

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY



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From the PTO presidents:

The Birchwood PTO is hitting the ground running! We have a wonderful collection of After School Enrichment Classes with online sign up; the Fall mum sale is underway; and the Birchwood BBQ is this Friday! We are so thankful for our volunteers to start the school year off chuck full of activities.

Last week, we had our first PTO meeting and Class Parent meeting. One of our topics of discussion was approving new parent software that will make communicating with other parents, the school, and the PTO much easier. Look for emails in the coming weeks for information on creating a login.

Enjoy these last warm days as we enter the crisp comfort of autumn. Don't forget to add important dates to your calendar. Curriculum Night is around the corner!

Jan Brown and Erin Cassady-Dorion

The Back to School Barbecue is here!

Join us on Friday, September 16th from 5-7 to kickoff another great year at Birchwood! There will be burgers and hot dogs, cotton candy, a chance to make spin art, face painting, and plenty of fun on our playground. The Silly Run starts at 6. WELCOME BACK!

Be sure to visit the Nature Park & Garden Club at the Back to School BBQ!

Volunteers will be on hand to share "Birchwood Butterflies", a photo book describing the newly dedicated Monarch Waystation, aka "Buddy's Butterfly Cafe", and chronicling the metamorphosis of both Monarch and Black Swallowtail butterflies that called our garden's home this summer. Check out remnants of chrysalis, as well as a pupating Black Swallowtail and a hungry Monarch caterpillar! Come check us out, or contact Mike & Katie for more information at cowleycooper@gmail.com

Reminder: Mums will be available for pick up at the BBQ.

ASEP

Registration is now open for Fall ASEP classes! Please visit <http://birchwood.niskypto.org/asep> to view the catalog and to register your child for classes. All registrations this session will be online, and payment still needs to be sent into school, with checks made payable to Birchwood PTO. Please remember to note your child's name and the class on the check, and send separate checks for each class. You may direct any questions to birchwoodasep@gmail.com or call Dawn Oppe at 852-8499 or Daniella Richardson at 698-9299.

First Popcorn Friday Tomorrow (9/16)

NEW this year- a prepaid option. Pay \$8.50 for the whole year, no more running to school with money on Friday mornings because you forgot to send it in. Pay for 17 weeks and get 19! If you'd like to take advantage of this option, please send your money or check made out to Birchwood PTO, on or before the 16th. (*Disclaimer-* because this is a fundraiser, we are unable to issue a refund for days missed due to sickness or weather- thanks for your understanding!)

Volunteers - We Want YOU!!

- Want to know what's happening at School Board Meetings? Have a Love of Music? A Keen Eye? The PTO is looking for volunteers to be a BOE liaison, a Yearbook Chair and a Friend of Music liaison. Click here to see if there's something that you could fit into your schedule- <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094fa9aa2fa46-201617>
- We are still looking for a few more **Home Room Parents** to help with the classroom parties and class activities. There is a need in ALL of the Kindergarten classes (especially Mrs. Bielawski & Mr. Parisi's) and Mrs. Cappiello's 1st grade class. If you can help, please contact Katelin DeSilva at katelin_t@hotmail.com or sign up on [Sign Up Genius](#)
- **Media Center (library) Helpers** for kindergarten classes: We would like 2 media center helpers per kindergarten class. We need helpers to facilitate the kids when books are getting checked out and checking books back in. Each class has media center once per week for 30 minutes. This is a great opportunity to get to know your child's classmates. The class schedule are as follows: Mr. Parisi Tuesday 12:30-1 /Mrs. Bielawski Wednesday 12:30-1 (1 more volunteer)/ Mrs. Benson Thursday 12:30-1. If you are interested please contact Lori (ltkwan73@yahoo.com). Thank you!

Ride for Missing Children

The 9th Annual Ride for Missing Children (<http://rideformissingchildrengcd.com>) will be stopping at Birchwood again this year on Friday 9/30! Riders will talk to the children and teach them about being safe. We'll be cheering on our own Mrs. Luyckx and Mrs. Mirkovic! Volunteers are needed to help make breakfast sandwiches from 7:30-8:15 am. Please contact Suzanne Brooksby at 378-4025 or suzierunsl8@gmail.com if interested.

Birchwood Directory

Remember to pay your PTO dues & get a copy of the Birchwood Directory *STILL only \$5*, see our PTO table at the BBQ or Back to School Night.

The PTO would like to incorporate some of the kids' drawings in our directory as we have done in the past, so please encourage your young artists to draw a picture showing what they like about Birchwood! Please use standard size paper and ensure they use markers/pens (not pencil) so that when it gets scanned it will print correctly; keep in mind the directory will be printed in black and white, so colorful sketches will come out in two tone. Your child's name and grade needs to be written on the artwork. Please submit scanned drawings to birchwood@niskypto.org, or send in to the PTO mailbox with Attention: School Directory Artwork. Artwork due 10/7.

Mark your calendar!

- September 16 - Popcorn Friday
- September 16 - Back to School Barbecue
- September 22 - Back to School Night – *just for parents* (6pm Grades K-2, 6:45pm All School, 7pm Grades 3-5)
- September 26 - ASEP classes start
- September 30 - Ride for Missing Children
- September 30 - Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- October 28 - Monster Mash & Pizza party (6pm)