

This week's news from Birchwood Elementary!

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly bulletin -- September 20th, 2012

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We had a great turnout for the Back-to-School BBQ! Thanks to the staff, parent volunteers, and organizers Dawn Farrell and Pam Ober. Did you miss the chance to **name the Birchwood Beagle** at the BBQ? You can still put in your vote! Fill out a form and submit it in the paw-printed box in the front hall, or [email the PTO](#) (include name and grade--one entry per student).



Chairperson (or co-chairs) needed for the 2013 Preschool Story/Gym Hour.

This is a wonderful outreach program to preschoolers who will be entering Kindergarten at Birchwood next year. Meets Tuesday afternoons from 12:40-1:40pm, Jan. 22nd through March 26. Chairperson responsibilities include sending invitations, engaging speakers for the parents, and communicating with parents, Mrs. Disque, and Mr. West. This is a perfect position for the parent of a soon-to-be-Kindergartener. Spread the word! Please contact [Sonya Ward](#) if you can help.

Curriculum Night is TONIGHT at 6:30pm for 3rd - 5th grade, and next Thursday (9/27) for Kindergarten - 2nd grade.

[ASEP \(After School Enrichment Program\) schedule is out!](#) Origami, Crazy Cupcakes, Soccer, Magic....How will you decide? These popular after-school classes fill up fast. Return order form and payment by 9/21. Classes start the last week of Sept. Remember pick-up is at 3:15pm sharp. Contact person: [Pam Ober](#).

[Entertainment Book sales continue](#)...Don't forget to point out the BOGO ski passes to Jiminy Peak, and \$10 off coupons (for \$50 purchases) at Christmas Tree Shops, Dicks Sporting Goods, Famous Footwear, and others. Good luck, salespeople! Questions?

[Elizabeth Reffelt](#)

Staff Appreciation Breakfast is Monday, October 15th. [Volunteer to bring a dish or help serve.](#) Contact person: [Tiffanie Wood.](#)



Birchwood clothing is on sale!

Check out the [2012-2013 Spirit Wear order form](#) for awesome hooded sweatshirts, tie-dye t-shirts, fleece vests, draw-string backpacks, and more--all with the Birchwood logo and the cute new Birchwood Beagle. Great for Niska-day! Adult and children's sizes available. Print and return the order form to the main office with payment by Wed., Oct. 10th. (Orders should be in by the week of Nov. 5th.) *Thanks to Brian Meservey for contributing his comic creativity!*

School schedule

Wed., Sept. 26th -- NO SCHOOL (Yom Kippur)

Mon., Oct. 8th -- NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)

Fri., Oct. 5th -- Emergency Early Release Drill (1:55 dismissal)



Announcing the 20th Annual Family Poster Contest

Celebrating children's literacy

Students are invited to design and create a "poster" no smaller than a bookmark and no larger than a 22 x 28 sheet of poster board. They can work alone, with a friend, or with family members. The poster must have something to do with reading or a specific book or author, and must have a clearly readable theme or slogan. Get creative with your materials! Submit posters to the [Media Center](#) by October 29th. (Please wait until the 29th if you have a 3D poster to minimize storage.)

[September school lunch menu](#)

[Breakfast menu](#)

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