

This week's news from Birchwood Elementary!

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Weekly bulletin -- September 27th, 2012

Just when the excitement of a new school year is wearing off...the most **thrilling, scary,** and **craaaaazy** event of the year--**MONSTER MASH 2012!** Pumpkin decorating, spooky room, potluck dinner, and (parent!) costume contest.

Fri., Oct. 26th, 6:00-8:00pm at Birchwood - \$5 admission

[Print the flier](#)



Curriculum Night is TONIGHT at 6:30pm for Kindergarten - 2nd grade.

Popcorn Friday starts tomorrow (Sept. 28th)--50 cents for popcorn at snack time.

Entertainment Book orders due tomorrow (Fri, 9/28). Please send in your green and white order envelopes with payments enclosed. This is also the last day to return unpurchased books. Book orders (beyond the one already sent home) will be sent home with your child next week. Thanks to all our salespeople!

Bear with us...the school year is front-loaded with [fundraisers](#)--more below! We appreciate your support and participation.

[5th Grade Fiddle Club](#) **has started!** Meets every other Tuesday in the music room. Permission slips are on the bulletin board by the lesson room.

Do you know someone who is not listed in the directory and therefore not getting this bulletin? Would your spouse like a copy in their very own inbox? You can [add an email address to our list](#) any time.

Also, the district provides **two other important electronic notification systems** for school news. Both lists keep your email address private, allow you to filter for the news you want, and offering a text messaging option for emergencies. If you're not sure whether you've signed up, try again and the systems will let you know.



Niskayuna School News Notifier (SNN) is operated by the district (mail comes from niskayunasnn@niskayschools.org). Traditionally, this notification system has been used for school closings and delays, as well as district and Board of Ed news. It is evolving to include school-specific information. **Principal Berndt would like to start using this list to send important information from the main office.**

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Buzzable for Nisky Schools is an announce-only mailing list owned by the district PTO webmaster, with select approved authors at each school. Short reminders about Birchwood events and programs come from [Birchwood@NiskyPTO.org](mailto: Birchwood@NiskyPTO.org), and district-level notifications come from mleon@niskyschools.org. [More info](#) | [Sign up](#)

Redundant emails? You may get a few. But at least you won't be sending little Tommy out to the bus stop on a snow day because you grew up in Michigan and 13" is really "just a dusting."



Did somebody say *BUZZ?*

Note from Mrs. Henniger in the Health Office...Children who come to school sick have a hard time learning, and also spread illness to other children, teachers, and staff. Please keep your child home for the following:

- Fever 100° or higher in the past 24 hours
- Vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- Unexplained rash or eye inflammation with discharge
- Head lice, regardless of treatment
- Any condition that may be contagious (i.e. conjunctivitis or strep throat)
- Child is receiving medication for a communicable disease (strep throat, conjunctivitis, etc). Child must have been taking the antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Reminder -- if you have signed up for call-backs (we call you if your child does not arrive at school), **please remember to contact Mrs. Henniger if your child is staying home.** Phone: 344-2910 (X10704) or email: lhenniger@niskyschools.org.

October at a glance

Tues., Oct. 2nd -- 10:45am dismissal (Professional Development)

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

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

Wed., Oct. 10th – Last day to order Birchwood clothing ([Order form](#))

Mon., Oct. 15th – Staff Appreciation Breakfast ([Bring a dish](#))

Tues., Oct. 16th -- Board of Education community meeting, 6:30pm Van Antwerp

Fri, Oct. 26th – Monster Mash ([Info](#))

Mon., Oct. 29th -- 10:45am dismissal (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Wed., Oct. 31st – Halloween parade & Box Tops fundraiser prize drawing

See all events (and click to copy to your Google calendar) on the [school calendar](#).

[October Lunch Menu](#)



Box Tops and Labels for Education Fall Contest

This FUNdraiser is back, with bigger prizes and more opportunities to win! Look for the box top logo on select grocery store items--brands like Cheerios and Kleenex. Print these sheets and have students paste the box tops and UPC codes on them:

[Labels for Education 1-pt sheet](#)

[Box Tops are a-Maze-ing](#)

Turn sheets in at the main office (don't forget name & class). Each month, two students' names will be drawn for prizes! Next drawing: Oct. 31st. You can also earn points [online](#)! Questions?

[Dede Hildreth](#)

Print all the sheets you need any time, and get more info on the [PTO fundraisers](#) webpage.



PIE!

Now that we have your attention, check your child's backpack for brochures on the fall fundraiser--quality gifts, frozen pies, cookie dough, and snacks-- all delivered in time for Thanksgiving and the December holidays. Sale ends October 12th.



Birchwood Clothing

Place your orders by Oct. 10th. Women's t-shirts, drawstring backpacks, kids shirts, and more-- all with cool Birchwood designs.

[Order form.](#)

Feedback? [Click here.](#)

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

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