

Field day POSTPONED, yearbooks are here, vote on Tuesday, and a survey about this year--how'd it go?

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly bulletin -- June 13th

Let's rally the school budget vote one more time!

Polls open 7am - 9pm on Tues., June 18th @ Niskayuna High

The revised school budget is now below the tax cap, but still needs 50% approval to pass.

If it doesn't, a legally-mandated contingency budget will be implemented, ensuring drastic cuts to our schools.

Please write it on your schedule now...vote YES next Tues. and support our schools!

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Field Day and the 5th grade talent show have been postponed until Monday. One day our soggy spring will become a sunny summer...

YEARBOOKS are here and are being distributed! We hope you enjoy looking back on a great year at Birchwood! If you are missing an order (confirm orders [HERE](#)), contact [Millie Gnatek](#). You can also still buy a yearbook (while supplies last) by putting an envelope with \$20 and your child's name and class into the yearbook mailbox in the main office. All yearbooks came with an autograph insert--it has an adhesive strip which you can attach to the last page if your child needs more room for signatures. Comments, questions, or suggestions for next year? [Email the PTO](#).

Congratulations to Deb Foley, David Apkarian, Sonya Ward, Lynn Boler, Jenn Sargent, and Tracy Lasek—the PTO executive team for 2013-2014!

Please tell us what you think!

We've created a BRIEF SURVEY to find out what you thought of this year's PTO programs, events, fundraisers, and communication. We would love input from all corners of the Birchwood community, so **please, please, pretty-please, fill out the survey!** Just click a few check boxes, or write us a novel—whatever you have time for. Your feedback will be carefully considered as we plan for next year. Thank you.

[PTO SURVEY](#)

Volunteering next year...There are still a few key positions open for next year. Would you consider helping out?

1. Arts in Education Co-Chair—work with Cheryl Gerstler to select programs for school assemblies ([SIGN UP](#))
2. Media Center Poster Contest Volunteers--help implement this popular Birchwood tradition during "turn-in" week in October (email [Sonya Ward](#))

3. Summer Reading--help re-shelf over 2,000 returned books during the first week of school (email [Sonya Ward](#))

**Note: Next year Birchwood will no longer have a full-time librarian, so we'll need more parent volunteers for many Media Center programs.*

4. Homeroom parent sign-ups are underway...Click the [Volunteer SignUp](#) (scroll to bottom) or look for a flier in your child's backpack soon.

We hope you enjoyed the Ice Cream Social last weekend! Thanks to parent volunteers Pam Ober and JoMarie Ethier for organizing. And [thank you to the Birchwood families, staff, and business sponsors](#) that made this event possible!

Tomorrow night is Relay for Life at Niskayuna High, beginning at 7pm. Good luck Birchwood PALS! Questions? [Deb Foley](#)

June at a glance:

Mon., June 17th -- New date for Birchwood Field Day & 5th Grade Talent Show

Tues., June 18th -- School budget re-vote, 7am-9pm, Niskayuna High

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



[June Lunch Menu](#)



Hey school bankers – don't forget you can still earn \$10 for your final report card this year! Scan and email it to greatgrades@capcomfcu.org by July 10th, or bring it to a branch location. Great job saving money this year! [MORE INFO](#)



The school district is forming a "Facilities Utilization Advisory Committee" to investigate options for reconfiguring grade levels and school buildings. **TOMORROW is the deadline to submit a letter if you'd like to be on this committee.** (Members are required to attend all 5 meetings: 6/24, 8/28, 9/23, 10/9, 10/17, 5-9pm.)

[MORE INFO](#)



Birchwood students did a wonderful job of thanking parent volunteers on Tuesday!



The maple tree is planted!
(Thank you, Colleen Castle.)

Our awesome 5th graders have left their legacy with a maple tree to mark the school's nature trail entrance and a generous \$150 gift card to Home Depot for additional supplies. We hope you'll be back to visit the nature park often, 5th graders! Thank you!



Lunch accounts through [mySchoolBucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) will carry over 'til next year, even if your child is moving to a new school within our district. For more information about lunch accounts, visit the Niskayuna Schools [Food Services](#) webpage.



From the Health Office:
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