

All the news from Birchwood Elementary for the week!

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin -- March 6, 2014



IT'S ALMOST TIME!!! [Birchwood's Fun Fair](#) is **March 14!** Join friends for 50 cent games, treats, and raffle tickets! There will be a free and fun Mime Show directly before the Staff Raffle! Free admission and FUN FOR ALL!!!

THE FUN FAIR NEEDS YOU! Please consider working a one hour shift for this year's Fun Fair on March 14. Sign up to sell tickets, food service, assist with staff raffle sales, sell 50/50 tickets, or supervise the games in the gym. Pick your hour: 5:30, 6:30 or 7:30 (first shift helps to set up while the last shift assists with clean up). Please contact Paulette at pkdoudoukjian@gmail.com to volunteer today!

Yearbook Reminders:

Don't Forget Your 2013-2014 Birchwood Yearbook! Kids love to see the year all wrapped up in one book! Order yours now! Please use one order form per student. The cost is \$18 per yearbook. Cash, check, charge are all accepted. Please make checks payable to Birchwood PTO. You can also order online at YBPay.Lifetouch.com (enter ID code: 10694314). **The last day to order is March 24, 2014.**

Make this year's yearbook extra special for your child with a personal ad from your family! Order forms for personal ads have been sent home in backpacks. Be sure to return your completed order form to the main office and email [Amy Jasiewicz](mailto:Amy.Jasiewicz) your child's name, photo, and message. Ads are \$15 each. Note that not all photos from camera-phones are high-resolution for print. **Deadline for order forms, payment, messages,**

and photos is March 10th, but please do not wait until the deadline -- we would like as much time as possible to design your ad. Thanks for supporting the yearbook!

The "Class of 2014" page designers are looking for any school pictures taken of current fifth graders throughout their years at Birchwood. These can be individual pictures, group shots, or class photos. You can send your digital photos to the following email address: birchwoodyearbookpics@gmail.com , or send the hardcopies/cd in an envelope to school where there will be a mailbox in the front office. Your email or hardcopy photos should have the name of your child and which grade your son/daughter was in at the time of the photos. It would be very helpful if you could send digital photos of at least 1mb, as the photos would otherwise come out grainy in the yearbook. **We are especially looking for pictures of the fifth graders when they were in Mrs. Querbes' second grade class, Mrs. Opiela's third grade class and her 3/4 classroom as well. The deadline to submit those photos to us is March 24th.**



EXTRA! EXTRA! Read all about it! Birchwood's teachers are "Souper"!! We are asking for your help to recognize our amazing staff at our annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon. And because our staff is so "Souper," we're having a soup and salad buffet for them on Wednesday, March 12th. Please sign up to bring a crock pot of soup, salad, or dessert. We can also use help setting and cleaning up, so all volunteers are welcome. Please contact Suzanne Brooksby at suzieruns18@gmail.com or Joni Bonilla at jonisdoggietrain@yahoo.com with any questions. Sign up with ease at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0B4FABAB29A57-

A community forum titled "Creating Balance in our Kid's Heavily Scheduled Lives" will be presented at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 10th, at the Niskayuna Reformed Church. David Olsen of Samaritan Counseling Center will lead the discussion. This forum is the third in a series presented in partnership with Niskayuna Central Schools, Rev. Scott DeBlock, Father Bob Longobucco, Rabbi Matt Cutler and N-CAP. For more information go to the [Birchwood PTO Website](http://www.birchwoodpto.org).

Opera Saratoga's 2014 Opera to Go Program will be coming to Birchwood to perform at the last assembly for the year!

"The Billy Goats Gruff"

When: Friday, March 14, 2014

One performance - All Students - Grades K-5

Time: 9:00am

More information on the program can be found at:

http://operasaratoga.org/education_operatogo.php



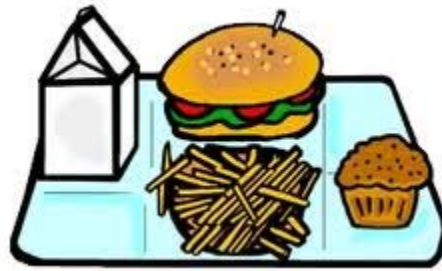
Thank you for attending the Cale Coffee Talk Series. Dr. Randy Cale has offered us another time to answer specific questions about strategies that we have been discussing in the previous workshops. We are pleased to be able to offer this opportunity on Tuesday, March 11th, at Hillside School in the Media Center from 1-2pm. Anita Andersen, Niskayuna elementary counselor, and Allison Nunez, Niskayuna district social worker, will also be present to provide articles and resources from the previous coffee talk topics. Please join us!

Mark Your Calendars!

- March 6: Conference Day (10:45am dismissal)
- March 9: [Fifth Grade Fundraiser](#) at Applebee's
- March 10: Community Forum (7pm, Niskayuna Reformed Church)
- March 11: Coffee Talk Q&A (1-2pm, Hillside)
- March 12: Conference Day (10:45am dismissal)
- March 12: Staff Luncheon
- March 14: Birchwood's Fun Fair
- March 14: "Billy Goats Gruff" Assembly
- March 15: [Budget Forum](#) (9:30-11:30, Van Antwerp)

Check out the comprehensive calendar including all Birchwood and District events [HERE!](#)

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



Proctor's Tickets!

The Niskayuna High School Booster Club is selling tickets to "Phantom of the Opera" at Proctor's Theater.

If you are interested, contact mhoughtaling@mhproengineering.com.

More information [here](#).



Budget Forum 3/15

The district would like your input on the development of the 2014-2015 school budget. Please consider attending the Community Budget Forum at Van Antwerp on Saturday, March 15 from 9:30 - 11:30 am. More information, including how to register, [here](#).



BOX TOPS!!!

Collecting Box Tops is like finding a pot of gold for Birchwood!
Our school gets 10 cents for each box top.



ASEP Make-ups...

Wednesday and Thursday classes will

Easy AND fun!

Use our [Shamrock Page](#) for even more fun!

More Box Tops info and tons of different
and fun sheets available [here!](#)

go one week later.

Boot Camp -- 3/25.

Basketball will not meet on 3/10. That
class will meet on 3/17 instead.

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