

# **BIRCHWOOD**

## **ELEMENTARY**

### **Weekly Bulletin -- May 19, 2016**



#### **Co-president Report**

Thank you to all who attended last week's PTO meeting. For those of you who did not attend, we are happy to inform you that Erin Cassady-Dorion was elected as PTO Co-President and Maureen Younkin was elected as PTO Treasurer for the 2016-2017 school year. Please join us in welcoming them to the board. Suzanne Brooksby, VP of Programs and Services, Jill Appert, VP of Fundraising, and Anne Burger, Secretary, remain on the board for their second year. Interested in learning more about what happened at the last, or any, PTO meeting? Check out the [minutes](#) which are posted on our [website](#).

JoMarie and Jan

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**Please join us tonight for the 5th Annual Poetry "Open Mic" Night from 6-7:30 pm in the Cafeteria.**

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*Thank You*

Thank you to all who have their Price Chopper Advantage Card registered to our Tools for School account. With the points accumulated this past year we were able to order a Listening Station for Kindergarten and headphones to use throughout the school.

Thank you to all who clip and send in Box Tops for Education. We have raised \$536.90 so far this year!

Thank you to April Dolce for coordinating the Grocery Programs for our school!

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**THE 2016-2017 BIRCHWOOD PTO SIGN-UP GENIUS IS OUT!!!** We know you have all been waiting! It's that time of the year to consider what volunteer positions you will be holding next school year. All types of positions are available to suit your needs and your availability. Please use [this link](#) to make a commitment to help out next year. Questions? Contact Suzanne Brooksby

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**It's Almost NISKA-DAY!!!**

Start this Saturday (5/21) off right with the Family Fun Run. Registration is at 8 am with the run beginning at 8:30 am. Meet on Dexter Road next to Van Antwerp Middle School.

The always popular parade will begin at 10 am and end at the high school by 11:30 am. Don't forget your canned goods for the [Niska-Day Food Drive!](#) There will be shopping carts at the end of the parade to collect all of your donations!

Then head over to Craig Elementary School for hours of food, games, music and more!

End the day with Niskayuna's annual fabulous fireworks display beginning around 9:15 pm.

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**The "Feelin' Groovy" Buy One Get One Scholastic Book Fair is coming May 31 - June 3.**

Look for more information in the weeks to come.  
If anyone can volunteer to help with setup (May 27th 12-2 pm) and during buying days (June 2 & 3), please contact Francesca Hill or Joni Bonilla.

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**Join us Friday June 3rd from 6-8 pm for Birchwood's Ice Cream Social.**

Enjoy ice cream, bounce houses, book fair, face painting,  
and lots of outdoor fun on the playground.

It's a wonderful way to celebrate the end of another great school year!  
Thank you to our awesome teachers for filling up the first shift of volunteer positions. Let's  
get the second shift filled up too! Please click on [this link](#) if you can volunteer from 7-8 pm  
to help with scooping ice cream, serving drinks, or serving toppings. It is one of the  
easiest ways to help your school!



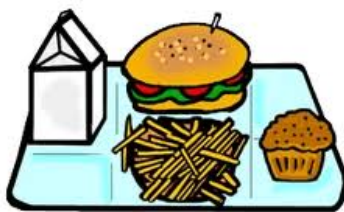
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## Mark Your Calendars!

- May 19: Poetry Night (6-7:30 pm)
- May 20: Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- May 21: [Niska-Day](#)
- May 30: No school (Memorial Day)
- May 31 - June 3: Scholastic Book Fair
- June 3: Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- June 3: Ice Cream Social
- June 12: Fifth Grade Fundraiser at Applebee's (8-10 am)

Current Menu is posted [HERE](#).



The photo shoot was cancelled last week

**Sunday, June 12, 8-10 am**

**\$6/ticket**

See our 5th graders in action serving breakfast to raise money for their legacy gift for our school.

To purchase a ticket see any Birchwood 5th grader, contact [Jill Appert](#) or [Lynn Boler](#), or keep your eye out for handout in backpack mail.

due to the rain. The originally proposed rain date was not an option for many.

Ashley Brown has kindly agreed to reschedule this event for **Thursday, June 2nd**. There are still slots available. If you haven't signed up, please consider. You can sign up [here](#). Her standard sitting fee is \$295-\$440 if you go to her studio and **your cost for sitting fee at Birchwood is \$40!!!** Her website describes the cost of the digital photos and prints. Any questions? Contact [Jill Appert](#).

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