

BIRCHWOOD

ELEMENTARY

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Message from the Co-Presidents

It certainly appears that the prediction made by Punxsutawney Phil on Groundhog's Day might be true. We hope that our Birchwood families are staying warm and finding fun ways to embrace this winter weather! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Dave & Buster's Play For The Playground fundraiser. We know the kids (and their parents) will enjoy using their Power Cards. Many have been asking if we plan to do a direct donation option for the playground fund. We do plan to do this in the coming months, so please stay tuned. Congratulations to the 5th graders on a great States Fair presentation yesterday. The artifact box displays were amazing and the food bountiful. Great job everyone! We hope whether you're staying near or traveling far, that all our Birchwood families have a fantastic February break. Enjoy your time together and we'll see you soon!

With Birchwood Pride,
Deb and JoMarie

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 3/1, and ads are \$15 each. Make your child's yearbook extra special this year with a personal message from your family!



After School Enrichment MAKE-UPS

Because of the seemingly endless snow at the beginning of each week so far in 2015, we need a bunch of ASEP make-up classes. They have been scheduled as follows:

Cooking & Painting -- March 24

Chemistry & Kickball -- March 16, 23, 30

Chess -- March 17

Niskayuna Parent Survey - Summer Enrichment

As the district considers Summer Enrichment Program offerings for 2015, we are again reaching out to parents to help guide our planning. Thank you for taking a few minutes to complete the survey at the link below about the type of programs that you feel your children would most enjoy and benefit from. This program was first developed in response to input from the community - and we believe that with your input we can make it even better.

You can take the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCSD-summer-enrichment-15>

The information we get from the survey will help us as we work with our faculty and staff to update last year's program and provide courses that match our students' interests. It is our hope that through this program, students can continue having memorable and enjoyable learning experience in our schools even during the summer months.

Thank you for your time and your input!

Niskayuna Schools



Staff Appreciation Luncheon is right around the corner!

Mark your calendars- Thurs., March 12th (it's also a half day).

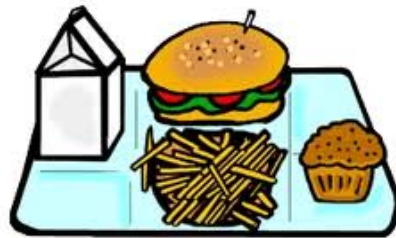
Please help us provide a nice lunch for our "TOTE"tally Amazing Birchwood Staff.

To sign up to bring food, make a donation or volunteer to help, please click on this [sign up link](#) or contact [Suzanne Brooksby](#)

Thanks for all that you do!

Mark Your Calendars!

- February 16-20: Winter Recess, NO SCHOOL!
- February 24: BOE Meeting (7pm, VA)
- February 25th - Learning Fair 6-7pm
- February 27: Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- March 6: Conference Day (10:45am dismissal)



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

Birchwood Elementary School

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. Be sure to return your registration form.



5th Grade ORCHESTRA Families:

Please mark the following dates for your child -- Festival Orchestra Practice:

Mondays March 2, 9, 16, 23

Students will ride a BUS to high school each Monday(2:10 PM). Students will

Parents, we are looking for volunteers too, sign up form will be coming home soon. For more information, please check

out the following links:

[Informational Sheet](#)

[Tips to Get Started](#)

[Preparing Your Display](#)

need a RIDE HOME (3:45PM)

Niskayuna Orchestra Festival: March 25, 2015 (AM rehearsal @Proctors) Evening Concert at PROCTORS!

Feedback? [Click here](#)

Add/update an email address? [Click here](#)

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