

Fun Fair tomorrow! 1st graders on the radio! Plus seed-planting, flower delivery, artwork fundraiser, and more.

# BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

## Weekly bulletin -- April 18th, 2013

### Fun Fair tomorrow! 6:00-8:00pm at Birchwood

Admission is free, and includes a magic show focused on positive character traits with Jim Snack. Tickets will be sold for food, beverages, games, and raffles, at 50¢ each (10 tickets for \$5). Raffle tickets will be on sale today and tomorrow (Fri.) at lunch--kids can participate even if they can't come to the Fun Fair (don't need to be present to win prizes). We could use a few more parent volunteers! Can you monitor the dessert or beverage table for one hour? Please email Paulette ([pkdoudoukjian@gmail.com](mailto:pkdoudoukjian@gmail.com)) today--thanks! See you tomorrow night!



#### FOOD!



Pizza from several local pizzerias (2 tix per slice)  
Hot Dogs (2 tix)  
Chips (1 ticket)  
Cookies (1 ticket)  
Brownies (1 ticket)  
Popcorn (1 ticket)  
Bottled water (1 ticket)  
Soda (1 ticket)

No need to make dinner! (except perhaps a veggie or two...)

#### RAFFLES

Tickets 10 for \$5

##### [Staff Raffle Prizes](#)

Your child can choose which prizes to put tickets in for (and how many!). Winners will be announced at 7:30pm--you won't believe the excitement! Thanks to the staff for donating these items, and to parent volunteer Kristen Schiavi and school nurse Mrs. Henniger for coordinating.

##### 50/50 Raffle

Parents, you get a raffle too but instead of winning Legos, you get CASH! Sound good? Winner takes

#### GAMES

Birchwood's very own awesome 5th graders will be running games and activities in the gym from 6-7pm. Plus there will be balloon art and face painting! All activities 1 ticket.

Birchwood students will also be raising money for the Birchwood School Nature Park by selling "Paws for the Park" for \$1. ([Read more.](#)) Show your support and hang a paw in the cafeteria!



Note: The Fun Fair is one of Birchwood's very family-fun events. Older siblings are welcome to attend, but parents are responsible for supervising their children during the event. Please help us keep the environment comfortable for even our youngest Beagles!



Questions about the Fun Fair, or want to volunteer?  
[Paulette Doudoukjian](#)  
or  
[Tara McKenna](#)

half the money  
raised (the rest is  
donated to the  
PTO).

**Dutch Mill flower orders** (February's fundraiser) will be available for pick up at the Fun Fair! Please stop by the flower table in the cafeteria. If you can't make it to the Fun Fair, contact Amy Jasiewicz ([amytjaz@nycap.rr.com](mailto:amytjaz@nycap.rr.com)) to make other arrangements.



**Check out samples of the artwork fundraiser** at the Fun Fair tomorrow night! And remember to turn in order forms, payment, and artwork to the Main Office by next Wed., April 24th. Digital files can be emailed to Kim McClive-Reed ([kmccclive@yahoo.com](mailto:kmccclive@yahoo.com)).

[Kid Art / Photo Fundraiser order form](#) (print p. 2)

[Guidelines for artwork and digital image submission](#)

**"Now THIS is a great school." -- Richie Phillips, WGNA 107.7, about BIRCHWOOD!**

Did you hear Ms. Castren's class singing their anti-bullying song on the radio on Tuesday? Listen to it here: [www.WGNA.com](http://www.WGNA.com) (search "Birchwood"). Photos and lyrics posted too! And that's not the end of it--for the next week, Mr. Parisi's students will be featured saying the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00am daily. Tune in to 107.7 to hear them.

**Good job to our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders**, who are completing their English Language Arts testing today, and continuing on with Math testing next week (April 24, 25, 26). Keep up the hard work, students!



**More than 50 Birchwood kids got their hands dirty** at the Seed Planting & Earth Day Art Event after school on Tuesday. Students will nurture their seedlings at home to plant at Birchwood next month. They also decorated grocery bags for Niskayuna Co-Op's Earth Day Art Contest. Thanks to parent coordinators Kim McClive-Reed and Deb Foley, and to gardening mentors Katie Cowley-Cooper, Lori Lembo, Heather Kos, Colleen Abercrombie-Castle, Sonya Ward, Sally Bratten, and Dede Hildreth. If your child attended, please take a moment to give us your feedback:

[Seed Planting Event Survey](#)

You'll be hearing about more fun events like this from the new Nature Park Committee! ([Read more.](#))



**Tomorrow (Fri.) is the last day to order James Prellar books** in advance of his visit on April 30th! Order forms went home in backpacks. Questions? [Beth Disque](#)

**Thanks for shopping and earning money for Birchwood!** The shoppers' reward programs have been more rewarding than ever this year...48 Birchwood families have used their [Target RED cards](#) to earn \$648 for the school so





far this year (and they're saving 5% on their purchases, too). 44 families have registered their [Price Chopper AdvantEDGE](#) card, accumulating over 27,000 points that Birchwood can cash in for much-needed equipment. [Labels \(and eLabels\) for Education](#) and [Box Tops for Education](#) are also fabulous fundraisers to Birchwood--thank you to all the students who faithfully collect!

[April Showers Box Tops collection sheet](#)

More info here: [PTO Fundraisers](#)

(By the way, we're looking for a co-chair to help Dede Hildreth coordinate the shoppers' reward programs next year...If you love to shop or just love getting free money for our school, please [sign up!](#))

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#### **April at a glance:**

TOMORROW, Fri., April 19th, 6-8pm -- Birchwood Fun Fair ([INFO](#))

Mon., April 22nd -- After-School Book Club meeting ([INFO](#))

Tues., April 23rd, 7pm -- Board of Education meeting ([INFO](#))

Wed., April 24th -- Last day to order for Kids' Art/Photo fundraiser ([INFO](#))

April 24, 25, & 26th -- NY State Assessments in Math for 3rd-5th grade

Tues., April 30th -- Visiting author James Preller

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[April Lunch Menu](#)

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