

# **BIRCHWOOD**

## **ELEMENTARY**

### **Weekly Bulletin -- June 2, 2016**



#### **Co-president Message:**

The PTO is an important part of the Birchwood Community. The PTO, our PTO, has a large role in enhancing the education that your child receives at Birchwood.

- Did you know there is a Leadership Academy for 4th and 5th graders that the PTO sponsors and 2 parent volunteers coordinate? You've seen some of their work lately -- PAALS.
- Did you know that the PTO sponsors the School-wide Assemblies and the Visiting Author? Parent volunteers coordinate these visits and PTO provides the funds in conjunction with BOCES providing partial reimbursement.
- Did you know the PTO funds the Scotia Glenville Museum classroom visits?
- I'm sure you know about the Nature Park and Garden Club, the PTO sponsors all of those activities that the children enjoy after school.
- Did you know that Niskayuna High School Senior/Birchwood Alum and Eagle Scout Candidate Tim Cook built a structure with a white board and shelving to store school supplies to complete the outdoor classroom in our Nature Park? The PTO funded that project.

Each and every time you support the PTO whether you purchase something from a fundraiser or pitch in to help at an event, your children are directly benefiting from your contribution. We (and they) are grateful for all that you do.

Thank you!

JoMarie and Jan

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## Join us Tomorrow from 6-8 pm for Birchwood's Ice Cream Social and Scholastic Book Fair!

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### Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, June 12, 8-10 am

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](#). \$6/ticket.

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Look for our lettuce in your tacos, Tuesday June 7th! Enjoy the bounty from Birchwood's gardens.

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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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### Yearbooks for Sale!

Reserve your child's copy of the yearbook now. We still have books available for \$20 each, which is nearly the cost of the books. Inside your child will find memories from throughout the school year and from K - 5th grade. Plus, entertain your child with the challenge of finding and counting how many times Buddy, the Birchwood beagle, appears inside the yearbook.

Please contact [Millie](#) or [Sonya](#) now for an order.

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## Summer -- The Perfect Time to READ!

Check out Birchwood Media Center's Catalog at [OPALS](#)! It's easy for your children to take out lots of great e-books! Learn how at [Birchwood's Media Center Page](#).

Head to the [Niskayuna Library](#) for lots of exciting events and activities planned for summer reading fun.

But before you head out for the summer.....

Please return all of your library books by June 3  
(except for things needed for school projects).



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## Mark Your Calendars!

- June 3: Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- June 3: Ice Cream Social (6-8 pm)
- June 7: BOE Meeting (VA, 6 pm)
- June 10: Birchwood Field Day (Rain date: June 17)
- June 10: Relay for Life (High School, 6 pm)
- June 12: Fifth Grade Fundraiser at Applebee's (8-10 am)
- June 14: Volunteer Reception (8:15 am)
- June 18: Birchwood Day at Regional Food Bank (1-3 pm)
- June 20: Fifth Grade moving Up Ceremony (12:15 pm)
- June 21: Last Day of School!!! (10:45 am dismissal)

Current Menu is posted [HERE](#).





### **Relay for Life!**

Join members of the Birchwood Student Leadership Academy's Cancer Awareness Group and others from the Birchwood community at the High School track on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. This annual walking event raises both cancer awareness and funds to support the work of the American Cancer Society. It's a fun evening for students and their families with activities for everyone to enjoy. The event kicks off at 6 PM. Participants can stay for as little or as long as they would like or are able to. The event officially comes to a close at 6 AM on Saturday morning...for any brave souls who have an interest in pitching a tent and making it an all-nighter... but that is by no means a requirement! All Birchwood participants must be accompanied by a supervising adult throughout their time at Relay (this is not a drop off event). Don't delay another day and sign up to join our Birchwood PAALS team [HERE](#). Can't attend or want to do more to support our Birchwood PAALS team? Please consider making a donation at our team link as well! We are close to reaching our \$500 goal. YOU can help us reach or exceed it! Thank you!



**The Birchwood Student Leadership Academy's Hunger Awareness Group is requesting help from the Birchwood community to support the work of the Regional Food Bank of NENY. You can make a difference by...**

>> Contributing to The Regional Food Bank's BackPack Program which helps alleviate child hunger in our area by providing children with backpacks full of nutritious and easy-to-prepare food on Fridays so they have food to eat throughout the weekend. Collection boxes will be located in the main hallway at Birchwood from now until Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please consider donating one or more of the following items: single serve cereal boxes, oatmeal packets, ravioli / Spaghetti O's, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter (plastic jars), jelly (plastic jars), tuna fish, or canned soup, chili / beef stew. Send items into school or bring to drop off during the Ice Cream Social.

>> Participating in the Birchwood Community Volunteer Day at the Regional Food Bank of NENY on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM. Come see the how the Food Bank operates and help sort donated items that will be going to those in need. This is a great volunteer opportunity for families! All children must be accompanied by an adult... this is not a drop off event. Sign up today [HERE](#).

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