



BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin October 27, 2016

A Note From the Principal's Office:

On behalf of the Birchwood Staff, I wanted to share our thanks for the lovely breakfast you all provided to us this past Monday. We enjoyed snacks for a few days following. Your support as parents is so appreciated, so a big Thank you goes out to you all.

Thank you to Hannaford and Brueggers Bagels of Union Street for their donations as well.

Debra A. Berndt



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!

We still need VOLUNTEERS to make the Monster Mash a success. Please sign up to help here:

<https://www.freshschools.com/app/events/2294>

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.)

Spirit Sale



The Spirit Sale is underway! You must have your orders in by November 2 - no late orders accepted (please write it on your calendar!) If your Spirit purchase is a gift, please contact JoMarie to make arrangement. Remember, this is the year that Birchwood will have a float in the Niska Day Parade. You might want to consider that you and your child will want a Birchwood shirt to wear to march in the parade! Word on the street is that the theme of Niska Day 2017 will be Superheros! It will be so much fun to design and build our float and sport our school spirit for our community next May! Any questions about the sale, the logo, sizes? Please contact JoMarie Ethier at jomarie828@gmail.com

Gift Card Fundraiser

The deadline to submit orders for Giftcard Fundraiser is November 2nd. They are great for holiday gift giving or gift purchasing!

KidStuff Coupon Books

If you are still holding on to your KidStuff Coupon Book order or book to return, please, please return it to school immediately. We are trying to wrap up this sale, and the deadline has passed. Thank you to everyone who purchased the book and a big hooray to those who sold multiple books! Your support of PTO fundraisers allows us to provide programming for our children and support to the teachers with grants for classroom items.

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!

Friends of Music



Congratulations to the Birchwood Friends of Music Raffle Winners!! I am happy to announce that Friends of Music held their own membership raffle as well, which includes two \$20 Amazon gift cards – so Birchwood will have four gift card winners this year. Thank you to the Birchwood PTO for supporting the Birchwood FOM raffle!

- \$50 Amazon Gift Card Winner: The Amirbekian Family
- \$50 Amazon Gift Card Winner: Jennifer & Josh Glenn
- \$20 Amazon Gift Card Winner: Abigail Paderon
- \$20 Amazon Gift Card Winner: Jennifer & Josh Glenn

All Friends of Music members are appreciated and winners... so, you all will be receiving a coupon for free ice cream at Stewart's. Look for it to come through school mail!

Friends of Music appreciates the support of our musical journey at Birchwood.

Tammy Apkarian

FOM Birchwood Liaison

Fall 2016 Skating Programs

Presented by Schenectady County and Schenectady Youth Hockey Association - [See the flyer here](#)



**HALLOWEEN PARTY &
OPEN HOUSES**

PRESENTED BY
**Niskayuna Fire District No. 1 / Grand Boulevard Fire Co.
&
Niskayuna Fire District No. 2**

  

GAMES FOR KIDS
WEAR YOUR COSTUME
FOOD AND DRINKS
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
FIRE PREVENTION INFORMATION

 **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29** 
12 PM – 4 PM

**Fire Dist. No. 1 / Grand Blvd.
1079 Balltown Rd.** **Fire District No. 2
2772 Troy Schenectady Rd.**

Mark your calendar!

- October 28 - Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- October 28 - Monster Mash & Pizza party (6-8 pm)
- November 9 - Visiting Author Kate Messner
- November 16 - [Concerned for the Hungry Food Drive](#) ends
- November 18 - Popcorn Friday and School Banking