

BIRCHWOOD

ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin -- May 5, 2016



From the PTO Chairs

Yesterday we had the opportunity to witness ACES day at Birchwood. Thank you to Mr. West and the Shared Decision Making Committee for coordinating this great event for our children. All Children Exercising Simultaneously! Lots of fun!

JoMarie and Jan

T-shirt fundraiser!

Thank you to everyone for getting your T-shirt orders in on time. We are working to get them back to you ASAP! Questions? Contact JoMarie Ethier.

Spring Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who ordered from our most recent fundraiser. We are awaiting its arrival. Please look for an email regarding pick up. We will schedule pick up as soon as we confirm an arrival date. Questions? Contact Jill Appert

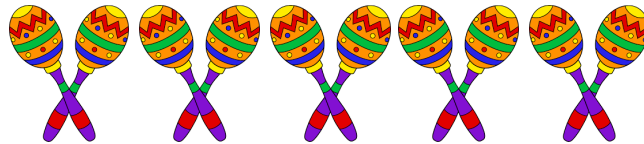
Ashley Brown Photo Sessions

Just one week left to secure your May 13th slot with amazing Ashley Brown photographers. Create a lifetime treasure with a professional photograph of your family with the beautiful nature park at Birchwood as your backdrop. If you are not familiar with

the work of Ashley Brown, check out her website, or look around town. Her work hangs, for example, at Bountiful Bread in Stuyvesant Plaza. Questions? Contact Jill Appert

Niska Day -- Let's Have a Fiesta

Grab your sombreros and plan to join our Birchwood group marching in the Niska Day parade Saturday, May 21. For details see handout from Mrs. Berndt that will be coming home in backpacks. Questions? Contact Suzanne Brooksby.



5th Grade Birchwood Students and their families are invited and encouraged to attend:

**The Iroquois Middle School
Learning Fair & Club Showcase
Monday, May 16, 2016
6:30p.m.-7:45 p.m.**

This event is an extension of the learning that occurs every day at Iroquois Middle School and is an excellent demonstration of the knowledge, hard work, and accomplishments of both individual students and our dedicated school clubs.

This is a great opportunity for students who will be attending Iroquois this fall to visit the school, see the great work and activities that students are involved with, and learn more about school clubs that are available for them to participate in.

You are also invited to attend our annual Ice Cream Social and Buy One, Get One Free Scholastic Book Fair that is being held in conjunction with this event. Iroquois Spirit Wear will also be available for sale so you'll be ready to go to show your school spirit.



**Birchwood's Poetry Open Mic Night
will be held on Thursday, May 19th, from 6-7:30pm!**

Students can write their own poems or share one of their favorites! Parents, teachers and staff: we want to hear your favorite poems as well. Watch for sign-up sheets and more information in the coming weeks.

Gardening Update....

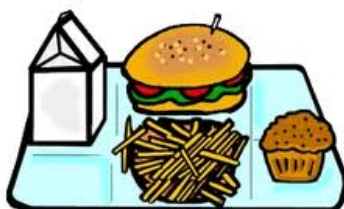
'Tis the seasoning for gardening, and the Birchwood Garden Club has been hard at work. Kindergarten and fourth grade students planted peas in April, and they are sprouting! First graders uncovered their strawberry plants from last year. There is an abundance of new growth, and we are hopeful that we will be enjoying strawberries by June.



Mark Your Calendars!

- May 6: Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- May 10: Board of Education meeting (VA, 6pm)
- May 11: Birchwood PTO meeting (6:30pm)
- May 13: [Ashley Brown Portrait Fundraiser](#) photo shoot
- May 17: School Budget Vote (NHS, 7am-9pm)
- May 19: Poetry Night (6-7:30pm)
- May 20: Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- May 21: Niska-Day
- June 3: Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- June 3: Ice Cream Social

Current Menu is posted [HERE](#).





The Ice Cream Social is just around the corner!

Join us Friday, June 3rd from 6-8 pm for bounce houses, ice cream, face painting, and lots of outside fun.... And the best part? It's all FREE! What a wonderful way to celebrate the end of our school year! Volunteers needed to scoop ice cream, serve toppings, serve drinks, and paint faces! Click on [this link](#) to sign up.

Friends of Music is seeking volunteers for...

Summer Scholarship Auditions
on Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14. Please contact Mary Staudinger at mstaudin@nycap.rr.com if you can help.

Niska-Day!

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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