

All the news from Birchwood Elementary for the week!

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly bulletin -- November 1st, 2012

Phew! We made it through Sandy. Our thoughts are with our downstate and coastal neighbors. Remember you can get notifications about weather-related school closings on these lists: Niskayuna School News Notifier ([More info](#) | [Sign Up](#)) and Buzzable for Nisky Schools ([More info](#) | [Sign Up](#)).

Vote for Birchwood beginning Monday! Our "Power a Bright Future" grant application to Clorox is in, and if we get enough votes, we could receive \$50,000 to fund a Birchwood School Nature Park. You can help! **Vote daily** on our [nomination page](#) (instructions will be posted on 11/5) starting this Monday and ending Dec. 12th (must be 13 yrs or older). Check out our [PTO Grants page](#) for more information.



Anyone willing to write some Facebook/Tweet/Email posts that we can put on the website for everyone to use? (We have templates.)

We need some help to promote voting! Contact [Deb Foley](#).

[Power a Bright Future homepage](#)

November Box Tops contest is on! Here's the sheet:

[It's turkey time](#) (printable pdf, 2 pgs)

Our October drawing winners each received a goody bag from Barnes & Noble in Mohawk Commons. All label sheets and information about how you can raise money for Birchwood while you shop can be found on the [PTO Fundraisers](#) page.

Do you have a child in Mrs. Azer's, Mrs. Opiela's, or Mrs. Luyckx's class? We're looking for volunteers to design those class yearbook pages. It's fun (especially if you like photo albums or scrap-booking) and no experience is necessary. [Click here to contact us](#) or leave a note in the main office (Attn: Yearbook Committee).

School picture retakes are Tues., Nov. 13th. If you're not satisfied with your child's school picture, pick up a new order form from the main office and send it with your child on Nov. 13th.

Niskayuna schools are #1! In case you haven't checked the [Niskayuna Central School District](#) website recently, you might be interested to hear that Niskayuna recently ranked #1 out of 84 Albany area schools for student performance.

Correction...Sorry, there was an error in the "At a Glance" section last week...Friday, Nov. 2nd is NOT an early dismissal day.

Also, the next discussion about [reconfiguring district schools](#) has been rescheduled to the Board of Education meeting on Nov. 13th, 7pm at Van Antwerp.

November at a glance

Tues., Nov. 6th -- 10:45am dismissal (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Wed., Nov. 7th -- PTO meeting, 6:30pm at Birchwood ([Info](#))

Thurs., Nov. 8th -- 10:45am dismissal (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Mon., Nov. 12th -- NO SCHOOL (Veteran's Day)

Tues., Nov. 13th -- School picture re-takes

Tues., Nov. 13th -- Middle School Visioning meeting, Van Antwerp, 7:00pm ([Info](#) | [Map](#))

Thurs., Nov. 15th -- 10:45am dismissal (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Wed., Thurs., Fri., Nov. 21st - 23rd -- NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)

Tues., Nov. 27th -- Media Center poster contest party 12:45

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



[November Lunch Menu](#)



MONSTER

We hope everyone had a scary good time at the Monster Mash! Please take a moment to tell us what you thought: Six quick questions!

[Monster Mash Feedback](#)

If you didn't attend and



MASH

A huge **thank you to Paulette Doudoukjian and Tara McKenna** for co-chairing the 2012 Monster Mash committee.

Also thanks to coordinators Dede Hildreth (spooky room), Amy Jasiewicz (potluck), Kristen Schiavi (pumpkin decorating).



2012

Thank you to these sponsors for their generous donations:

- Roy & Anne Burger Family
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would like to tell us why,
 you can use the survey
 text box for that too.
 Thank you!



Congrats to Jacob's dad
 Mr. Nuqui--a.k.a. Mr.
 Lightning--on winning the
 costume contest!



Yikes!



Great volunteers

Thanks to Mrs. Berndt,
 Mrs. Azer, Al & Sarah of
 the Birchwood staff.

Carnival games were
 organized by the
 McKenna & O'Brien
 Families, Schiavi Family,
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 & Stephanie Vernooy,
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 Family & Brownie Troop
 2043, Laura Mirkovic, and
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 & the Girl Scouts.

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- * Colleen Pigliavento * Gina
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- Connie Rumsey * Katrine Rush *
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- * Debbie Toy * Sonya Ward

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Carnival fun

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