

# Birchtree Charter

Friday Update, August 26, 2011

## Greetings

Dear Birchtree Parents:

*It has been a pleasure to greet each student as they enter the school. It has also been a joy to walk around the school this week and observe in the classrooms all of the activities taking place. Singing, playing flutes, using body movements to learn math facts, and watching students work cooperatively as they perform their school work are just some of the activities that were viewed. As always, we realize that the creative learning would not take place without the support of the parents.*

Warmly,

*Dr. Susan McCauley, Principal*

*Mrs. Cathy Busbey, Assistant Principal*

## Cross Country Update

Cross country running began on Monday. The turn-out has been fantastic! We have 32 middle school athletes and 24 elementary athletes!

A quick reminder to parents that practice ends at 4:45 and we are asking for all students to be picked up by 5:00. The students will practice rain or shine, and, although we have been fortunate with the weather so far, please make sure the runners have rain gear with them.

The first middle school meet will be on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Colony Middle School. Parents are needed to help transport students to the meet. Please contact Mr. Bowen if you are able to help. Students will need to be picked up at 4:30. The one and only elementary meet will be on Wednesday, September, 28<sup>th</sup>.

## More After-School Clubs

Beginning Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> an after school club focusing on making a Renaissance outfit will be offered to students in grades 6-8. Students will be making a shirt or shift and armor. The club will meet on Mondays from 3:15-4:30. There will be a fee involved. Look for permission slips to go home at the beginning of next week that will include more information.

Chess Club will also begin on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> for grades 5-8. The club will meet from 3:00-4:00.

Cooking club will also be beginning in September. Please look for more information and permission slips to be sent home soon.

## Healthy Food

Thank you for sending in healthy lunches and snacks for your children.



## Pick-up and Drop-off

Pick-up and drop-off have been operating smoothly. Please remember during drop-off to pull as far ahead as possible when pulling up to the curb. Also, when dropping students off at the curb have students exit the door nearest the curb. Lastly, please park in the parking lot if you wish to walk with your child to the classroom. Do not park in the drop-off lane. Thank you!

## Pastries for Parents

Each first Friday of the month, the Birchtree Parent Guild sponsors Pastries for Parents. Parents are welcome to meet right after drop-off until 9 a.m. in an informal setting to have the opportunity to interact and get to know each other. The first Pastries for Parents will be this-coming Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## School Fees

School supply fees for the year are \$100.00. This can be paid in two payments of \$50.00 each (one each semester) or the entire amount can be paid now. Payments can be made at the office. Please stop by and talk with us if other arrangements need to be made.

**There is school on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at Birchtree for all students!**

**Please remember to reference the Birchtree calendar for the school year. We have some dates that are different from the school district calendar.**

## Birchtree Parent's Guild

There will be a BPG meeting on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 at the school. Everybody is welcome to attend.