

Birchwood music students perform on 1/17; yearbooks & family ad space on sale, ASEP registration is open; and more!

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly bulletin -- January 10th, 2013

Birchwood musicians perform next Thurs., Jan 17th! You're invited to a Birchwood concert at [Niskayuna High School](#) at 7pm. Hear Birchwood's 4th and 5th graders perform in the band, chorus, orchestra, and fiddle club. Younger Birchwood students will also get to hear the concert at a 1:00 assembly on the 17th. It's time for our hard-working, instrument-lugging musicians to shine! Please join us.



2012-13 Birchwood Yearbooks are on sale now for \$18 each! Save memories of the school year in full color.

2012-2013 Yearbook -- [ORDER ONLINE](#)

(enter ID code: 10694313)

Last day to order: April 1st

Not sure if you ordered already? Click [HERE](#) to view confirmed orders.

Also, you can now reserve space in the family ad section of the yearbook for a special message to your child. Tell them publicly how proud you are! The yearbook committee will personalize your ad and incorporate your photo(s). \$15 per ad; limit 2 per child. Space is limited--reserve now. Email Amy Jasiewicz (master ad designer) if you have questions: amytjaz@nycap.rr.com. If you need ideas, check out last year's yearbook, available in the library (you *might* even get a tear in your eye...).

[Family Ad Order Form](#)

(PRINT & return to the main office with check payable to Birchwood PTO)

Last day to reserve ad space: March 7th (or until full)

Paper copies of both order forms are available in the Main Office.

ASEP registration deadline is Fri., Jan 18th. The sooner you register, the better your



chances of getting your child's first choice. (Note: Digital Photography and Painting are full.) Remember to write a separate check for each class (in case we need to issue refunds for full classes). Questions? Our hard-working coordinators are happy to help: [Pam Ober](#) and [Dawn Farrell](#). If you misplaced the copy that was sent home, print it here:

[Winter 2013 ASEP Schedule](#)

Buddy would like to remind everyone to send their children to school with proper outerwear for outside play! Notice Buddy's boots, snow pants, warm jacket, hat and mittens...Have fun at recess, Buddy! (Note: Buddy's clothes are LABELED with his name, too...please do the same for your child.)



Kindergarten registration is Fri., Jan. 18th from 8:30am to 1:30pm. Letters have gone out to families of incoming kindergartners. If you or a neighbor did not receive a letter and feel you should have, please contact the Main Office (344-2910).

Also starting soon for incoming Kindergartners is Birchwood's preschool program on Tuesday afternoons, beginning Jan. 22nd. Story time with Mrs. Disque and games in the gym with Mr. West...what could get your child more excited to start school?! If you have an incoming Kindergartner and didn't receive an invitation, print one [HERE](#).

January at a glance

TONIGHT, Thurs., Jan. 10th -- School budget forum at Van Antwerp, 7pm ([INFO](#))

Tues., Jan. 15th -- 10:45 dismissal (professional development)

Thurs., Jan. 17th -- Birchwood concert at Niskayuna High, 7pm (1626 Balltown Rd.)

Fri., Jan. 18th -- Kindergarten registration at Birchwood, 8:30am-1:30pm

Mon., Jan. 21st -- NO SCHOOL (MLK Day)

Tues., Jan 22nd -- Preschool story & gym program begins, 12:50pm ([INFO](#))

See all events on the [school calendar](#) or [PRINT](#) the January school calendar (pdf).



[January Lunch Menu](#)



Target debit & credit cards
Target REDcards raise money for Birchwood!

Specifically, \$400 already this year!



TONIGHT
Thurs., Jan 10th, 7pm
Niskayuna School District Community
Budget Forum
Van Antwerp Middle School

Thank you to the 39 families who are participating. If you shop at Target, get a REDcard and save 5% on everything (and free shipping for online orders) while you raise money for Birchwood. It's very easy to apply and designate Birchwood as your school--and anyone in the country can do it, so send this link to friends and family.

[CLICK HERE](#)

For more information about shoppers' reward programs that support schools, see our [PTO Fundraisers](#) page.

Have input on the process of developing Niskayuna Central School District's 2013-14 budget in this community forum. The district is entering the budget development process with a \$6 million gap projected between revenues and expenses. "Our top priority in this budget process is to continue to preserve student programs," Superintendent Susan Kay Salvaggio said. "With such limited options, decisions about spending priorities and taxes are more directly connected than ever to the opportunities we can offer students. The coming months are about finding the most sensible balance given all of the factors on the table. We urge the community to participate in the process." [READ MORE](#)

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