your child's name can be added to the bulletin board outside the library. Please contact the library if you have any questions.

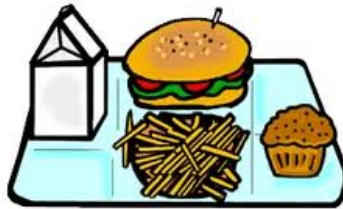
Let's read our way through winter!



Mark Your Calendars!

- January 18: No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 21: Bingo Night (6-7:45 pm)
- January 22: Kindergarten Registration
- January 22: Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- January 26: [Board of Education Meeting](#)
- January 26: Nisky Cares presents [Workshop on Bullying](#) (VA, 6-7:30pm)

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



WINTER CLOTHING

Please remember that we go outside for recess unless the temperature is below 15 degrees (with wind chill). Students should have a warm coat, hat, gloves and snow boots. In order to play in the snow, snow pants are also needed.



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!

Continuing Education just posted the [Winter Session Program!](#) Yay!

Is It a Snow Day?

Sign up [HERE](#) for Buzzable and the School Notification Network to receive news about school events, closings, Continuing Ed classes, and more.

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

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