

Be next year's bulletin writer! Revised budget proposal adopted; Ice Cream Social and Book Fair just around the corner, and more.

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly bulletin -- May 30th

Want to be the Bulletin Editor next year?? This awesome and important PTO position has just opened up and here's why you should consider it:

- You'll be the first to know what's going on at Birchwood
- You'll never misplace a sign-up sheet or link again
- You get to ask Brian Meservey for cute Buddy images
- You work independently, but with the support of the great PTO communications and executive committees
- You're the voice of Birchwood!

No experience necessary--training is available. You can keep the same format or suggest something different! Take it on with a spouse or friend and it's half the work. Your current editor has loved this job and you will too! Email [Michelle Rosowsky](#) if you're interested, or jump right in and [SIGN UP!](#)

The 5th grade Friendship Games were postponed last week, and will be held tomorrow (Fri). Have fun 5th graders!

After-School Book Club meets TODAY (Thurs.). Mrs. Ober and the students will be discussing "The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate." Pick up is at 3:15 in the Media Center. Questions? [Pam Ober](#).

REVISED BUDGET ADOPTED. In two consecutive meetings (and under the threat of storms!), the Board of Education adopted a revised school budget last night, which includes \$630,000 in additional cuts and a tax level increase BELOW the legal cap. The revised budget does NOT include a school closure. Niskayuna voters will go to the polls again on June 18th to vote on the budget--**please plan to vote!!** Read the full story:

[Niskayuna Schools](#)
[Birchwood PTO homepage](#)

The Ice Cream Social is just around the corner! Bounce house, giant slide, "Buy-One-Get-One-Free" book fair, baked goods, face painting, and lots of outside fun...FREE Admission!

Friday, June 7th, 6-8pm

[Flier | Volunteer Sign Up](#)Questions? [Pam Ober](#) or [JoMarie Ethier](#)

Kindergarten and 3rd grade families are asked to provide baked goods -- home-made, store-bought, healthy, indulgent...just bring your items to school Friday or before the event in the evening. See you there!

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



The Book Fair is coming! "Buy-One-Get-One-Free" on June 5th-7th! Students will have time to preview books and bring home their wish lists. Shopping days are June 6th & 7th, including at the Ice Cream Social. If you can help for an hour or two, please let us know: [Book Fair Volunteer Sign-Up](#). Questions? [Fran Hill](#)

The last PTO meeting of the year will be Mon., June 10th, at 7pm. The 2013-14 PTO budget and the slate of new officers will be presented and voted on. Other topics will include the June 18 school budget vote and a brief review of plans for the nature park.

Relay for Life is Friday night, June 14th! You can still walk with the "Birchwood PALS" in this American Cancer Society event at the Niskayuna High School track. Or contribute to the team's fundraising effort!

[Relay for Life--Birchwood PALS](#)Questions? [Deb Foley](#)June at a glance:TODAY, Thurs., May 30th -- After-School Book Club ([INFO](#))**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](#))

Mon., June 10th, 7:00pm -- PTO meeting at Birchwood
 Tues., June 11th, 8:15am -- Volunteer reception
 Thurs., June 13th -- Birchwood Field Day (rain date: Fri., June 14th)
 Tues., June 18th -- School budget re-vote
Fri., June 21st -- Last day of school, 10:45am dismissal



[June Lunch Menu](#)



Library materials due Fri., June 7th!

Please help your child remember to return his/her books to the Media Center by June 7th. If a student needs materials for an assignment or class work, the due date can be extended as long as necessary. Summer book sign outs will take place during the last week of school! (Students will not be able to sign out summer books until all over-due books are returned.)

Thank you!



Niskayuna's school librarians would like 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](#)

Feedback? [Click here](#)

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

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