

All the news from Birchwood Elementary for the week!

# BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

## Weekly Bulletin -- March 13, 2014



### FUN FAIR FRIDAY

Are you ready for [Birchwood's Fun Fair](#) tomorrow evening (March 14) from 6-8 pm? Come and enjoy pizza provided by local area pizzerias, popcorn, Freihofer cookies, take your chance at the 50/50 cash raffle, have your child enter the staff raffle to win an item from their Birchwood teachers, and enjoy carnival-type games including a balloon artist and face painter!

Free Admission and Mime Show (see schedule below); tickets for games, raffle and food .50 cents each.

### SCHEDULE OF FUN!

- 6 - 8:00 – Food stations set up in cafeteria with overflow eating in art room
- 6 - 7:00 – Games and activities set up in gym
- 6 - 7:15 – Raffle set up in hallway outside of cafeteria
- 7:10 – Mime show in cafeteria
- 7:30 – Announcement of raffle winners, conclusion and clean up

*Please note: pre-sale of Staff Raffle tickets will be available Thursday and Friday during the lunch hours so those students who are not able to attend the Fun Fair still have a chance to win!*



**NISKAYUNA SCHOOLS NEED YOU!** Please be an advocate for funding for our school district. Follow these links to review [information](#) regarding the state and district budgets, what you can do to help, and take a minute to [write your legislators](#) to let them know that our schools are important to you! Up-to-date budget planning information also available at the [Birchwood PTO Website](#).

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**Yearbook Reminders:**

**The Yearbook Committee will have a table at fun fair. Bring a check payable to Birchwood PTO if you would like to purchase one.**

**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](http://YBPay.Lifetouch.com) (enter ID code: 10694314). **The last day to order is March 24, 2014.**

**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](mailto: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.**

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**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](http://operasaratoga.org/education_operatogo.php)



Did you know that the Birchwood PTO funds all our Arts in Education programming? Thanks to the generous support of family and friends of Birchwood, we are able to provide this and many other fun and enriching experiences for our students. Thank you so much for making this and so many other things possible!

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**To all parents of Birchwood Preschoolers**

**March 19, 2019 - Save the date!**

Children who are eligible to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2014 and their parents are invited to attend our **next 1000 Book Kid kickoff** event on **Wednesday, March 19 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.** in the Birchwood Cafetorium. Notices will soon be mailed to everyone who is in the school's database. If you don't receive an invitation by March 13, please contact Mrs. Furey at 344-2910 x10709.

If you know of any new families in your neighborhood with preschoolers who might be eligible for this program, please share this information with them.

Thank You,  
Mrs. Furey

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**Looking for a fun, local summer camp for your budding musician?** The Niskayuna Music Department will again offer the "Summer Sonata" music program this year. It is a 2 week program designed for students entering Grades 5-8 in the fall, who are already members of the Band, Choir, or Orchestra program (Grades 5-8 for Orchestra, Grades 6-8 for Band and Choir). This exciting opportunity is for students who enjoy music and wish to continue developing their musical skills during the summer with

Nisky Music Faculty! The dates are July 21 - July 31. Follow [this link](#) for more information and the registration form.

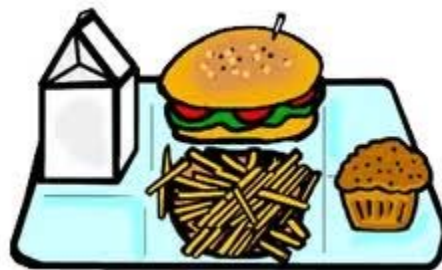
As always, for other music news, you can visit [www.niskyfom.org](http://www.niskyfom.org) or [www.niskymusic.org](http://www.niskymusic.org)

### Mark Your Calendars!

- March 14: [Birchwood's Fun Fair](#) (6-8pm)
- March 14: "Billy Goats Gruff" Assembly (9am)
- March 15: [Budget Forum](#) (9:30-11:30, Van Antwerp)
- March 19: 1,000 Book Kickoff (6-7pm)
- March 20: Spring begins!!!

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.



### Budget Forum 3/15

If you are interested, contact  
[mhoughtaling@mhproengineering.com](mailto:mhoughtaling@mhproengineering.com).

More information [here](#).



### BOX TOPS!!!

Collecting Box Tops is like finding a pot of gold for Birchwood!

Our school gets 10 cents for each box top.

Easy AND fun!

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

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

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](#).



### ASEP Make-ups...

Wednesday and Thursday classes will 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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