



BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin May 25, 2017

A message from Principal Berndt

We had a wonderful turnout of marchers for Nisk-a-day. Thank you to all the students and parents who helped make this day so enjoyable. We also had exciting news about our float. We took second place in the float contest! Thank you to all the students and parents who worked on the float as well. It looked great!

Nature Park Stream Study

During this after school program, Birchwood parent Stephanie Vernoy will bring back her very popular stream study (Thanks, Stephanie!). Sign up and discover what's living in the shallow little stream in the Birchwood Forest. Past participants have observed crawfish, frogs, salamanders, and insects at various stages of metamorphosis. View the [flyer](#) or [click here](#) to sign up.

We Need YOU To Be a Birchwood PAAL!

Want to be a PAAL and help in the fight against cancer? Join our Birchwood PAALS Relay For Life Team to raise awareness and funds to help the American Cancer Society fight this disease. This will be our 4th year with a Birchwood PAALS team! Students, staff, and family members can make a difference and join the team today by visiting our team page at: http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY17EA?team_id=2213672&pg=team&fr_id=84251.

Can't attend the event but want to help? Visit our team page and make a donation to support Birchwood PAALS.

The Niskayuna Relay takes place at the High School track starting at 6PM on Friday, June 2nd and ending at 5AM on Saturday, June 3rd. Unfortunately, this year Relay is taking place the same night as the Birchwood Ice Cream Social. However, Relay goes on all night!! You can come and go at whatever time you want. For those who have not experienced a Relay before, it's a fun night of community. Even though participants are there for a serious and important cause, it's really a celebration of hope and the ongoing fight to end cancer. There are fun activities like Zumba, face painting, in field games, etc. Come for an hour or two throughout the event or stay longer into the night. All students must be chaperoned at the event by a parent or other designated adult (if attending with a friend). Have questions? Email Deb Foley at deb.foley4@gmail.com.

We're hoping for a great turnout of Birchwood PAALS at Relay...we hope you'll be there!

Congratulations- our NiskaDay float took 2nd place!!

The call for Superheros was heard by our Birchwood Super Students! They proudly make good choices every day to be super students and good friends! Thanks to all our marchers who joined us in the parade. Our fearless mascot, Super Buddy, lead the way. Thanks to Brian Meservey, who designed and painted Super Buddy. A super shout out to Jeff Dutcher who built out float and let us use his trailer. Thanks to Suzanne Brooksby, who designed our float. And to all our student painters and parent volunteers, who stayed after school to bring our float to life- THANK YOU!!



Ice Cream Social

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! [CLICK HERE to sign up on FreshSchools](#)



Ice Cream Social

Friday, June 2

6pm-8pm

Before school is out for the summer come and enjoy an ice cream cone to celebrate the end of the 2016-2017 school year!

Bounce house, ice cream
& other sweet treats
Hope to see you there!

Mark your calendar!

- May 26 - Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- May 29 - Memorial Day, No School
- May 30 - June 2 - Buy One Get One Book Fair
- June 2 - Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- June 2 - Ice Cream Social (6pm)
- June 5 - Nature Park Stream Study (Grades 3-4-5)
- June 6 - Nature Park Stream Study (Grades K-1-2)
- June 9 - Field Day (Rain Date June 16)
- June 20 - 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
- June 21 - Last Day of School