

Early dismissal today, last day to order yearbooks 4/1, MOO-sical photo, Chipotle fundraiser, staff luncheon thank yous, and more!

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly bulletin -- March 21st, 2013



Spring...it will come.

(and hopefully a full week of school, too...)

TODAY, Thurs., March 21st, is early dismissal (10:45am).

TOMORROW, Friday, no school due to staff development meetings.

More than 15 Birchwood parents attended and spoke at the **Board of Education meeting Tues. night**, urging the Board not to close an elementary building next year if a school closure must occur. Read up on proposed cuts on the district's [budget webpage](#), and voice your opinion:

[Email the Board of Education](mailto:boardofeducation@niskyschools.org) (boardofeducation@niskyschools.org)

Please keep your message respectful. The Board is working very hard and needs your input now.

Eat at Chipotle this Sunday afternoon (12-4pm)! Bring this flier and Birchwood will get 50%. Give the flier to all your friends! Stand at the door Sunday and hand 'em out! [Chipotle](#) is at 441 Balltown Rd., across from Mohawk Commons in the new Mansion Square, next to Sleepy's.

[Chipotle Fundraiser Flier](#)

(Hard copies coming home in backpacks.)

Sunday, March 24th, 12:00-4:00pm



All these memories and more....

Classroom parties, 4th grade reading buddies, music concerts, ASEP classes, Halloween parade, States Fair, Nature Rally, Monster Mash, student photography, and a wonderful tribute to our 5th graders...

10 days left to order your yearbook!

[2012-2013 Yearbook Order Form](#) (enter ID# 10694313)

(Not sure if you've ordered? Check [HERE](#).)

Cost is \$18, or \$23 if you'd like your child's name and photo on the cover ([view example](#)). [MORE INFO](#). Questions? [Michelle Rosowsky](#)

Remember you can get **email notifications about school closings** and events by [subscribing to Buzzables](#). You can also read or post items on the [Neighbor-to-Neighbor](#) board. John Whitney, who created the Buzzable system for the PTO, is raising funds to improve the system. Click [HERE](#) to read more or donate.

Voters approved the school district's bus garage property purchase. "We are grateful for the community's support of this proposal, and thank everyone who took the time to vote," said Superintendent Susan Kay Salvaggio. "This purchase will provide immediate financial benefit to the district, and will help us with our long-term goals of containing costs and developing non-tax revenue sources..."

One more day of ASEP classes for Kickball and Magic Tree House--next Thurs., March 28th. Mr. West's Baseball and Run4Fun classes began this week and run until May 1st.



The Barnyard Moosical was a hoot! Thanks, 2nd graders!

Print the [Top O' The Boxtops](#) sheet for March... Turn in all Box Tops and Labels sheets by Tues., March 26th, for the next drawing (3/28)--prizes from TCBY!! For more info on Birchwood's Shoppers' Rewards Programs, see the [PTO Fundraising](#) webpage.

Gertrude Hawk orders were delivered to doorsteps on Mon. If you did not receive yours, please email [Amy Jasiewicz](#). For problems with orders, contact Gertrude Hawk at 800-822-2032, and please keep Amy informed as well. We greatly appreciate your participation...enjoy those sweets!



iPhone covers with your child's artwork on them...Cool, huh? Add artwork, photos, or even Buddy the Beagle to all kinds of products with our [artwork fundraiser](#). These make great gifts! Order forms will go home next week. Start saving your child's masterpieces!

Next Thursday (3/28), students will enjoy a school assembly featuring Dennis Kobray of "Meet the Musicians" who will portray Beethoven.

On April 4th (during the school break), the Niskayuna Police Dept. will conduct a drill at Birchwood as part of their professional development. The school building and playground will not be accessible that day.

Teachers and parents can encourage students to participate in Be Kind To Animals Week (May 5-11) by submitting artwork to the SPCA by 4/15. [Read more.](#)

March at a glance

TODAY, Thurs., March 21st--10:45am dismissal

Tomorrow, Fri., March 22nd--NO SCHOOL (staff development)

Sun., March 24th, 12-4pm--Chipotle Mexican Grill fundraiser ([INFO](#))

Tues., March 26th--Turn in Box Tops & Label sheets for prize drawing ([INFO](#))

Thurs., March 28th--"Meet the Musicians" school assembly

Mon., April 1st--Last day to order school yearbook ([INFO](#))

Fri., March 29th - Sun., April 7th--Spring recess

Mon., April 8th--Classes resume

See all events on the [school calendar](#).



[March Lunch Menu](#)



Thanks to the generosity of 60 (!!) Birchwood families, the Staff Appreciation Lunch was a big success. On behalf of the staff, Mrs. Azer says: "We look forward to the luncheon every year--we get to eat delicious food, visit with our colleagues, and listen to wonderful music. Thank you for taking the time to organize our luncheon, prepare the food, and make the darling



Thank you to the families who cooked, donated, and served:
(sincere apologies if we missed anyone)

- Apkarian
- Appert
- Asmara
- Biaglow
- Bonilla
- Bowman
- Bulumalla
- Burger
- Canestrari
- Chen



Thanks, continued...

- Kos
- L. Smith
- Leto
- Lewis
- Lorini
- Marzitelli
- McClive-Reed
- Mendrysa
- Mizenko
- Mok
- Negri-Piazzi
- O'Brien
- Ono-Tu
- Paderon

decorations. It was truly a special day!"

Special thanks to Mrs. Brown and the Fiddle Club, and to the three parent volunteers who organized the entire event: **Lori Lembo, Amy Jasiewicz, and Deb Foley.**

NOTE: There are still serving platters and utensils waiting for pick up in Birchwood's front hall.

Cowley-Cooper
Decker
DiCerbo
Doudoukjian
Ethier
Faga
Farina
Foley
Fusco
Gandham
Gnatek
Grice
Harriman
Huang
Jacques
Kerr

Patel
Polsinelli
Portfora
R. Li
Rogowski
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Ruggiero
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Schiavi
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