

# **BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY**

## **Weekly Bulletin -- March 17, 2016**



### **Message from the PTO Chairs:**

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of you! We hope you did not have any mischievous leprechauns in your home today.

We were so impressed with Staff Appreciation Luncheon and Fun Fair last week. Our volunteers are outstanding! The staff raffle was again the highlight of the Fun Fair!

***Our most sincere appreciation to all of the Birchwood Staff who contributed to the raffle!!!***

JoMarie and Jan

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**Thank you to Tara McKenna and Suzanne Brooksby for coordinating the 50s themed, rocking Fun Fair this year!  
So much fun was had by all!!!**

Thank you to all of the volunteers: Face painters, Ticket Sellers, 50/50 Coordinators, Ice Cream Scoopers, Staff Raffle coordinator, DJ, 5th grade game helpers, middle schoolers

and high schoolers who helped with games, popcorn poppers, and snack servers.

Thank you to the staff whose contributions and raffle are the highlight of this event. Thank you to Mrs. Pazro for coordinating! Thank you to Anne Burger for pulling it all together and handling the ticket sales for the children.

Thank you Mrs. Berndt for acting as Master of Ceremonies and for spending your Friday evening with all of us.

Thank you to Mr. Garrison who worked extra hard and stayed extra late to make this event a success.

Thank you to all who attended this major fundraiser for the PTO. The funds raised at this event go toward activities for our children such as assemblies, visiting authors, and mini-grants for the classrooms.



**Our Staff Appreciation Luncheon was a huge success!** Thank you to Suzanne Brooksby for coordinating last Thursday's event. Thank you to Francesca Hill for sharing her talents and cooking all of the food. Thank you to those who made desserts and contributed money toward the event. Thank you to everyone who came in to help set up and serve.

We appreciate each and everyone of our Birchwood staff each and everyday and enjoy giving them this little treat every year.



Thanks also to all of the local businesses that donated items to PTO events this month. Please consider supporting these businesses that support our school:

Hewitt's Garden Center  
Pure Mountain Olive Oils and Balsamic Vinegars  
Felthousen's Florist  
Stewart's Shops  
Positano Deli

Target  
Price Chopper  
Sal's meat market  
Perecca's Bakery  
Niskayuna Coop  
Walmart

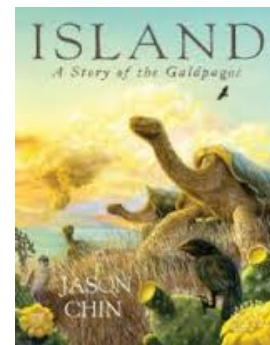
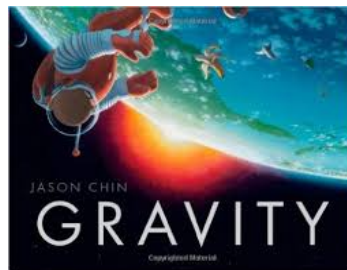
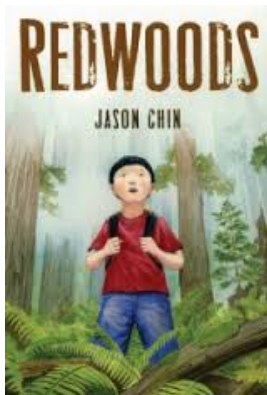
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### **Jason Chin is coming to Birchwood on Tuesday May 3!!!!**

We are very excited to welcome nonfiction author and illustrator, Jason Chin, to Birchwood. Visiting author book order forms are heading home in backpacks, please keep a look out for the form. The deadline is April 1!

To learn more about the author please visit his website at [www.jasonchin.net](http://www.jasonchin.net)



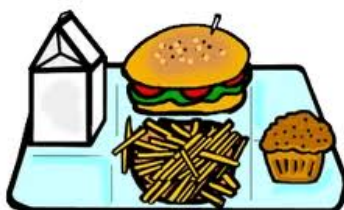
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### **Mark Your Calendars!**

- March 18: Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- March 25: No School
- April 1: [Blaze Pizza Fundraiser](#) (11am-8pm)
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- April 5: Board of Education Meeting (NHS Library, 6pm)
- April 5 - 7: Grades 3-8 NYS ELA Test
- April 13: Birchwood PTO Meeting (6:30pm)
- April 13 - 15: Grades 3-8 NYS Math Test
- April 19: Board of Education Meeting (VA, 6pm)
- April 25 - 29: April Vacation
- May 3: Author Visit -- Jason Chin

Current Menu is posted [HERE](#).



### Help Birchwood While You Shop!!!

[Target RED card](#) -- you get 5% off and Birchwood gets 1% of purchases

[Price Chopper "Tools for Schools"](#) -- the points you save earn free equipment for Birchwood; also earn extra points when you collect "Labels for Education"

[Hannaford Helps Schools](#) -- for every 4 participating products you buy, Birchwood gets \$3.00



Friends of Music is looking for a few volunteers to help during Niska-Day! Only a couple of hours is needed to help spread the word of FOM. Training provided – so please consider helping out the mission of Friends of Music. Niska-Day is on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, or would like to help in any way.

Birchwood Friends of Music  
Liaison, [Tammy Apkarian](#).

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