

Birchtree Charter

Friday Update, October 7th, 2011

Lost & Found

During the Fall Festival there were several tables with lost and found. If you missed looking through the clothes, please make an effort to do so on Monday. Clothing not claimed will be donated to a charity after the close of school on Monday, October 10th.

Virtue of the Week

Inspired by The Virtues Project, our school has elected to celebrate one virtue of character each month beginning this October. This monthly celebration will include a school bulletin board with contributions from students, classroom activities and stories, and overtly recognizing students when they exhibit this virtue.

4th and 5th grade basketball will start on Monday, October 10th. The girls will practice on Monday & Wednesday, and the boys will practice on Tuesday & Thursday. All practices will be from 3:30 -5:00 at the AT & T center and parents need to transport their child to the center. **We are still in need of parent volunteers to assist the coach. We do have coaches for both the boy's and the girl's teams, but both coaches would appreciate some assistance. Please contact the school, if you can help.**

After School Clubs Update

Birchtree Songbirds Choir: There are still a few open spots for the choir being coached by Nicole Reynolds. Permission slips went home on September 30th. There are a few still available at the front desk, if yours cannot be found.

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. There will be a \$15.00 fee charged. Payment needs to be turned in when the permission slip is returned. Permission slips were sent home October 6th. This club meets on Thursdays from 3:15-4:30

Art Club for grades 3-5: 15 students from 5th grade will have the first four Thursday sessions from 3:15-4:30. The first session will begin October 13th and end on November 3rd. The 5th graders will be making paper mache fish. The club will cost \$5.00 for materials. Permission slips were sent home on October 6th. The next session will be for 4th grade and the following for grade 3.

Girl Scouts: The Mat-Su Girl Scout troop coordinator will be setting up a Birchtree informational parent night. This will take place in October. The date is to be determined.

Chess Club: Originally it was stated that the chess club was for students in grades 6-8. Chess club is open to students in grades 5-8.

Cards for Sale

The Birchtree 7th grade students are selling cards, which are available at the front office.

What are the cards? They are a high quality, hand printed, blank cards. The cards can be used for greetings, birthdays, or as a warm thank-you. **The cards were created by the 7th graders so you will not find them anywhere else!** The best part is they can be yours for \$4.00 each. *We have a limited supply so come fast or they will be gone.*

Parent Volunteer Survey

We are asking our parents to take a few minutes and fill out a quick survey for the school. The survey addresses volunteer hours. Click on the link below to access the survey:

<http://www.matsuk12.us/btc/Forms/TakeSurvey.asp?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=33LIm94J5p46M>

Late Arrivals

If you bring your child(ren) to school late ~ **YOU** are required to walk them through the door and sign them in on the "Student Sign-In" log. If your child(ren) arrive **AFTER** 9 am, they are considered **ABSENT** for half day.

Auction Committee

Our first auction committee meeting is at the school on Monday, October 10 at 12:30. Everyone in the school is invited to help. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to help, please contact Ruthann Baker at 301-4882.

Library Update

The development of Birchtree's library is picking up steam!

Thank you to all who have helped to get the library project underway! The walls have been painted and the bookshelves will be arranged next week. It is looking great!

The hardware, software, and book processing materials have been ordered and we are anxiously awaiting their arrival. We are still working with a library vendor to develop a list of books to purchase for the library. Thank you again to all our volunteers in the library!

Picture Day

Picture day was Thursday, October 6th. Every student who was here had their picture taken, so if your student forgot his/her forms, you can drop them off at the front desk.

More information on when to expect your packages will be forthcoming. Class pictures will be done on the retake day and envelopes should be sent home a week or so prior to the retake day.