



# BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin October 20, 2016

## A Note From the Principal's Office:

Birchwood parents are welcome to join in the festivities this Halloween at our Monster Mash. I ask that we are able to see adult faces and recognize them at all times to maintain a safe event. We also ask that no costume be violent in nature with gore and such as we have very young children attending our events. Additionally, with the current climate and recent news stories of clown sightings I'm asking that adults refrain from using clown costumes. Your help in making this day fun and safe is appreciated. We are looking forward to a fun-filled Halloween!

Parents are also welcome to view our Halloween Parade to be held on October 31st at 1p.m. We will parade around the parking lot circle so this would be a great place to stand to see approximately 330 students in costumes.

Debra A. Berndt

Monster Mash volunteers still needed – [sign up here to help!](#)



**Monster Mash 2016!**

**Friday October 28**

**6p-8p**

**Pizza party!!!!**

**Games, prizes, pumpkin decorating,  
entertainment and more!**

**7:45- 50/50 raffle and costume contest for the  
parents**

**Admission at the door \$5 per child/Adults free  
(no more than \$20 for a family of four or more  
children)**

**\$.50 per ticket for games and entertainment**

**First 2 tickets are free!**

**Hope to see you there!**

## Birchwood Spirit Sale



Orders forms for Spirit items went out this week and are available [here](#). A giant thank you is due to our resident Buddy illustrator, Brian Meservey, for the all-new designs. We have the all new Buddy logo, and as requested, we have the option for the Niskayuna logo. As explained on the order forms, for each item you choose you also must choose the Birchwood logo (with Buddy) or the Nisky logo.

If you are considering ordering an item as a gift for your student, contact [JoMarie Ethier](#) to arrange. Order forms are due back November 2 (no late orders will be filled). We anticipate the items will be delivered the first week of December.

## Gift Card Fundraiser

Look in backpacks this week for the Gift Card Fundraiser. Great for holiday gift giving or gift purchasing! Forms due back November 2nd to ensure holiday delivery.

## KidStuff Coupon Book



Orders/payment are due back today! Thank you to all who have purchased the book – your financial support of the PTO allows us to provide programming such as the Visiting Author program that is coming up. If you have not done so already, please send in your check to cover the book(s) that you've purchased. If you have chosen not to purchase the book and have not already, please send it back to school tomorrow. If you are still on the fence, I will share with you that on Sunday I ran into a Birchwood Mom at the grocery store. She very nicely shared that she had made a trip to Macy's and then out to Longhorn Steak House over the weekend. She said in one evening using two coupons she saved more than she used to purchase the book!

## Staff Appreciation Breakfast



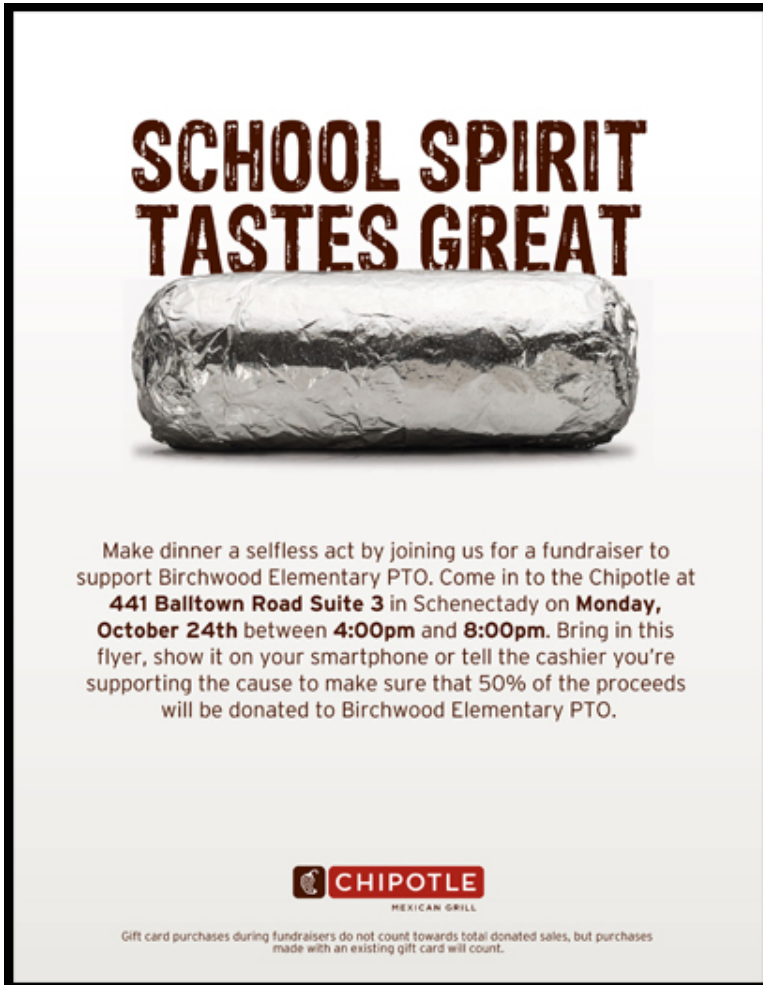
The Staff Appreciation Breakfast is coming up on Monday, October 24th. Please help us by signing up to send in breakfast goodies to say thank you to the wonderful faculty and staff we have at Birchwood! [Click here](#) to sign up, or email [Tiffanie Wood](#).

## 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: Boxes of Seasoned Rice or Macaroni Side Dishes, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Tuna, Canned Fruit, Boxes of Hot Cocoa. [Click here](#) for more info.


## Socktober

The Birchwood PTO is joining Craig and other Niskayuna elementary schools in supporting Things of My Very Own, Inc. in Schenectady. Things of My Very Own, Inc. provides crisis intervention services to children impacted by extensive abuse and/or neglect. The transition out of an abusive situation is often sudden and unexpected. Rarely is a child able to return home to retrieve belongings prior to the move. For the month of October, we will be collecting new, unused socks for children. Look for the collection box will in the entrance hall. Socks of all sizes needed!



**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.

 **CHIPOTLE**  
MEXICAN GRILL

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 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)
- November 9 - Visiting Author Kate Messner
- November 18 - Popcorn Friday and School Banking