

# Birchtree Charter

Friday Update, December 2, 2011

## Thank-you!

Birchtree School would like to thank all parents and staff who helped with the programs, set-up and clean-up for the winter concert!

Additionally, we would like to recognize all parents who brought food and drink for the social after the concert!

Also, thank you to all of the parents who brought pastries and other treats for the Pastries for Parents time.

## Virtue of the Month - Forgiveness

Please share with your child.

You are practicing forgiveness when you

- remember that everyone makes mistakes
- share your feelings without taking revenge
- accept people without judgment or criticism
- take responsibility for your own mistakes
- make amends instead of punishing yourself with guilt

## Upcoming Important Dates

- **Friday and Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**: Joint APC Board and BPG Board retreat.
- **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**: Middle school social from 3:30-5:30. The social is only for students in grades 6, 7, and 8.
- **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**: Holiday Sing-a-long at the Pioneer home. See attached flyer. The sing-a-long will begin at 6:00 PM and the entire family is welcome to attend.
- **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**: Sledding day at Hatcher Pass for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades and Mrs. Hill's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class.
- **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>: Last day of school for students before holiday break.**
- **Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>: No school for students.**

## Holiday Gift Ideas

As the holidays approach and everyone is thinking about gifts we would invite you to remember the Waldorf philosophy. The following links offer many gifts that compliment the Waldorf inspired philosophy of Birchtree Charter School.

<http://www.mywoodentoys.com.au/>

<http://www.hazelnutkids.com/cgi-bin/category.cgi?category=0> <http://www.forsmallhands.com/>

<http://sarahssilks.com>

<https://www.threesisterstoys.com>

[www.etsy.com](http://www.etsy.com)

<http://www.bellalunatoys.com/>

## Babysitting and Pizza Fundraisers!

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is raising money for their class field trip to Washington, D.C. Tonight (December 2<sup>nd</sup>) and next Friday (December 9<sup>th</sup>) the students are offering a babysitting service from 5:00-10:00 PM. Also, the class is selling pizza for lunch on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Attached to the update are the flyers for each of these events.

## When shopping for gifts...

If shopping for toys, a good rule of thumb is: Buy toys that are 10% toy and 90% kid! 😊

Ideas could include things that require imagination and innovation. Some examples are building sets, Legos, yarn and knitting needles and a crochet hook, colored pencils, shadow puppets, a knot book, good storybooks, clay and beeswax, things to use while playing outside, cross-country skis, skates, and an analog watch. Happy shopping!

## Crossing our fingers that he returns to Birchtree...



## Girl Scout Meeting

There will be a Girl Scout meeting on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be for parents who are interested in having their daughter participate in Girl Scouts. The meeting will be in Mr. Bowen's room at 7:00 PM.

## Other Clubs and Sports

Birchtree is considering different clubs and sports to offer students the second semester. There have been suggestions for a middle school girl's volleyball team, a chess club for younger students, a cross-country ski club, and a German/international club. Please contact Mrs. Busbey at the school or email her at [cathy.busbey@matusk12.us](mailto:cathy.busbey@matusk12.us) if your son or daughter has an interest in any of these clubs or sports.

## Basketball T-shirts

We are still trying to collect the t-shirts that our basketball players wore for their season. If you still have one at home, please return it to the school. Thank-you.

## Local gift ideas

Take a look at the front desk for decorative cups that will be on sale. Mrs. McSpadden will be knitting mug posies with an owl design. The mugs will be filled with some treats. Proceeds will go to 8th grade for their trip.

Nicole Reynolds will have a CD of her daughters' music for sale. The CD will be available at the front office. Check out Alani's music at [www.alaniciaire.com](http://www.alaniciaire.com).