

Write a letter for school funding; Fun Fair blast off, Staff Luncheon sign up; school calendar and March lunch menu.

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly bulletin -- February 28th, 2013

Take a few minutes this week to write a letter to Senator Farley and Assemblyman Steck advocating for school funding. Keep it brief, respectful, personal, and specific. For tips and talking points, see the our Feb. 25th email or click the links on Feb. 11th event here:

[Budget schedule and links](#)

March 7th is the next Community Budget Forum about Niskayuna's budget cuts--7pm, Van Antwerp ([MAP](#)).

Thanks for participating in the spring fundraiser-- you raised over \$1200! Congratulations on a great sale, Birchwood students and families.



The Fun Fair is about to blast off! **Fri., March 8th, 6:00-8:00pm**

What you can do (BESIDES watch a magic show, get your face painted, eat hot dogs and pizza, grab a balloon-animal, play games in the gym)...win some awesome raffle prizes OR cash!

[Staff Raffle Prizes](#)

- * Raffle tickets on sale at school next Th/Fri and at the Fun Fair (\$5 for 10 tickets)
- * Prizes on display at school next week
- * Need not be present to win

PLUS for parents, there will be a 50/50 raffle--winner takes half the total cash raised, PTO gets the other half. What will you do if you win the money?? Well, yearbooks can be ordered (\$18) or you can donate \$1 to "Paws for Parks," a student-organized effort to raise money for the [Birchwood School Nature Park](#).



Staff Appreciation Luncheon **Wed., March 13th**

Show your child's teacher and the Birchwood staff how much their hard work is appreciated. Please return the colorful shapes with your child's note by tomorrow (Fri, 3/1). Also, let us know what you can bring:

[Staff Lunch Sign Up](#)

Or return the paper sign-up sheet sent home in backpacks Mon. Bring items to Birchwood by 10:00am on the 13th (early dismissal day).

Questions?
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**2013-2014 PTO
Positions**

Lastly, guess what?! We need Fun Fair volunteers!

[Fun Fair Ideas & Volunteer Form](#)

[Fun Fair Flier](#)

More info at [PTO Events](#)

Questions? [Paulette](#) or [Tara](#)

PTO meeting next Wed., March 6th, 6:30pm at Birchwood. All parents welcome. Agenda will be posted [HERE](#) prior to the meeting.

Tomorrow--School banking (7:45-8:30am) and popcorn Friday (50 cents at snack time).

Save the artwork your child brought home in their portfolio! We've got some great products to feature their masterpieces. [Read more.](#)

March at a glance

- Wed., March 6th, 6:30pm--PTO meeting @ Birchwood
 - Thurs., March 7th--10:45am dismissal (conferences*)**
 - Thurs., March 7th, 7pm--Budget Forum #3 ([INFO](#) | [MAP](#))
 - Fri., March 8th, 6-8pm--Fun Fair ([INFO](#) | [VOLUNTEER](#))
 - Tues., March 12th--1,000 Book Kid Program Kick-Off
 - Wed., March 13th--10:45am dismissal (conferences*)**
 - Wed., March 13th--Staff Luncheon ([INFO](#) | [SIGN UP](#))
 - Wed., March 13th, 7pm--Choral concert @ Proctors
 - Thurs., March 21st--10:45am dismissal**
 - Fri., March 22nd--NO SCHOOL (staff development)**
 - Fri., March 29th--NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)**
- * Only those requested by parent or teacher.*
- See all events on the [school calendar](#) or [print the March calendar](#).



[March Lunch Menu](#)

There are still volunteer positions open for next year. We'd love to fill these slots by the end of the month to help with next year's planning. A *tentative* "yes" is fine! Scroll the list and see what you can help with:

[View open positions and sign up online](#)

All are welcome! YOU are Birchwood's community.

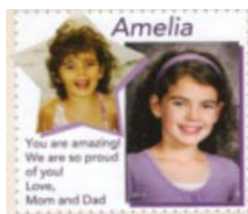
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New Box Tops collection sheets!

[PRINT](#)

Cut 'em out; paste them on; turn it in. New winners will be picked Thurs., 3/28.



Yearbook family ads

17 spaces left!

Show off that picture of Susy scoring a winning goal or Jack performing at Proctors--and tell your child how proud you are! You can customize your own little corner of the yearbook with a \$15 family ad. Order form and more info [HERE](#). One week left to order!

Questions? [Amy Jasciewicz](#)



Choral Fest 2013 Proctors Theater Wed., March 13th 7:00pm

Chorus singers from ALL the Niskayuna district schools including Birchwood will perform in the historic elegance of Proctors Theater. Guest conductor Professor Jeffrey D. Francom. [MORE INFO](#). If you can volunteer, contact [Denise Murphy McGraw](#).



CATS opens TONIGHT

The Broadway smash musical performed by Niskayuna High students runs through the weekend. Box office is still open tomorrow!

[Read more](#)

Feedback? [Click here](#)

Add/update an email address? [Click here](#)

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