

Birchtree Charter

Friday Update, August 19, 2011

Our Thanks!

Dear Birchtree Parents:

It was such a pleasure seeing you this week as we welcomed your children to school. One of the most important things that makes Birchtree different is the presence and involvement of parents. Birchtree exists because of your vision and desire for this option for your children and our community. As we begin this second year, please know how thankful we are for your partnership and how honored we are to contribute to the growth and development of your children.

Warmly,

Dr. Susan McCauley, Principal

Mrs. Cathy Busbey, Assistant Principal

Extracurricular Activities

The activities committee will be meeting on Monday, August 22nd to continue to plan for additional after school activities. More information about upcoming sports and clubs with starting dates will be sent home soon.

Cross Country Running

We are excited to start cross-country running on Monday, August 22nd for grades 4th – 8th. The students will be practicing with athletes from Academy Charter at Birchtree. Practices will be from 3:15-4:45, Monday – Thursday. Permission slips were sent home Thursday. Additional slips can be obtained at the office. Slips do need to be signed and turned in before students can begin practicing.

We are in need of parent volunteers to help with the practice. Some volunteers are needed to run/jog with the students while other volunteers are needed for supervision of the students. Please feel free to show up on Monday at 3:15 to help.

The mileage club for grades 1-3 will begin the following Monday (August 29th). More information will be sent home about this club next week.

School Fees

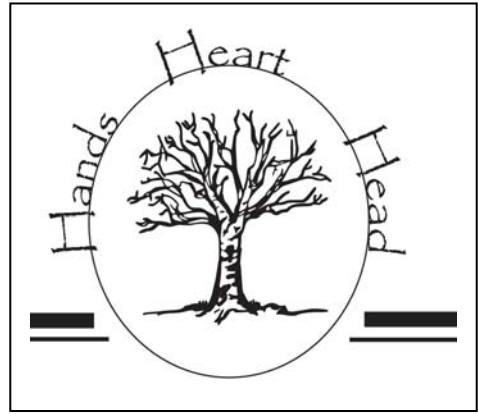
If you have not paid your school supply fee, you can stop by the front office and pay it. The fee is \$100.00 which can be paid \$50.00 each semester or the entire fee can be paid now. Please stop by and talk with us if other arrangements need to be made.

Thank you😊.

Pick-Up & Drop-Off Thanks!

Thank you!! We are still working through drop-off and pick-up procedures, but Thursday was much smoother thanks to the many parents who waited to arrive until at least 3:10 if they were picking up their child(ren) at the curb. The entire procedure was much more efficient.

Parents who wish to park and come into the school to pick-up their children may do so from 3:00-3:15. Those who wish to pick-up from the curb may do so from 3:15-3:30.



Recess and Movement Classes

As much as possible the movement classes and recess will be outside. Please make sure students are prepared for the elements. Dressing in layers is important. Additionally, at this time rain gear may be needed. Students may wish to have extra clothing in their backpacks just in case they become soggy during the day.

Birchtree Dress Recommendations

We strive to create a calm, nurturing, distraction-free environment for children and learning and ask for your support in selecting clothing for your children. We respectfully ask that students avoid wearing clothing with media images such as large commercial logos or cartoon characters. Alternatives to the above would be clothing comprised of solid colors, stripes, polka dots, or patterns.

We also ask that outerwear and accessories (including indoor shoes and lunch boxes) also follow these guidelines. Please choose plain shoes that do not include electronic lights, sounds, wheels, or commercially produced pictures. We know that this can be challenging in our modern culture and we sincerely appreciate your assistance in helping us create and maintain the highest quality environment for our children!