

All the news from Birchwood Elementary for the week!

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin -- March 20, 2014



Fun Fair Thank You!

We thank all volunteers who gave of their time last Friday to assist with a very successful Fun Fair. And to all students and parents who participated. Special appreciation is extended to the Birchwood Staff for contributing to the ever-popular [Staff Raffle](#). This is truly what makes this event so much fun for the kids... thank you!

To our [merchant and pizza sponsors](#), your ongoing support is appreciated:

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Congratulations to all of the [Winners of the Staff Raffle!](#)

We hope everyone had a wonderful time!



[Let's Grow Together](#) AND earn money for Birchwood! Do you shop at the local kids consignment sales? Ever think of becoming a consignor at one of these sales yourself? Well, you can shop and/or sell at the Let's Grow Together Sale May 2-4 at Afrim's Sports (636 Albany Shaker Road) and support Birchwood PTO at the same time! The Birchwood PTO will earn 5% of your total purchase when you present this flyer at checkout. We also earn \$5 for each person that registers as a consignor and enters Birchwood PTO in the referral line. See [this link](#) for more info on consigning at the sale. This could be a great opportunity to save a little money when outfitting your growing kids or even make a little if you decide to sell some of your outgrown items...all while helping Birchwood!



[The Third Annual St. Baldrick's](#) **head shaving event** will take place at **Proctor's Theater on April 5th**. Come support your friends and neighbors as they join together to raise money for childhood cancer research.



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.

As always, for other music news, you can visit www.niskyfom.org or www.niskymusic.org

The Birchwood Yearbook Deadline is March 24.... Don't miss out!

Order yours now! 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 3/24.

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: birchwoodyearbookpics@gmail.com, or send the hardcopies/cd in an envelope to school. 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 3/24.**



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](#).

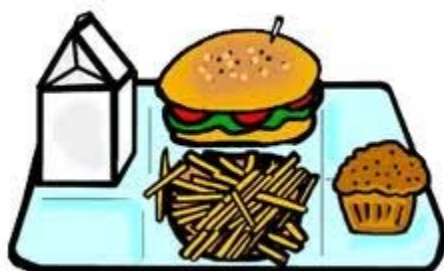
Mark Your Calendars!

- March 20: Spring begins!?!)
- March 25: BOE Budget Work Session (VA, 7pm)
- March 28: School Banking and Popcorn Friday
- April 1: BOE Budget Work Session (VA, 7pm)
- April 1-3: NYS Grades 3-8 ELA Test

- April 5: [St. Baldrick's Event](#) at Proctor's
- April 9: Birchwood PTO Meeting (6:30pm)
- April 11: School Banking and Popcorn Friday
- April 12 - 20: Spring Vacation
- May 2 - 4: [Let's Grow Together](#) Fundraiser

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

March's Menu is posted [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!](#)



ASEP Make-ups...

Wednesday and Thursday classes will go one week later.

Boot Camp -- 3/25.



Thank you to all those who supported our "SOUP-er" Birchwood Staff for the annual Staff Luncheon. Thank you to all those who brought in food, helped set up, served and cleaned up! The food was delicious. The teachers and staff enjoyed

the lunch and gave rave reviews!

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