

Poetry reading TONIGHT, cute chick photos, Relay for Life, Nature Club event, and all the sign-up sheets you need at a click!

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly bulletin -- May 16th

See you *tonight* at Birchwood's
Poetry Open Mic Night--6pm!



The Slapstick Science school assembly was a hit. Dr. Quinton Quark taught students about simple machines (check out this strong 4th grader giving Mr. West a lift!). Thanks to Cheryl Gerstler for organizing all the school assemblies this year through the PTO's Arts in Education program. (Note: Cheryl would like a co-chair for Arts in Ed next year! See the [PTO Volunteer Sign Up.](#))

Seeking a few parents to help with the "Buy-One-Get-One-Free" Book Fair on June 5-7th. Students get to pick out great reads for the summer, and you get to pretend you work in a book store for a day or two! Return the [flier](#) sent home last week, or sign up online:

[Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up](#)

The Nature Club announces a stream and garden event after school on Tues., May 21st! Kids can bring their seedlings for planting and explore Birchwood's stream with biology professor and Birchwood parent Stephanie Vernooy. [Register online](#) or complete the flier sent home by Mon., May 20th:

[Nature Club Stream & Garden Event](#)

Popcorn Friday tomorrow! 50 cents.

May at a glance:

TONIGHT, May 16th, 6pm -- Birchwood Poetry Night
Sat., May 18th -- Niska-Day (parade at 10am) ([INFO](#))
Tues., May 21st, 2:15 -- Nature Club ([INFO](#))
Tues., May 21st, 7am-9pm -- Budget Vote ([INFO](#))



Join the "Birchwood PALS" Relay for Life Team and help fight cancer!

The night-long walking event takes place at the Niskayuna High track, with opening ceremonies at 7:00pm on Fri., June 14th. Come participate in this community event to honor cancer survivors and raise funds for cancer research. You can just come for an hour or two! The Birchwood PALS have raised \$400 so far--halfway to their goal of \$800! To donate or participate, visit the team website:

[Relay for Life--Birchwood PALS](#)

[Birchwood PALS flier](#)

Questions? [Deb Foley](#)

Fri., May 24th -- 5th Grade Friendship Games

Mon., May 27th -- NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)

Thurs., May 30th -- After-School Book Club ([INFO](#))

[May Lunch Menu](#)



Mark your calendars for the **Ice Cream Social** on Fri., June 7th!

If you can help set up or serve, please return the form or sign up online:

[Ice Cream Social Volunteer Sign Up](#)



**School Budget Vote
May 21st, 7am-9pm
Niskayuna High School**

"...We worked to contain costs and balance the tax levy increase with reductions, always keeping in mind the community's desire to maintain the quality of our schools."

--Superintendent Salvaggio. Remember,



Niska-Day is this weekend!

Sat., May 18th

Parade at 10am!

Please return [permission slips](#) tomorrow (Fri.).

Questions? [Kim McClive-Reed](#)

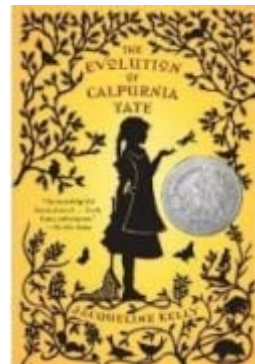


Welcome to the newest members of the Birchwood family!

1st grade chicks are hatching.



4th grade strings players



After-School Book Club meets Thurs., May 30th.

This month's book is "The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate."

[Permission slip](#)

Questions? [Pam Ober](#)



NEWBIES WELCOME!

Never volunteered for a PTO program before? Think you're not "the type"? Any and all parents are welcome to help with PTO programs. Consider stepping up to a leadership position next year--no experience necessary. Share a position with your

all U.S. citizen
Niskayuna residents can
vote (even those who
rent their home). Bring a
neighbor!

[READ MORE](#)

Pre-order a meal from
LT's Grill TODAY with
[VOTE, Grab, & Go.](#)

(More info on our [PTO
website.](#))

performed for the school on
Wednesday.



PEEP! Have a good week!

spouse or friend! If
you'd consider a
position but aren't sure,
[email the PTO](#) (no
commitment). Pick your
thing!

[2013-14 PTO Volunteer
Sign Up](#)

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