

All the news from Birchwood Elementary for the week!

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin -- October 17, 2013

The Fall Fundraiser has begun!!

An envelope was sent home last week in your child's backpack with brochures selling gifts, pies, cookie dough, and much more. This year, not only will each seller earn individual prizes, but for every 10 items sold, the seller is entered for a chance to win one of two Family Night Packages containing pizzas, pretzels, cookie dough, and cinnamon rolls. On top of that, the top selling class wins a pizza party and any class with 50% participation wins a cookie party! Invite friends and family to check out the products online by registering your seller at www.joecorbi.com. Click on *Seller Login*, enter our *Online Group Code 14BIREs* and complete the registration form. Joe Corbi offers home delivery too, truly making this a fundraiser available to people near and far. Sale ends October 25th and orders are scheduled to be delivered November 20th, just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas!! Questions?? Contact [Stephanie Fusco](#) for more information.

Birchwood's Staff Appreciation Breakfast will be October 21st. This is when we show our appreciation – with food -- for all that Birchwood teachers and staff do for our children! If you would like to help and/or donate goodies, please e-mail [Tiffanie Wood](#). To learn more about the event click [HERE](#).



The Monster Mash Committee is gearing up for Carnival Crazyness 2013! This year promises to be better than ever with fun games, delicious food, and an exciting storyteller. We are looking for volunteers to help create and run game booths, sell tickets, and generally help out the night of the event. See our flyer [here](#). Please email [Tara McKenna](#) if you can pitch in. Help make it happen!

Did you know your child can open a real bank account at school? Through Birchwood's partnership with [CapCom Federal Credit Union](#), kids learn to save money while actually *earning* money for learning. The bank will deposit \$10 for each good report

card and \$30/yr for winter and summer reading programs. Your child can deposit money into their account at school every other Friday from 7:45-8:30am. Open a youth account with \$1 and this [application](#). Contact: [Fran Hill](#).

Friends of Music has always been a great supporter of Niskayuna's musically talented students. And now FOM needs our support! Learn more about Friends of Music achievements, fundraisers, and events at <http://www.niskyfom.org/>. Interested in joining? Go to [Membership Info](#). More questions? Contact [Tammy Apkarian](#).

Happy 60th Birthday Niskayuna Central School District! The district is putting together a committee to plan a celebration for the district's 60th anniversary. They would like a parent representative from each school. If you are interested, please contact [Deb Foley](#).

The Birchwood PTO meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, October 16 has been rescheduled to Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30 PM. We apologize for the short notice and appreciate your understanding. We look forward to seeing members of the Birchwood community at the meeting next week. -- PTO Leadership Team

The Next Coffee Talk -- "When Kids Won't Cooperate: Secrets to Behavior Management" -- will be at Birchwood on October 23rd at 8:15am. Elementary schools will take turns hosting these informative sessions. Check out [future workshops](#). Coffee Talks are open to all Nisky parents.

Niska-Game is Coming! Niska-Game is Coming!

ALL Middle School students from VA and Iroquois are invited to participate in Niska-Game! This year it will be played on a beautiful new "board" and we are so excited to show it off! Don't miss out on the fun, the prizes, the songs, the dances! This year's game takes place on Friday and Saturday evenings, November 1st and 2nd at Iroquois Middle School. What a perfect setting for your team's Halloween theme! Contact the N-CAP website at www.ncapnisky.org for more information or email us at info@ncapnisky. Niska-Game is a fundraiser for N-CAP, Niskayuna Community Action Program. All proceeds benefit N-CAP sponsored programs.

Check out the Niska-Game Flyer [here!](#)

Mark Your Calendars!

- Friday, October 18 -- CapCom Banking AND Popcorn Friday!
- Tuesday, October 22 -- Professional Development Half Day (10:45am dismissal)
- Wednesday, October 23 -- PTO Meeting at 6:30pm **Rescheduled from 10/16
- Friday, October 25 – Monster Mash 2013!!!
- Thursday, October 31 -- Halloween Parade (1pm)

[Click HERE for October's Lunch Menu](#)



BIRCHWOOD'S 21st ANNUAL FAMILY POSTER CONTEST

This exciting, and literary, Birchwood tradition is loved by all! Kids create a poster that has something to do with reading in general or a specific book or author. The poster must have a clearly readable theme or slogan written on the front.

Anyone in the Birchwood School community may submit a poster. Students can work alone, with a friend, with brothers and sisters, parents, or any family member. The only requirement is that anyone who helps with the poster must put his/her full name on the poster. Students must include grade and teacher.

Posters may be submitted to Mrs. Furey in the Media Center anytime up to and



Yearbook 2013-2014

Your kids are already making memories at school, and the Yearbook Committee is capturing them!

The Yearbook Committee is looking for pictures of Birchwood students on the first day of school. What a wonderful addition that would be to the already-amazing yearbook!

Please send any pictures you have to [Sonya Ward](#).

Want to help create the 2013-2014 Birchwood yearbook? We can use page designers for the following classes (no experience necessary):

- K - Bielawski
- 4th - Castren
- 5th - Johnston

Take a look at yearbooks from previous years to see ideas.

Please contact [Millie Gnatek](#) if interested.

including Friday, November 1. See more details [HERE](#).

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To submit information for the weekly bulletin, please email [Birchwood@niskyPTO.org](mailto: Birchwood@niskyPTO.org) by Sunday night of the week you want it to appear.

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