

Photos of Niska-Day and Nature Club, school budget voted down, call for school directory submissions, and more...

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly bulletin -- May 23rd



Birchwood students marched in the Niska-Day parade on Saturday.

As you've probably read, the proposed school budget was defeated at the polls on Tuesday. Board members are analyzing feedback from the exit survey and will be preparing a new budget with additional cuts (including likely a school closure) for re-vote on June 18th. We know you're budget-weary (we all are!), but it's important to continue communicating with the school board about your concerns. THANK YOU for voting, and for your engagement in this process. [Read more.](#)

[Email the Board of Education](#)

Tomorrow (Fri., May 24th) is the Friendship Games for 5th graders at River Road Park. Have fun, 5th graders! (Rain date is Fri., May 31st.)

NO SCHOOL Monday (May 27th) -- Memorial Day. Enjoy the long weekend!

The 2013-14 Birchwood Directory is in the works! The school directory contains contact information for Birchwood families, as well as class lists, important school dates, and more. Plus it features student art work! Here's what you can do now:

1. **Update your contact information** -- review the current directory, and if you need to make changes, please click or print:

[Birchwood Directory - update contact info](#) - OR -
[PRINT](#) and return to the Main Office

2. **Submit student artwork** (pencil, colored pencil, or markers) depicting their favorite Birchwood memory to be included in the directory:

SCAN and EMAIL submissions to Shereen Tate (fivetates@nycap.rr.com) - OR -
[PRINT](#) and return to the Main Office

School banking tomorrow (Fri.), 7:45-8:30am.

Kindergarten and 3rd grade families are asked to provide baked goods for the Ice Cream Social on June 7th. Home-made, store-bought, healthy, indulgent...whatever you like! Please bring items to school on Friday or just before the event. Thank you!

The Ice Cream Social on Friday, June 7th, 6-8pm features a bounce house, giant slide, "Buy-One-Get-One-Free" book fair, baked goods, face painting, and lots of outside fun. We hope you'll join us for this FREE summer-welcoming event!

[Flier](#) | [Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Questions? [Pam Ober](#) or [JoMarie Ethier](#)

Speaking of summer, don't forget to apply sunscreen and check your child for ticks regularly ('tis the season!).



Niskayuna's school librarians want your feedback! Parents and staff are asked to complete this short survey to help inform their decisions about library instruction and programming at our schools:

[Niskayuna Schools Library Survey](#)

And speaking of the library...The **"Buy-One-Get-One-Free" Book Fair is coming up June 5th-7th!** Students will get great deals on summer reads. If you can help for an hour or two, please let us know: [Book Fair Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

The After-School Book Club meets next Thursday (5/30). If your child would like to participate, return the [permission slip](#) by Tuesday, and have them start reading "The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate" by Jacqueline Kelly! Pick up is at 3:15 in the Media Center. Questions? [Pam Ober](#).

Birchwood's Field Day is Thursday, June 13th...Mark your calendars!

May at a glance:

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

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

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

Wed., June 5th, 6:30pm -- PTO meeting at Birchwood

Thurs., June 6th -- 10:45am dismissal (professional development)

June 5th-7th -- "Buy-One-Get-One-Free" Book Fair ([VOLUNTEER](#))

Fri., June 7th -- Ice Cream Social ([INFO](#) | [VOLUNTEER](#))

Tues., June 11th, 8am -- Volunteer reception

Tues., June 18th -- School budget re-vote

Fri., June 21st -- Last day of school, 10:45am dismissal

[May Lunch Menu](#)



The "Birchwood PALS" take to the track on June 14th to raise money for cancer research.

There is still time to join them!

Walk with Birchwood and other teams at the Niskayuna High School track beginning at 7pm on Fri., June 14th. Or contribute to the team's fundraising effort!

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

Questions? [Deb Foley](#)



Another packed Nature Club event! Over 50 kids stayed after school Tuesday to plant, wade, paint, and learn about nature! Thank you to our fabulous parent mentors for pulling off this popular event! We'd like your feedback about the event--please click

[HERE](#) for a short survey. Questions? [Kim McClive-Reed](#)



Feedback? [Click here](#)

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

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To submit information for the weekly bulletin, please email [Birchwood@niskyPTO.org](mailto: Birchwood@niskyPTO.org) by Sunday night of the week you want it to appear.

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