

All the news from Birchwood Elementary for the week!

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin -- June 5, 2014



It's Ice Cream Social Time!

Join the Birchwood community on Friday, June 6th, from 6-8pm for bounce houses, baked goods, face painting, lots of outside fun, and, of course, ICE CREAM!

What a wonderful (free) way to celebrate the end of our school year! See the [ICS Flyer](#) for more information. Questions? [Pam Ober](#) or [JoMarie Ethier](#)

First and Fourth Grade families are asked to provide baked goods

Please bring your items to school Friday or before the event in the evening.

Thank you!!!

Our BOGO Book Fair is coming June 3 to June 6!! This is a great opportunity to build home libraries with buy-one-get-one on all books! We will also continue the Teachers' Classroom Wish List that was such a hit during our last book fair! We are in need of a few more volunteers, especially on Friday 6/6, 9:30 to 10:30 and during the Ice Cream Social!! If anyone is able to help, please email [Francesca Hill](#) or fill out and return this [volunteer form](#).

You're Invited.... Please join us on Monday, June 9th at 7pm, for an evening with John Yagielski, Interim Superintendent for the Niskayuna Central School District.

At this Birchwood community only event, we will have the opportunity to meet Mr. Yagielski and learn a little about his experience helping school districts grow and work through administrative transitions. As Interim Superintendent, he wants to get to know members of the Birchwood community and listen to what we have to say about our school and our hopes for the future of our district.

Don't miss this great opportunity! We look forward to your participation in this important conversation.



WANTED: Parents Who Can Make a Difference! Without the time and talents of our parents and friends, we cannot provide the number of quality PTO enrichment activities that are part of the Birchwood Elementary experience. We still have a number a critical 2014-15 co-chair and committee positions that need to be filled. Without your help we won't be able to offer these programs that enrich the school experience, provide support to our amazing teachers and staff, and bring smiles and joy to our children. Arts in Education, Media Center, Nature Park, PAALS, Homeroom Parents, Back-to-School BBQ, Monster Mash... just a few of the programs we may not be able to offer without your help. Go [online](#) today to see what you can do to make a difference. Life is crazy and everyone is busy, but before we know it our days as elementary school parents and the opportunities that presents will be in the past. Don't miss this chance to be part of this crazy ride from K thru 5! Thank you.

Students, parents, teachers, and staff are needed to join Birchwood's Relay For Life team. Don't wait any longer to help Birchwood raise awareness and support those affected by cancer. Go online now to our [team page](#) to join and/or donate in support of our team and help us reach our goal. You can also help by continuing to support our Coin Drive by sending in your change to school and visiting our Relay For Life table at the Ice Cream Social. Thank You!



Birchwood's Relay for Life will take place at 6 pm on June 20th. For more information, contact [Deb Foley](#).

Looking for a comfy pair of sweatpants? We have a few pairs of sweatpants left over from our spiritwear sale. They are great to wear to and from sports, on cool nights at camp, or just lounging around the house. These sweats will be available for sale at the Ice Cream Social for \$25 each. Can't wait? Contact Lynn Boler @ fraterrl@hotmail.com.

Also, please contact Lynn Boler if interested in ordering a Birchwood women's dri fit short sleeve tee. If there is enough interest a reorder of the women's tees will go in early next week. A sample will be on display at the Ice Cream Social/Bookfair.



The last Box Top Drawing will be held on Friday, June 13. Thank you to



all of the families who collected Box Tops for Birchwood all year long! It's a great fund raiser!



Birchwood Takes to the Stage

It's been a busy week for students, teachers, staff, and parents at Birchwood Elementary.

Students took to the stage three days this past week to perform for classmates and families. Last Wednesday, Mrs. Querbes and Mrs. VanAlstyne's 2nd Grade classes, as well as members of Mrs. Frament and Mrs. Denman's classes performed the musical "Goin' Buggy," delighting a student audience during the day and families at night. The very next evening, students K-5 read works of original and published poetry in front of a full house at Birchwood's 4th Annual Poetry Open Mic Night. The busy week concluded on

Thursday

with the 4th/5th Grade Drama Club's fun-filled rendition of *Tom Sawyer*.

Congratulations to our talented students and a heartfelt thanks to the teachers, staff, and parents who made these memorable experiences possible!



Mark Your Calendars!

- June 3-6: [Birchwood's Book Fair](#)
- June 6: [Ice Cream Social](#) (6-8 pm)
- June 6: [School Banking](#) and Popcorn Friday
- June 9: Birchwood PTO Meeting (6 pm) and Meet the Superintendent (7 pm)
- June 10: Volunteer Reception (8:15 am)
- June 10: [BOE Meeting](#) (7 pm, VA)
- June 11: Half Day (10:45 am dismissal)
- June 13: Field Day (6/20 - Rain Date)
- June 20: Relay for Life (6 pm)

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

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



Summer -- The perfect time to READ!

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

Head to the [Niskayuna Library](#) for lots of exciting events and activities planned for summer reading fun.

But before you head out for the summer.....

Please return all of your library books by June 6 (except for things needed for school projects).

Come check out the giant stack of books that belong to students! Are you missing any books? Come check out the pile!



Do you want to be included in the 2014-2015 family directory?

Traditionally the PTO obtained family contact information from the school district's registrar to create school directories in September. This process is being discontinued!

With support from the PTO Council, we have launched an online PTO e-Directory service. This online service allows you to add or edit your family's contact data at any time to make sure it's up-to-date, accurate, and reflects what you want to share.

Click here to learn more and [register](#). If you have already registered, we thank you! For questions, contact Shilpa Garde at shilpa.garde@gmail.com

Feedback? [Click here](#)

Add/update an email address? [Click here](#)

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