

All the news from Birchwood Elementary for the week!

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin -- April 10, 2014



The District has created a [Summer Enrichment Program](#) for K-12 students. Classes blend academic subjects with hands-on exploration and are taught by NCS D teachers and instructional staff. It is the hope that this revenue-generating program will provide further learning opportunities for Niskayuna students. For more information, go to the [District Website](#).

Even More Great Opportunities!

The [Town of Niskayuna](#) has posted its summer offerings. Check it out [here](#).

[Niskayuna School District's](#) Department of Continuing Education has posted its [Spring Program](#). Take a peek!

[Let's Grow Together](#) AND earn money for Birchwood! Do you shop at the local kids' consignment sales? Well, you can shop 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. This could be a great opportunity to save a little money when outfitting your growing kids... all while helping Birchwood!



NOTICE TO PARENTS FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Springtime brings warmer weather and beautiful flowers. It also brings wet weather and muddy puddles. Some of these puddles are located on our playground area. Many children get wet and muddy during recess and need dry clothing. So please...

1. Send your child in with an extra set of clothes in case this happens to him/her
2. Any gently used clothes that you may be getting rid of and want to donate would be greatly appreciated! The Nurse's Office is low on extra clothes.

Thank you for you help!



[Friends of Music](#) would like to share upcoming dates for our musically talented students.

Congratulations to all our Birchwood musicians and vocalists on your hard work!!

Elementary District Orchestra, 5th Grade

Thursday, April 10th

Niskayuna High School, 7:00 PM

Elementary District Band, 5th Grade

Thursday, April 24th

Niskayuna High School, 7:00 PM

Birchwood Chorus & Birchwood 4th Grade Strings

Tuesday, May 13th

Niskayuna High School, 7:00 PM

Birchwood's 4th Annual

Poetry "Open Mic" Night



Will be held on Thursday, May 29th, 2014 in the Birchwood cafetorium from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM.

Students: It's time to start thinking about what poem you may want to read or maybe you will write a poem for all of us to enjoy.

Parents, teachers and staff: we want to hear your favorite poems as well.

Watch in the coming weeks for sign-up sheets and more information.

Birchwood has three NEW BoxTop winners...

Emma Brooksby in Mrs. Querbes' 2nd grade class

Elaina Hallenbeck in Mrs. Santandrea's 3rd grade class

Christian Ciannamea in Mrs. Castren's 4th grade class

All have won prizes from Sweet Frog!

YAHOO!



Birchwood Spirt Wear is happening soon!

An order form will be coming home with your children the Monday after vacation. We need to have all orders in by that Friday so that we can be sure to receive everything by Niska Day! Super Fun!

ASEP Reminder: Mr. West's Baseball class begins Monday, April 21st. You will receive confirmation of registration by Saturday. This is just a formality; everyone who signed up definitely got into the class. We just want to make sure that all registrations made it to the main office. Yay! Questions? Contact Pam Ober at 785-8729.

Superintendent of Schools Susan Salvaggio has announced her resignation, which will be

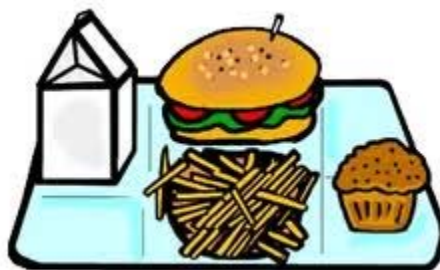
effective on April 15th. The full announcement is available [here](#).

Mark Your Calendars!

- April 11: [School Banking](#) and [Popcorn Friday](#)
- April 12 - 20: Spring Vacation
- April 30, May 1, 2: NYS Grades 3-5 Math Test
- May 2 - 4: [Let's Grow Together](#) Fundraiser
- May 6: [BOE Meeting](#) (VA, 7pm)
- May 7: [Birchwood PTO Meeting](#) (6:30pm)
- May 17: [Niska Day](#)
- May 20: [Annual School Budget Vote](#) & BOE Election (NHS, 7am-9pm)

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

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



It's Almost Niska Day!

And Birchwood needs help with the Beautiful Birchwood banner!



Need Books?

Check out Birchwood Media Center's Catalog at [OPALS!](#) [Mrs. Furey](#) added many new titles.

It's easy for your children to take out lots of great e-books! Learn how at [Birchwood's Media Center Page](#).

It's getting very difficult to carry the banner and we need some alterations -- by constructing a new rod or shortening the length of the fabric.

Anyone even semi-experienced in these matters should contact [Amy Jasiewicz](#).
Help us make our banner better!



You can still get a yearbook!

The cost is \$23.

Please submit all orders to Millie Gnatek
at bradleycleo@gmail.com.

Please make checks payable to
Birchwood PTO.

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