

Explore nature at Birchwood TOMORROW; Children's Holiday Shoppe, fall book fair, December Box Tops sheet, and more!

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly bulletin -- December 6th, 2012

Explore nature at Birchwood TOMORROW (Fri., Dec. 7th), 4:00-5:30pm. Check out these activities and exhibits:

- * Guided tours of Birchwood's nature trail (4:00-4:30 only; wear boots and coats)
- * CMOST educator and animal specialist with animal artifacts
- * Cornell Cooperative Extension gardening exhibit
- * Whispering Willow Wild Care with live birds of prey
- * Reptile Adventures with snakes, lizards, and a tortoise
- * Make Your Own Solar Greenhouse (while supplies last)
- * Learn about Birchwood's original Nature Park (established 1958!) and how we are trying to restore it

[Event flier](#)

The event is FREE and cocoa and cookies will be provided by Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops. We're inviting the local media to raise awareness for our [grant proposal](#) with Clorox to fund our nature park. 14 voting days left!

Text 1780pbf to 95248

Vote online: [Nomination page](#)

Please vote every 24 hours!



The forest classroom as it looks now

Got a video camera? Please contact Sonya Ward (mward22@nycap.rr.com) if you are able to do some filming at the event.

Also tomorrow night...Children's Holiday Shoppe--5:30-8:00pm. Kids can shop for gifts for you and other family members at prices affordable on an "allowance" budget. If you can help for an hour, please contact Amy Jasciewicz: amytjaz@nycap.rr.com.

And there's more! Friday night is also the last night of the Media Center Book Fair. Open 5:30-8:00pm. Your children have been shopping at school--now you can take a look yourself. (Hint: make a note of what's left over on their wish lists!) Books for kids and

grown-ups available, plus some cute stocking stuffers.

Preview books and shop online [HERE](#).

Thirty-three Birchwood families have registered their Price Chopper AdvantEdge cards, and are earning "Tools for Schools" points every time they shop. Thank you! Birchwood can redeem these points for much-needed equipment.

Register your Price Chopper card [HERE](#) with school code **16029**
Or visit Guest Services inside Price Chopper

The Toys for Tots collection box is located in the main office if you'd like to donate a new, unwrapped toy. Thanks!

The next Board of Education meeting to discuss reconfiguring Niskayuna schools will be held Mon., Dec. 10th, 6:30pm at Van Antwerp Middle School ([Map](#)).

[More Info](#)

[Middle School Visioning](#) (District webpage)

Reminder...**Mrs. Berndt's "Math Strategies" talk** for parents is next Wed., Dec. 12th at 6:00pm. [More Info](#)

December at a glance

Dec. 4th-7th -- Media Center Fall Book Fair ([Info](#) | [Volunteer](#))

Dec. 7th -- Birchwood's Nature Rally, Holiday Shoppe, & Open House,
4-8pm

Dec. 10th -- Board of Education meeting, 6:30pm Van Antwerp ([Map](#))

Dec. 12th -- Math Strategies talk for parents, 6-7pm @
Birchwood

Dec. 19th -- Last day to vote for Birchwood's nature park
proposal ([Info](#) | [Vote](#))

Mon., Dec. 21st - Tues., Jan 1st -- Winter Break

Wed., Jan. 2nd -- Classes resume

Thurs., Jan 3rd -- PTO meeting, 6:30pm (no Dec. meeting)



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



[December Lunch Menu](#)



"Hooray for Snow Days" Box Tops collection sheet

[PRINT](#)

Collect Box Tops logos on [participating products](#) at your favorite grocery store, and paste them to this sheet. Fill as many sheets as you can and turn them into the main office by Dec. 19th. Last month's winners got Regal Cinema gift cards and Birchwood shirts! Print Box Tops and Labels for Education sheets anytime: [PTO Fundraisers](#).



**Friday, Dec. 7th
4:00-8:00pm**

Join us tomorrow night!

Nature Exploration Event & Nature Park Rally ([INFO](#))

Children's Holiday Shoppe

Media Center Book Fair ([INFO](#))

Birchwood Open House



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