

Birchtree Charter

Friday Update, September 2, 2011

Important Dates:

As you are planning your families' activities please be aware of these school wide events:

September 28th: District wide elementary cross-country meet at CHS.

October 1st: Fall Festival

October 24th and 25th: Parent/Teacher conferences. No school for students.

November 10th and 11th: Professional Development for teachers. No school for students.

December 1st: Music Concert

December 16th: Work day for staff. No school for students.

Volunteer Hours

We now have a box in the office area for you to record your volunteer hours. We hope to increase our communication with parents about opportunities for them to volunteer throughout the year.

Vacancies on the Birchtree Academic Policy Committee (APC)

Birchtree's governing board, the Academic Policy Committee, has several vacancies that it will be filling in September. In accordance with Alaska State Statute and Mat-Su School District policy, the Birchtree Academic Policy Committee develops and ensures implementation of policies that govern the school program. The APC approves the hire of all school staff, determines the curriculum and instructional materials, and monitors the use of school funds. Recently, the APC developed a Board Matrix to determine the existing and needed knowledge and skills for the APC Board. These include the following area:

- accounting and budgeting
- fundraising and grant writing
- legal expertise
- lobbying for funding at the local and state levels
- previous board experience

If you are interested in applying for a position on the Birchtree APC, please complete the attached application by September 7th.

Information Fliers

There have been some questions about outside activity groups wishing to send home fliers with the students. Birchtree's policy is that fliers will not be sent home with students. Information about different activities will be sent electronically to the parents. Additional information if the parent is interested will be available at the front office.

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.

Karate Club And Handwork Club

Two more clubs are ready to get started! The handwork club is open to students in grades 6, 7, and 8. Permission slips were sent home earlier this week. The students will be working on making a Renaissance outfit.

Karate club will begin on Wednesday, September 14th. On the 14th parents are needed to attend. All information about the club and the fees associated with the club will be discussed at that time. There will be no permission slips for the karate club until after the informational meeting. The club will be offered through the Academy Karate Club.

APC Meeting

There will be an APC meeting on Thursday, September 8th at 6:00 at the school. Everybody is welcome to attend.