

BIRCHWOOD

ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin -- January 29, 2015



Message from the Co-Presidents:

It may be cold outside, but things are really heating up at Birchwood. Congratulations to the 4th and 5th grade students and our music faculty who put on a fabulous Winter Concert last week. The audience was definitely amazed by Birchwood's musical talent. Bravo! This week marked the beginning of our Winter ASEP offerings. Many thanks to Pam Ober for coordinating the program. Many Birchwood students will also be busy over the next few weeks preparing for the Learning Fair. This fun and educational event only happens every 3 years, so please consider being part of it. There certainly is a lot going on! With some parents and students feeling overwhelmed with class and extra projects, it would be great to carve out some family bonding time. This week we launched our 'Play For The Playground' Dave & Buster's gift card fundraiser. Students, families, friends, and neighbors can purchase Dave & Buster's Power Cards and Birchwood gets 50% of sales donated back to The PTO! Talk about a great return! What a fun way to help the PTO raise money for our upcoming playground renovation! With so much happening its important to stay connected and informed. Please consider attending our once a year morning PTO meeting, next Wednesday, February 4 at 9 AM. We hope to see you there!

With Birchwood Pride,
Deb and JoMarie

It's ASEP Time Again!

Birchwood's Winter After School Enrichment Program has begun!

Classes cancelled due to this week's snow will be made up. Stay tuned!

All classes are closed except for Baseball, which has a later start date.

Please be sure to pick your child up right at 3:15pm. Thank you!

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



**Take part in our
PLAY FOR THE PLAYGROUND**

Check out the new Birchwood PTO fundraiser with Dave & Buster's.

Purchase Dave & Buster's Power Cards and we will receive 50% of the purchase price!

These cards are great for a fun family outing, a playdate with friends, or to give as gifts.

Order forms due by February 9th.

Order form [HERE](#).

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!

GS Junior Troop 2128 will be holding a book drive for gently used donations of children's and adult books to benefit Grassroot Givers which helps many families and schools in the city of Albany. Boxes will be in the front Lobby until Friday Feb 13.

Any questions, contact [Patty Bateman](#).

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)

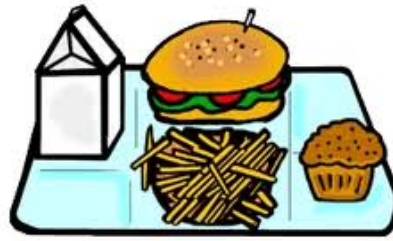
All four practices are on MONDAYS @ NHS

Permission slip with all details coming soon!



Mark Your Calendars!

- February 3: Half Day (10:45am dismissal)
- February 4: Birchwood PTO Meeting (9am)
- February 9: Dave & Buster's orders due
- February 9th - Deadline to turn in Learning Fair Entry Forms
- February 10: Board of Education Meeting (VA, 7pm)
- February 16-20: Winter Recess, NO SCHOOL!
- February 25th - Learning Fair 6:00-7:00PM



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



Birchwood's Learning Fair!!!

We are pleased to announce that Birchwood School will hold a Learning Fair on Wednesday, February 25th 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.



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

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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