



# BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin February 9, 2017

## A message from Principal Berndt

The Birchwood Bingo Night was a great success! Thank you to all of those who helped to plan the night of family fun! Thank you to the families for the snacks and drinks. Fun was had by all!

We are now looking forward to our [Learning Fair](#) on March 2nd at 6pm. Please consider having your child participate in a night of fun and learning!

Spring/Summer Skating Programs – [view the attached flyer.](#)



The "Free For Kids Passport Programs" allows a student in 3rd & 4th Grade to ski or ride free up to 3 times at each participating ski area OR you can choose the "Learn to Ski or Ride" package which entitles your child to learn to ski or snowboard over 20 participating ski areas. Pick either OR BOTH programs for just \$26 EACH (\$51 for both).

Applications are accepted all season long while available. For a map of NYS ski resorts, complete programs rules and application, please visit [www.iskiny.com](http://www.iskiny.com).

**Mark your calendar!**

- February 17 - Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- February 20-24 - Winter Recess
- March 1 - Half day (10:45am dismissal)
- March 2 - Learning Fair (6pm)
- March 3 - Popcorn Friday and School Banking



Schenectady County and Schenectady Youth Hockey Association present:  
**Spring/Summer 2017 Skating Programs**  
 Schenectady County Recreational Facility ("SCRF")  
 5 Tower Road  
 Glenville, NY 12302



Look!

**Try Hockey for Free! Sat, Feb 25th, 4-5 or 5-6pm, SCRF**  
**Must register in advance at [www.tryhockeyforfree.com](http://www.tryhockeyforfree.com)**  
**Bring bike helmet, skates, and winter gloves; a stick if you have one**  
**Free skate rentals available**



### SKATING LESSONS

Spring is a great time to get moving! Skating lessons from age 3 to adult, beginner to advanced. Each session consists of 7 one-hour classes which

include a 30 minute lesson and 30 minutes of practice. Skate Rentals \$3/class. Double runners not allowed. Skaters are encouraged to wear a helmet. Program Director, Patti Tashman. Location: SCRF

Spring I: Saturdays, Mar 4 – April 15, 12:20-1:50pm, OR Mondays, Mar 6 – April 17, 6-7pm

- **Online registration will close on Feb 28** for both Saturday AND Monday lessons.
- **SCRF Lobby Registration dates:** Sat Feb 25 10-11am and Wed Mar 1 6-7pm.
- **Payments by check will only** be accepted at one of the lobby registration sessions (see above).

Cost: \$99 for one session.

**Spring Special: Register for Spring I and add an additional session for just \$60. Must register and pay for all sessions at the same time to get discount.**

Spring II: Mondays, May 1 – June 19, 6-7pm (no class 5/29). Lobby registration: April 26, 6-7pm. Online registration will close April 26.

Summer: Mondays, July 10 - August 21, 6-7pm  
 Lobby registration July 5, 6-7pm. Online registration will close on July 5.

September: Mondays, Sept 11 – Oct 23, 6-7pm  
 Lobby registration Sept 6, 6-7pm. Online registration will close on Sept 6.



### SPRING RECREATIONAL ICE HOCKEY for ages 9-13

Designed as an introduction for the older boy or girl who can already skate. Full gear is required. Sizes are limited. Program will include all the fundamental skills of hockey: skating, stick handling, passing, and shooting. Each session will end with a small area game. A great chance to give a great sport a try! Class size is limited. Instructor: Adam Brinker

Dates and Times\*: Sundays, 10:10-11:10 am, Sun Mar 26, Apr 2, 9, 23, 30, May 7 (6 sessions)

Location: SCRF; Cost: \$85

Registration: Closes 3/22 or upon reaching capacity.



### SPRING MINI-MITE HOCKEY for ages 5-8

For beginners with basic skating skills and some hockey experience to enhance skating, stick-handling, and game-playing skills. Players will improve their agility, balance, and coordination while building on basic hockey skills in a fun atmosphere. Ideal introduction for players with informal experience or for players continuing in the fall with mini-mites. Class size is limited. Instructor: Walter Peretti

Dates and Times\*: Thursday, Mar 30 at 6-7pm and Sundays Apr 2, 9, 23, 30, May 7 at 11:20-12:20pm (6 sessions)

Location: SCRF; Cost: \$85

Registration: Closes 3/22 or upon reaching capacity

\*Dates may be subject to change

**REGISTER ONLINE at [www.schenectadyyouthhockey.com](http://www.schenectadyyouthhockey.com)**

Click on the "Registration" tab on the horizontal menu bar;

Email [lzahn@nycap.rr.com](mailto:lzahn@nycap.rr.com) (393-9459) if you have questions

#### Thinking of starting your child in hockey this fall?

Our "Intro to Hockey", "Mini-mites", and "Rec Hockey for ages 9-13" programs begin in the end of October or early November. Participants should skate independently and/or have completed at least one session of Skating Lessons beforehand... our summer and/or September skating lesson sessions are perfect to get ready.

**Remember! There's DAILY PUBLIC SKATING at the rink throughout the SPRING and SUMMER!**  
**Public skating schedule available online year-round at [www.schenectadycounty.com](http://www.schenectadycounty.com)**