

All the news from Birchwood Elementary for the week!

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin -- January 8, 2015



A Message from the Co-Presidents:

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! The children returned on Monday with a new view of the playground - one that does not include the large wooden structure. As the interim superintendent communicated prior to break, the district facilities crew has removed it due to safety concerns. The new playground and items to help fill the void for the students at recess was the major topic of discussion at our PTO meeting last night. Please be sure to read the weekly PTO bulletin for updates and how you can support the replacement project. The PTO is hitting the ground running now that we are back to school, with several programs starting up - including the new 4th and 5th grade PAALS Student Leadership Academy and ASEP. Remember to also Save the Date for our restaurant fundraiser at Macaroni Grill on Monday, January 19. We look forward to fun times with our Birchwood family in 2015!

With Birchwood Pride,
Deb and JoMarie

Thank You

I would personally like to thank everyone who donated to the Brunswick Family that was devastated in the fire.

The family was truly humbled that our school would take the time to collect these donations even though we are not part of their district. After many thank yous and tears they asked that I extend a heart felt thank you to everyone who donated. Between our donations and the benefit breakfast they are now able to move forward with rebuilding their lives.

Nicole Pazro, Birchwood School Nurse



Birchwood's Winter After School Enrichment Program will begin the week of January 26th. The program was distributed today and is now posted [HERE](#). Please sign up early.

If you were closed out of a class in the fall, you will be given priority for that class in the winter.

Remember: You will receive an email from the [ASEP Committee](#) to let you know whether your child is in a class or not. If you do not receive an email it means there has been a mistake: either we have your email wrong and, for some reason, it did not get bounced back, or we never received your child's registration. These emails will go out at some point the week before classes begin. Please provide a legible email address and, if you don't receive anything from us, please follow up before classes begin. Thank you in advance!

It's Yearbook Time Again! Take out a personal ad in the yearbook! Use this [form](#) to place your order. All ad information is due March 1, and ads are \$15 each. Make your child's yearbook extra special this year with a personal message from your family!

Winter Fun!

Looking for exciting (and often free) things to do with your family this season?
Want to know the best sledding hills, cool places to skate, and where to go caroling?

Check out [Kids Out and About](#) for a whole lot of local fun!

[Niskayuna School District's Continuing Education Program](#) has recently been posted!
Check it out!

Also take a peek at winter recreation offerings from the great Town of Niskayuna [HERE!](#)



Mark Your Calendars!

- January 19: Macaroni Grill Fundraiser (4pm) -- SAVE THE DATE!
- January 19: No School (MLK, Jr. Day)
- January 22: Birchwood Concert (NHS, 7pm)
- January 23: School Banking and Popcorn Friday
- January 26: [Winter After School Enrichment Program](#) begins

For more upcoming Birchwood events, please click [HERE](#).

Birchwood's Lunch Menu is posted [HERE](#).



Winners for the Monthly Box Tops Drawing!

William Krueggel 2Q (2) free passes for laser tag
 Bailey Keller - KA (\$5 gift card to TCBY)
 Isabelle Mok - 2V

Congratulations and thank you to the winners and their families! Have you submitted your Box Tops? Please trim



It's Snowing! It's Snowing!

How will you know if it's a snow day? Cancellations, delays, and early releases will always be posted at the [District Website](#), on local TV and radio stations, and on the district's [FaceBook](#) page. Closing information can also be sent directly to your email account via the district's School News Notifier (SNN)

and glue them to sheets (no tape; as box tops cannot recycle them if tape is used) or put them loose in ziploc bags in groups of 20 or 50.

Sheets are available [here](#).

system if you have signed up for the closings and delays notification option. It will also be sent directly to your cell phone via text message if you have signed up for text message alerts. Sign up for School News Notifier (SNN) [HERE](#).

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