



# BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin October 13, 2016

## Staff Appreciation Breakfast



The Staff Appreciation Breakfast is coming up on Monday, October 24th. Please help us by signing up to send in breakfast goodies to say thank you to the wonderful faculty and staff we have at Birchwood! [Click here](#) to sign up, or email [Tiffanie Wood](#).

## Monster Mash 10/28

Please consider signing up to help make Monster Mash a success – <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094fadac2ba02-monster1>

## Join the Nature Club at Monster Mash for a Spooky Story Telling Adventure in the Birchwood Forest

Something new for Monster Mash this year: ghost stories! Volunteers will lead families on the Nature Trail to the Forest Classroom where we'll enjoy fun Halloween-themed stories such as "Room on the Broom" and "The Little Old Lady that Wasn't Afraid of Anything." There will be one session only, meet in the Kindergarten hallway at 6:45 to sign-in. (Weather permitting. Students must be accompanied by a parent. Two tickets per student; free for accompanying parents.)

## Concerned For the Hungry Food Drive

It's time again for the Annual Concerned for the Hungry Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive, now through November 16<sup>th</sup>. Donations are needed of the following: packaged stuffing, canned and powdered milk, real fruit juice, packaged dessert mix, baby food, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, coffee, tea, and cocoa. [Click here](#) for more info.

## Visiting Author

Kate Messner is coming!! Her visit will be Wednesday, November 9! Once again, the Open Door will be offering us the opportunity to purchase her books, at a 20% discount. Please be sure to return the book order forms, by **tomorrow - Friday, October 14th**. These went home a few weeks ago, if you did not receive one, or have any questions, please email [Kate Kirkpatrick](#).

## KidStuff Coupon Book



We hope you are impressed with the KidStuff coupon book that you have received. Please purchase the book(s) you have received by returning payment in the envelope provided in the packet you received. Not interested in purchasing the book? Simply return the book to school. If you've sold more books than you received, please send the order form back in to school and we will fulfill your order ASAP. There are coupon books available for other localities that you may purchase/sell--check out the details on the Money Collection Envelopes. Any questions? Contact JoMarie at [jomarie828@gmail.com](mailto:jomarie828@gmail.com).

## Friends of Music

Did you remember to send in your membership for Friends of Music? Join online at [www.niskyfom.org](http://www.niskyfom.org) or [click here](#) to print out the membership form to return to the main office.

There is still time to join – and be entered to win one of two \$50 Amazon Gift Cards! Join by October 14th!

Also, the ever so popular Pie Sale is going on right now! [Order your pies](#) through Friends of Music from Smith's Orchard Bake Shop. Pies will be here before Thanksgiving! Fresh made pies, frozen and ready whenever you are. Pie Form is attached.

THANK YOU for supporting your child's musical journey at Niskayuna. Friends of Music supports all of our students at all schools and all levels. We need your support to keep giving our students the best musical experience we can!

Thank you again,

Tammy Apkarian

Friends of Music Birchwood Liaison

# SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Birchwood Elementary PTO. Come in to the Chipotle at **441 Balltown Road Suite 3** in Schenectady on **Monday, October 24th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Birchwood Elementary PTO.



Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

## Mark your calendar!

- October 14 - Popcorn Friday and School Banking
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- October 21 - FOM Pie Orders Due
- October 24 - [Chipotle Fundraiser](#) (4pm-8pm)
- October 28 - Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- October 28 - Monster Mash & Pizza party (6pm)