



BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

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A message from Principal Berndt

Thank you for another fantastic year! Everyone at Birchwood wishes you all a very relaxing and happy summer. We will see you in the fall!

Field Day and Talent Show



Yearbooks

Did you order your yearbook? They have been delivered to the students who ordered one. Don't worry, you can still purchase one at \$25/each. Please submit your order and payment payable to Birchwood PTO (on envelope write Attn: Millie Gnatek).

There's a Spot Just For You!!

2017-2018 PTO Volunteer Opportunities STILL available!! DON'T wait any longer!! Sign up today to get the best selection!! Contact Suzanne with any questions on responsibilities of a PTO spot- 378-4025 or suzierunsl8@gmail.com. THANK YOU to all those who have already signed up!!

Click here for online sign up- <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094fa9aa2fa46-20172017>

OR fill out [this form](#) and return it to the office.

PTO or PTA Restructuring

As the Birchwood PTO moves forward in the restructuring process, the Birchwood community must decide whether it should become a PTA or incorporate and become its own 501(c)(3) organization.

On June 7, it was proposed to amend the Birchwood PTO (BPTO) Bylaws as follows:

1- To reflect that the BPTO will no longer be a subordinate of the Council of the PTO of the Niskayuna School district (Council), effective July 1, 2017.

2- To amend the bylaws to remove all language that requires the BPTO to provide, report or communicate bylaws amendments and fiscal policies to the Council or seek the approval of the Council for any bylaw changes.

It was also proposed

3- To delay the election of new officers and the approval of the annual budget for the 2017-18 school year until July 31, 2017 or until the new governance structure has been adopted, whichever comes first.

4- To extend the terms of the outgoing Executive Board members until July 31, 2017, or until a new governance structure has been approved in order to conduct the business of the BPTO.

5- To establish a Bylaws committee to write the bylaws of the new 501(c)(3) or PTA organization; and

6- To amend the bylaws to permit electronic voting on amendments that occur on or after June 29, 2017.

Voting on these proposals will occur on June 29, 2017.

Mark your calendar!

- June 20 - 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
- June 21 - Last Day of School (10:45am dismissal)