

All the news from Birchwood Elementary for the week!

# BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

## Weekly bulletin -- October 18th, 2012



**How are those reading posters coming along?** Need inspiration? Check out [last year's posters](#)...Birchwood students showed amazing creativity! Take part in the Media Center's 20th Annual Family Poster Contest in celebration of children's literature. Click here for [details](#). Posters due 10/29.

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**A word from your PTO Co-Presidents**...We have big dreams for Birchwood and would love your support in making them a reality! With input from the teachers, the PTO is pursuing a \$25-50K grant that will support and enhance our children's Birchwood experience. Curious? Watch your inbox and the Birchwood PTO website for details coming soon. How can you help Birchwood grow? We are **currently assembling a grants committee**. Grant-writing experience is helpful, but not necessary. Having a dream for Birchwood is! Contact Deb Foley if you're interested. [Email Deb](#) or leave her a note in the main office.

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**School banking is tomorrow (Fri.)--7:45-8:30am.** Your kids can deposit any recent earnings! More information on our [PTO programs webpage](#) or contact [Fran Hill](#).

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**2012-2013 Birchwood yearbook**... Your kids are already making memories at school, and the yearbook committee is already capturing them! Want to help? We can use page designers for the following classes (no experience necessary):

- K - Azer
- 2nd - Querbes
- 3rd/4th - Opiela

[Click here to contact us](#) or leave a note in the main office (Attn: Yearbook Committee).



We also welcome **photo contributions**--if you have a photo you think would be great in the yearbook (classroom, special subjects, school events and activities), upload it [HERE](#) by entering the access code: FKXBLQ. (If you have more than 5 photos, contact us for a different method.)

You already know your children are going to *loooove* getting their yearbooks, so why not **order them already**? This year we offer an online ordering option--click [HERE](#) and enter

access code "10694313" to order your copy (or copies), and don't worry--we'll remind you in the spring that you took care of it.

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### Fundraising reminders...

- A big thank you to those who helped the frozen foods sales. Thanks to parent volunteer [Rick Mizenko](#) for organizing the fall fund raiser.
  - Please return any unpurchased **Entertainment Books** that are still at home--send them to the Main Office at your earliest convenience. Thank you!
  - Remember to **fill up as many label and Box Top sheets as you can by Fri., Oct. 26th** (links below). Write your name and class and turn them into the main office. First drawing is coming up!
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**The Monster Mash is creeping up...**Fri., Oct. 26th. If you haven't done so already, please let us know what you're bringing. Sign up online or print the form if you prefer!

Parent organizers: [Tara McKenna](#) & [Paulette Doudoukjian](#).

[Potluck sign-up sheet & volunteer form](#) --or--  
[Potluck sign-up sheet & volunteer form](#) (PRINT pdf)  
[Monster Mash flier](#) (PRINT pdf)



### October at a glance

Fri., Oct. 26th -- Monster Mash ([Info](#) | [Sign up](#))

Fri., Oct. 26th -- Label & Box Tops sheets due for 10/31 drawing

Mon., Oct 29th -- Media Center Poster Contest Entries are due

**Mon., Oct. 29th -- 10:45am dismissal (Parent-Teacher Conferences)**

Wed., Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween parade 1:00pm

**Fri., Nov. 2nd -- 10:45am dismissal (Parent-Teacher Conferences)**

See all events (and click to copy to your Google calendar) on the [school calendar](#).



[October Lunch Menu](#)



**Wheeee!**  
**Earning for Birchwood**  
**while you shop**

**Target RED card:** Apply or register your RED card at [Take Charge of Education](#)

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**Price Chopper:** Register your AdvantEdge card [here](#) with Birchwood's school code: 16029

**ShopRite:** Register your Price Plus card [here](#), designate Birchwood, and purchase Labels for Education products



Print your [Box Tops are a-MAZE-ing sheet](#)



Print your [Labels for Education 1-pt sheet](#)

For 5-pt & 10-pt sheets and lots more information, go to:

[PTO Fundraisers](#)



**Thank you to all the Birchwood families who contributed to the Staff Appreciation Breakfast!**

And thanks to parent organizers Tiffanie Wood, and her daughter (Birchwood graduate) Lauren, Paulette Doudoujkian and Lori Lembo.

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