

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin -- March 31, 2016



Message from the PTO Presidents

Volunteering for the PTO is very rewarding. Being involved at your child's school benefits you and your child in so many ways. Will you consider a leadership role in our PTO? We need someone to step up and fill the co-president position. It's a two year commitment. It's a manageable position, on average one to two hours per week, a bit more when there's an event. Interested? Please contact either of us to discuss.

JoMarie and Jan

Let's Garden! The 2016 Garden Program is open to all students and will include three sessions: a Spring Vegetable Garden, a Summer Vegetable Garden, and a Butterfly Garden Improvement Project. Register [Online](#) by April 1st.

Volunteers Needed! We need volunteers to help prepare the new perennial asparagus bed at the Birchwood Garden. We tentatively plan to dig the new beds on Saturday, April 2 (weather permitting). Rain date will be the following Saturday, April 9. We'll meet at the garden beds at noon. All are welcome, but this work may be best suited to adult volunteers. Student volunteers need to be accompanied by an adult.

During this work session, volunteers will remove sod and prepare the new beds. Bring

gloves and shovels if you have them. One or two wheelbarrows might also be helpful. Volunteers willing to use their truck or trailer to haul compost from the Schenectady County Yard Waste Composting Facility are also especially welcome! Please sign up [here](#) so we know who to expect.

Contact [Mike or Katie Cowley-Cooper](#) with any questions.



Did Someone Say Pizza?

Come eat pizza with your friends on April 1st at Blaze Pizza to benefit the Birchwood PTO!

Flyers will be in backpacks this week, or click [here](#) to print.

Last Call for Yearbook Pictures!

Please send them in by April 3rd -- Pages need to be completely designed by April 10th.

Please mark what year the pictures are from.

We need your help!

Spring Fundraiser Packets coming home this week in backpacks.

Looking for something educational AND fun to do this summer? Look no further...

The Niskayuna Central School District is offering its annual [Summer Sonata](#) week as well as many great courses through the [Summer Enrichment Program](#). The Town of Niskayuna will post its summer program filled with [Town Camps](#) at the beginning of April. So many wonderful opportunities!

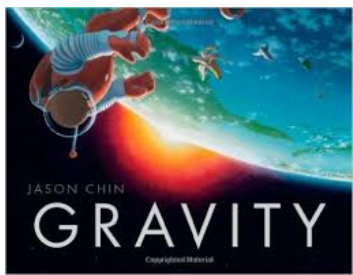
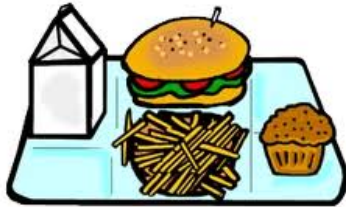


Mark Your Calendars!

- April 1: [Blaze Pizza Fundraiser](#) (11am-8pm)
- April 1: Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- 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 21: "Wizard of Oz" performance by 4th-5th graders
- April 22: Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- April 25 - 29: April Vacation
- May 3: Author Visit -- Jason Chin
- May 4: Birchwood Concert (NHS 7pm)

Current Menu is posted [HERE](#).



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



Friends of Music needs 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 21st. 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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