

3rd graders meet author, how to earn \$60 at school, food pick-up TONIGHT, a Buddy reminder, voting update and more!

# BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

## Weekly bulletin -- November 15th, 2012



**A Buddy reminder...** The cold weather is here! Students go outside for recess every day unless it's raining or exceptionally cold. Please make sure they are dressed for outdoor play--warm coats, mittens, hats, snow pants, and boots.

**Help Birchwood win \$50K to restore our overgrown nature trail and once-loved forest classroom--**vote for Birchwood's Nature Park proposal today and every day until Dec. 19th! Vote online and by text, once every 24 hours. Bookmark our nomination page and keep your login info handy. Here's an [EASY PRINT REMINDER](#) (for your desk, wallet, friends, spouse).

**Text 1780pbf to 95248**

**Vote online:** [Nomination page](#) (click the  button)

More info: [PTO Grants](#)

Thanks for your support and patience while Clorox worked out the kinks on their website.

**Did you know your child can earn \$60/year with [school banking](#)? Get started tomorrow morning (Fri) 7:45-8:00am!** Stop by the cafeteria with your child to meet a CAP COM rep and open an account. Kids can make their own deposits at school any banking Friday (see [calendar](#) or watch the bulletin), AND the bank will add \$10 to their account for every good report card and reading program they turn in! This is an exciting way for kids to learn about MONEY while earning and saving it!

[Youth application](#) (submit at Birchwood on 11/16 or anytime at a [branch location](#))

[CAP COM School Banking](#)

[PTO Programs](#) for details & dates

Questions? [Francesca Hill](#)



**The Children's Holiday Shoppe will be held at Birchwood on Fri., Dec. 7th, 5:30pm.**

Your child will get excited about *giving*--rather than getting--as they shop for the perfect gift for you and other family members. The **Media Center book fair** will also be set up that night, and classrooms will be open so your child can give you a tour after shopping. That's 3 great reasons to spend the evening at Birchwood on Dec. 7th!

**The Media Center needs volunteers for the book fair (Dec. 4th - Dec. 7th).** Come

help your children and their classmates pick out the perfect book (Thurs & Fri)...or just hang out with grown-ups during set up (Mon.12/3, 12-2pm) or take down (Mon. 12/10, 8:10-9:30am). It'll be like working in a cool independent bookstore for a day! Questions? Contact [Mrs. Disque](#) (librarian) at 344-2910, X10709, or [Jill Canestrari](#) (parent volunteer).

[Volunteer to help](#)

or print and return this form: [Sign up and flier](#)

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**Fall fundraiser (frozen foods) pickup is TONIGHT, 4:00-7:00pm** at Birchwood. If you placed an order, please come pick it up! If you need to make alternate arrangements, contact Rick Mizenko: [Lynn.Mizenko@gmail.com](mailto:Lynn.Mizenko@gmail.com) or 783-1806. Thanks to Rick for organizing this fundraiser!

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**2012-2013 Birchwood yearbook** will capture your child's school memories in vibrant color. Pre-order now at \$18 each. Click [HERE](#) to order (enter Yearbook ID# 10694313) or complete the order form sent home with your child (checks to Birchwood PTO).

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**Box Tops sheets** are due right after Thanksgiving--Mon., 11/27 for the Nov. drawing for prizes! ([PRINT](#) | [More info](#))

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**No school next week Wed., Thurs., and Fri.**, and no weekly bulletin (we'll miss each other, won't we?). Have a good Thanksgiving break!

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November at a glance

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

TONIGHT, Thurs., Nov. 15th -- Fall fundraiser food pickup 4-7pm at Birchwood

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

Mon., Nov. 26th -- Box Tops sheets due for 11/27 drawing ([PRINT](#) | [More info](#))

Tues., Nov. 27th -- Media Center poster contest party 12:45 ([2012 posters](#))

Tues., Nov. 27th -- Board of Education meeting re: school configuration, Van Antwerp

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



[November Lunch Menu](#)



**Birchwood generosity...**

Late-breaking news! As of yesterday, we collected **384 cans** of tuna and pasta sauce for Food for the Hungry, exceeding our goal of 300! Thank you, and kudos to the 5th graders for their daily tallies.

Starting Nov. 26th, Birchwood will be collecting **new, unwrapped gifts for kids to donate to Toys for Tots**. Thank you in advance for caring about our community during the holidays.



**Local author James Preller (Jigsaw Jones)** talked to 3rd & 4th graders Tuesday about writing mysteries. Preller will be back in May to talk to the whole school as our visiting author.



Thank you to over 100 students and families for creating posters for the **reading poster contest!** Ninety marvelous creations are displayed in the the halls and library--stop in or [check them out online](#). The Media Center hosts a party for participants on Tues., Nov. 27th. Question or want to help? Contact [Mrs. Disque](#).

Feedback? [Click here](#).

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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