

# **BIRCHWOOD** **ELEMENTARY**

## **Weekly Bulletin -- April 1, 2015**



### **Message from the Co-Presidents:**

At the beginning of the week the Playground Committee sent out a very important letter to families within our Birchwood attendance zone. If you have not already received it, the letter should make its way to your mailbox soon. Members of the committee have worked hard over the past months, in coordination with school administrators, to help ensure that our school has a wonderful new playground space to enjoy - but your help is needed!

We hope that you will all consider giving a donation toward the playground renovation. The pledge by the district is a generous, but the cost of playground equipment is exponentially more than the two of us ever imagined. We would like the children at Birchwood to have a great playground and that cannot happen without your financial support. The fundraising goal is \$20,000. That said, the more that we raise, the more we can do for our children.

There are several ways that you can help, in addition to making a personal donation. Perhaps you have a connection with a local business owner or are friends with parents of Birchwood alumni who may consider supporting this project with a donation. Although the playground resides on district property, it is a community resource. If you do not feel comfortable making the ask yourself, let us know about this connection and we'll work with the committee to reach out to them.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support! With the number of school related activities that occurred last month, we're sure everyone is looking forward to April break. Whether you're traveling far or staying near, we hope you have a wonderful time!

Happy Spring Break,  
JoMarie and Deb

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**Birchwood's Annual Poetry Night will be on May 28th from 6-7:30.** Registration forms will go home the week of May 4th.

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**The 2015-2016 school calendar has been posted.** Check it out [HERE](#).

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**Yearbooks are still available at \$20 each!** Contact [Sonya Ward](#) if interested.

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**CapCom will give \$5 to each new banker.** More on this coming home soon!



**This year's [Summer Enrichment Program](#) is out!**

Our program is for students from 2nd grade through high school, runs from July 6 - 31, and consists of 17 week-long camps taught by NCS D teachers.

You will notice many improvements from last year -- thanks to everyone who filled out the Summer Enrichment survey!

If you have any questions, please email SEP Coordinator Pam Ober at [pober@niskyschools.org](mailto:pober@niskyschools.org).

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**Just a friendly reminder from the Nurses Office regarding illness:**

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

- Fever of 100 F in the past 24 hours. A child needs to remain fever free for 24 hours without medication.
- Vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours.
- Unexplained rash or eye inflammation with discharge.

A child who is receiving medication for a communicable disease (ex. Strep or Pink Eye) can return to school 24 hours AFTER the first dose of medication has been given.

If there are any questions please feel free to contact me at anytime!

Nicole Pazro RN

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## Mark Your Calendars!

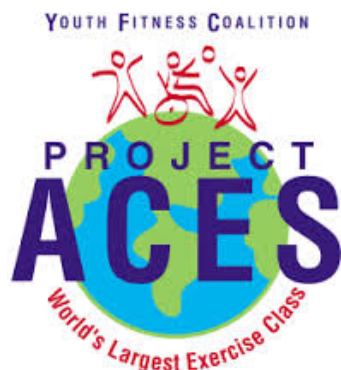
- April 3: [Spring Parade](#) (Town Hall, 10am)
- April 3 - 12: Spring Break
- April 14: Board of Education Meeting (VA, 7pm)
- April 15: Birchwood PTO Meeting (6:30pm)
- April 17: Popcorn Friday and School Banking
- April 28: BOE Meeting (VA, 7pm)
- April 30: Author Visit -- Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss
- May 4 - 10: Screen Free Week
- May 6: ACES (All Children Exercising Simultaneously) Day (1:15-1:45pm)
- May 7: Birchwood Kindergarten Orientation (6pm)
- May 13: Birchwood PTO Meeting (6:30pm)
- May 19: School Budget Vote (NHS, 7am-9pm)
- May 25: No School (Memorial Day)
- May 28: Annual Poetry Night (6-7:30pm)



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

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### ACES Day

(All Children Exercising Simultaneously):  
Just in time for good weather...Mr. West  
will lead a school wide "get moving, get

*Do more, watch less...  
Together!*

### Screen Free Week: May 4-10

Is your family up for a challenge??? Try  
going screen free for a week.

**Don't be average**...According to the  
Kaiser Foundation study, the **average 8-  
18 year old** spends more than 7 hours in  
front of a TV, computer or video games.  
Join the millions of people planning to be

active” session on  
**May 6th** from 1:15-1:45.

any thing but average!!  
Look for more information on turning off  
screens and “turning on life.”

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