



BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

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From the PTO Presidents

We want to send a HUGE thank you to Karen Davis and Francesca Hill and all of the fabulous volunteers for the book fair. There is such a tremendous amount of planning, time, and effort that is put into the book fairs. Birchwood would not have the success it has year after year without the many hours of work that our committee chairs and volunteers put in. From planning the facility arrangements to running around after student shoppers, we are very thankful for all that you do! A special thank you to Suzanne Brooksby, who not only volunteered for the book fair, but coordinated our Cool Kids Read event, which was filled with lots of cozy pajama reading! During the event, third grade students in Mrs. Opiela's class raised nearly \$350 for Dana Farber Cancer Institute!

Another big thank you to any community members that made it out to vote for the district's capital project. Voters approved the project on December 6. As a result, many important building systems will be updated and improved at Birchwood, as well as other schools in the district.

As a reminder, we do not have a PTO meeting in December. Look for it on the January calendar!
Erin Cassady-Dorion and Jan Brown

Friends of Music



Can you believe it!?! The first Birchwood concert is just about one month away! The concert is on Thursday, January 19th! This will include orchestra, chorus and band. The kids are working super hard, so please take some time to come enjoy this awesome event. For some of our students, this is their first performance and it will be sure to impress!

Do you enjoy the music programs that Birchwood offers our students? The general music for K-5, the introduction to instruments, and the singing? If you are interested in helping support our music program, please let me know. I will be 'retiring' this year, as my son will graduate from Birchwood this year. I'm looking for someone to take over the Friends of Music Liaison role, so that the musical journey can continue with the support of Friends of Music. Email me if you have questions about FOM, or if you are interested! tapkarian@transtechsys.com

Just for fun, here are a few musical riddles to share with your children!

What type of music are balloons scared of?

Pop Music

What do you call a cow that plays a musical instrument?

A Moo-sician

What is the most musical part of a turkey?

The drumstick

Enjoy your holiday season everyone!

Tammy Apkarian

Birchwood Friends of Music Liaison

Mark your calendar!

- December 16 - Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- December 26 - January 2 - Winter Break
- January 6 - Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- January 11 - PTO Meeting (6:30pm)
- January 19 - Birchwood Orchestra, Chorus and Band concert (7pm at NHS)