

BIRCHWOOD **ELEMENTARY**

Weekly Bulletin -- January 21, 2016



Message from the PTO Co-chairs

If you are reading this, you are part of the 54% of recipients who open (and presumably read) the bulletin. We are thrilled you are reading this!! Our cup is definitely half-full! But, we do wonder what we should do about that other half of our Birchwood community?

What other means of communication might be more effective? How can we get information out to all (without becoming an annoyance)? Text, Facebook, Twitter. Do you have an opinion regarding how our communication process might evolve with the times?

Please send your comments via email to BirchwoodPTO@gmail.com. We can't promise we'll respond to all of your comments, we do promise we will read all of them.

As always your input is sincerely appreciated,
JoMarie and Jan

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs. Berndt and Mrs. Collins for presenting at Common Core Math Night for Parents this week.

Thank you to Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Newsome, and Francesca Hill for all that they do to keep our Media Center and all of it's programs running.

Thank you Erin Cassady-Dorion, Soyoung Mok and Lori Corwin for coordinating the Preschool Gym and Library program. Those pre-K kiddos are adorable!

Thank you to the woman who makes this bulletin possible. Thank you Pam Ober for your hard work, your un-ending patience with each of us, and your amazing creativity. Thank you for pulling together all of the information and presenting this spectacular weekly communication tool that benefits all in our community. (No! Pam didn't write this. I did! - 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!

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!

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Birchwood Library Media Specialist

Mrs Colloton, Birchwood Reading Specialist

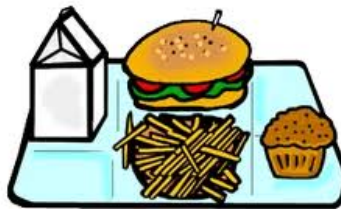
Is It a Snow Day? Sign up [HERE](#) for the School Notification Network to receive news about events, closings, and more.



Mark Your Calendars!

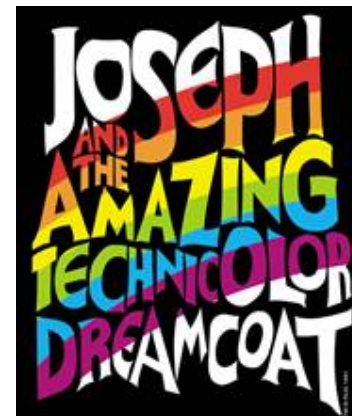
- January 21: Bingo Night (6-7:45 pm)
- January 22: Kindergarten Registration
- January 22: Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- January 26: [Board of Education Meeting](#)
- January 26: Nisky Cares presents [Workshop on Bullying](#) (VA, 6-7:30pm)
- February 3: Birchwood PTO Meeting (9am)
- February 5: Popcorn Friday and School Banking

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.



**The Niskayuna High School
Department of Music**

Proudly Presents:

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor
Dreamcoat February 25-27, 2016.

[Backstage passes](#) for children ages
6-13 are available on the 27th.



**Winter/Spring After School Enrichment
Program Registration Closing Soon!**



Preschool Story Hour: Know anyone

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).

with an incoming kindergartener to Birchwood next year?

Make sure they know about the Preschool Program on Thursdays at 12:30pm. If you know any parents that would benefit from this program, have them reach out to Soyoung Mok at absolutevalue@gmail.com

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