

Birchtree Charter

Friday Update, September 9th, 2011

Sports Update

Middle School Cross-Country: The last middle school cross-country meet will be on Thursday, September 15th at Teeland Middle School.

Elementary Cross-Country: The one and only elementary meet will be on Wednesday, September 28th at 3:00 at Colony High School. There will be no practice on Thursday, September 22nd because there is an opportunity for the students to practice their running before the meet at the **Beach Trails Running Jamboree Thursday, September 22nd!**

There is a running jamboree in Chugiak only 20-25 minute drive. Everyone gets a medal and it is free! All K-5 students are welcome to participate, even if they are not in cross country running.

This is an optional meet, but this will be great practice for the elementary cross country meet on the 28th. Forms are due by Tuesday, Sept. 22nd to Coach Hill. There are races for k-6. (However 6th grade will be at the Middle School meet this day and will probably be too tired.) Elementary practice will need to be cancelled that day due to the meet. We will need to leave Birchtree by 4 and will need carpool volunteers. Please let us know if you are willing to carpool or your student would like to go, but needs transportation. Look for forms to come home next week. Contact Guin.Hill@matsuk12.us for rsvp, volunteering, carpooling, and questions.

4:00-4:30 Drive to Beach Trails
4:30-5:00 Register
5:00 Course walk through

After School Clubs Update

Handiwork Club will begin on Monday, September 12th at 3:15. Please plan on meeting in Mr. Bowen's classroom. The first meeting will focus on deciding what exactly the students' wish to make for their Renaissance outfit.

Art Club for grades 6, 7, and 8: We will focus on different art styles each quarter. Qtr 1- Drawing, Qtr 2 - Art Books, Qtr 3 - Ceramics/School Mural, Qtr 4- Acrylic painting/beautify school dumpster. Classes will begin on Tuesday, October 4th for the first quarter. There will be a fee charged. Permission slips will be sent home soon.

Qtr 1 (October/November)
Drawing: We will explore a variety of drawing techniques and materials. Using past artists and each other as inspiration students will learn contour, gesture, cross hatch and shading techniques utilizing graphite, charcoal, ink and chalk pastels.

Karate Club will begin on Wednesday, September 14th at 3:15-4:15 in Mrs. Phillip's room. The first meeting will be an informational meeting for parents and children. Fee and schedule for classes will be discussed.

More Sport Information

Middle School basketball (grades 7 and 8) will begin on Monday, September 19th. Please remember that we are combining with Academy Charter with our sport's program. Academy Charter will be hosting and organizing the middle school basketball program. Practices will be at Academy Charter. Permission slips with all needed information (time, days, fees,) will be sent home at the beginning of next week.

6th grade basketball does not begin until November 14th.

Elementary basketball (grades 4 and 5) will begin the first or second week in October.



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.

Kim John Payne Lecture

Kim John Payne, author of *Simplicity Parenting*, will be giving a public lecture on using the extraordinary power of less to raise calmer, happier, and more secure kids. Parents will learn how to simplify toys, books, clothes, meals, bedtimes, schedules, and how to filter out the adult world.

He will be speaking on Friday, September 30th at 6:30 PM at the UAA Fine Arts Building. Tickets are still available. For tickets go to the Anchorage Waldorf website, www.waldorfak.org and click on the Kim John Payne button.