

All the news from Birchwood Elementary for the week!

# BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

## Weekly Bulletin -- January 22, 2015



### From the PTO Presidents:

We had a great turn out at Macaroni Grill this past Monday -- thank you to all of the families who joined us for dinner while raising money for our PTO. We have to wait to learn how much we made from Macaroni Grill, but we will tell you that we made \$330 from the Pizzeria Uno fundraiser in the fall. We appreciate Lynn Boler's efforts to set up these events and look forward to a Chipotle fundraiser in the spring.

Among other things, this past PTO meeting we decided to spend \$500 for recess equipment for the children. A pile of snow block makers were provided last week. Our recess aides are in the process of ordering some other equipment for the children to use while the playground is awaiting reconstruction. Care to join the next discussion? Our next PTO meeting is the only morning meeting that we have this year -- 9am, February 4th. We would love for you to join us.

JoMarie & Deb

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**Our Birchwood Concert is January 22nd at Niskayuna High School.** Come hear our very own school band, orchestra, fiddle club, and chorus perform with the High School Symphony at 7pm. Admission is FREE.

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### It's ASEP Time Again!

**Birchwood's Winter After School Enrichment Program will begin the week of January 26th.**

**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 soon.

Questions? Please do not hesitate to contact the ASEP Chair [Pam Ober](#).

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### **Birchwood's Learning Fair!!!**

We are pleased to announce that Birchwood School will hold a Learning Fair on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 2015, 6-7p.m. The purpose of this event is to provide students with an opportunity to pursue a particular area of interest and share learning with others. Be sure to return your registration form. Parents, we are looking for volunteers too, sign up form will be coming home soon. For more information, please check out the following links:

[Learning Fair Letter](#)

[Informational Sheet](#)

[Tips to Get Started](#)

[Preparing Your Display](#)

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### **Order Your Yearbook Now!**

Yearbook order forms are coming home in your child's backpack. Lost your form? Print from [here](#) or try easy online ordering [here](#) (no checks to send in!). The code for Birchwood online orders is 10694315.

**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!

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### **5th Grade ORCHESTRA Members and Parents:**

Please mark the following dates for your child.

Festival Orchestra Practice: MONDAYS March 2, 9, 16, 23

Students will ride a BUS to Niskayuna HS each Monday(2:10 PM)

Students will need a RIDE HOME from the HS (3:45PM)

All four practices are on MONDAYS @ NHS

Permission slip with all details coming soon!

Niskayuna Orchestra Festival: March 25, 2015 (AM rehearsal @Proctors)

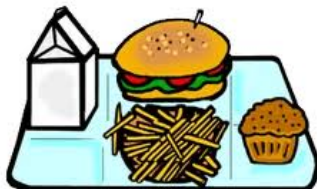
Evening Concert at PROCTORS Theatre!!



## Mark Your Calendars!

- January 22: Birchwood Concert (NHS, 7pm)
- January 23: Kindergarten Registration
- January 23: School Banking and Popcorn Friday
- January 26: [Winter After School Enrichment Program](#) begins
- January 27: Board of Education Meeting (VA, 7pm)
- February 3: Half Day (10:45am dismissal)
- February 4: Birchwood PTO Meeting (9am)
- February 10: Board of Education Meeting (VA, 7pm)

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



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



### Winter Fun!

Looking for exciting things to do with your family this season? Want to know the best sledding hills, cool places to skate, and more?

Check out [Kids Out and About](#) for a



### It's Snowing! It's Snowing!

Cancellations, delays, and early releases will always be posted at the [District Website](#), on local TV and radio stations,

whole lot of local fun!

The District's [Continuing Education Program](#) has recently been posted!

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

and on the school district's [FaceBook](#) page.

Closing information can also be sent directly to your email account and/or cell phone via the district's [School News Notifier](#) (SNN) system if you have signed up for the closings and delays notification option.

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