

All the news from Birchwood Elementary for the week!

# BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

## Weekly Bulletin -- April 24, 2014



### THE BIRCHWOOD SPIRIT WEAR SALE IS HERE!

It's time to show your Birchwood Pride!

This year the Spirit Wear sale is not a fundraiser. The items available through the sale *are being sold at cost* as a service to those who would like Birchwood apparel for Niska Day, June spirit days, or just because they **love Birchwood!**

All [order forms](#) **must be submitted no later than April 25<sup>th</sup>** to the Birchwood Main Office in order to receive the apparel in time for those who need it for NiskaDay! Please make checks payable to DC Sports. If you have any questions, please contact Fundraising VP, Lynn Boler at [fraterrl@hotmail.com](mailto:fraterrl@hotmail.com).

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**Tennis Day at Central Park!** Learn how to play tennis this Saturday 9am - noon! All proceeds go to the Booster Club! Registration information [here](#).

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**IMPORTANT NOTE TO LAST YEAR'S VOLUNTEERS:** If you plan to continue in a role you held last year, that's great! Please sign up [here](#) to confirm that you're definitely still interested, and to help us keep the volunteer signup organized (it's a lot of people to keep track of).

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[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!

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**Birchwood's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Poetry "Open Mic" Night  
Thursday, May 29, 6-7:30pm**



It's time for students to start thinking about what poem they may want to share with the Birchwood Community! Students can write their own poems or share one of their favorites!

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.

*"Poetry is an act of peace."*  
Pablo Neruda

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The District has created a [Summer Enrichment Program](#) for K-12 students. Classes blend academic subjects with hands-on exploration and are taught by NCSD 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](#).

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### Even More Great Opportunities!

The [Town of Niskayuna](#) has posted its summer offerings.

Check them out [here](#).

[Niskayuna School District's](#) Continuing Education Dep't has posted its [Spring Program](#).

Take a peek!

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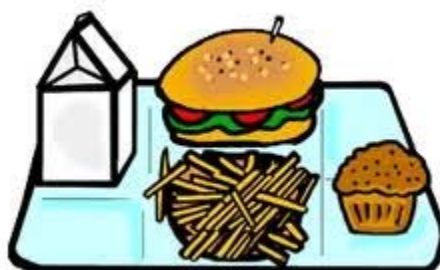
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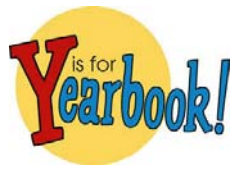
### Mark Your Calendars!

- April 24: Elementary District Band, 5th Grade (High School, 7pm)
- April 25: [School Banking](#) and Popcorn Friday
- April 26: [Tennis Day](#) at Central park (9-noon)
- 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 9: [School Banking](#) and Popcorn Friday
- May 13: Birchwood Chorus & Birchwood 4th Grade Strings (High School, 7pm)
- 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](#).





### You can still get a yearbook!

The cost is \$23.

Please submit all orders to Millie Gnatek  
at [bradleycleo@gmail.com](mailto:bradleycleo@gmail.com).

Please make checks payable to  
Birchwood PTO.



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