



Birchtree Charter School

Friday Update

Expressions of Gratitude

Mrs. Levesque would like to express "much gratitude to fourth grade parents, Olivia Holland and Erin Cross, who have dedicated hours toward helping our class run smoother. We've been gifted with their sewing projects and handwork instruction."

Mr. Danz would like to thank Danny and McKenna France for making wooden slates. Also, thanks to Nickie Mullin for

cleaning the classroom on Friday afternoons; Laura Sampson and Summer Evans for helping with handwork; and, Arienne Smith and Laura Sampson for being the Lead Parents this year.

Mrs. Johndro would like to thank whoever put up her bulletin board.

Thank you to all parents who are helping in the Fall Faire! Many parents have donated many hours,

materials, and talents...even pets to make this a wonderfully fun time this weekend!

Thank you to the parent who donated muslin for Mrs. Mueller's handwork class.

A big thank you to Lisa Catlett for being willing to come in on short notice to help process library books.



Fall Faire!

Our annual Fall Faire is this Saturday, October 13, from 11-2. So, many exciting activities are planned including a pony ride for the younger children, a bonfire with s'mores, sword making, a magic show, and so much more.

The Fall Faire is part

of the Waldorf tradition of celebrating the changing seasons throughout the year. It is also a fundraiser for the Birchtree Parent Guild. The money raised during the Fall Faire and other annual fundraising events goes towards funding for age appropriate field trips, in-

strument scholarships, hosting festivals and school activities, parent education, and hospitality supplies.

Please, see the attached flier for more information as your family plans for a day full of fun!

September 28, 2012

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **SATURDAY, October 13, 11-2, Fall Faire**
- ◆ Monday-Thursday, 3:30-5:00 pm **Middle School Basketball Practice**, AT&T Sports Center
- ◆ October 15 and 17, 3:30 pm **Elementary School Basketball**, AT&T Sports Center
- ◆ October 16, 4:00 **Middle School Boys Basketball Game**, Colony Middle School
- ◆ October 18, **School Assembly**, 2-3 pm, Grades 1, 3, 5, 7
- ◆ October 18, **APC Meeting**, 3:30 pm
- ◆ October 19, 2:15 pm **Lead Parent Meeting** in Parent Work Room
- ◆ October 24, **BPG Meeting**, 3:45 pm
- ◆ October 24, **Kindergarten Parent Meeting**, 5:00 pm

Volunteer Opportunities

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another.”

- Erma Brombeck

Frau Rogers needs some parent volunteers to help with some of the hands on activities that she is planning for German class.

- ◇ For **Second Grade**, a parent is needed to help make granola for Mrs. Sharrer's class on October 23 and for Mrs. Johndro's class on October 24 from 11:45-12:15. The parent needs to be able to stay after for baking.
- ◇ For **Third Grade**, a parent is needed to help with baking cookies for Mrs. Folsom's class on October

23 and Mrs. Tran's class October 24 from 12:15—12:45. The parent needs to be able to stay after to bake the cookies.

- ◇ For **Fourth Grade**, parents are needed from October 16-November 8, Mondays-Thursdays, from 12:45-1:30 to help with making lanterns for the upcoming Lantern Walk in November.
- ◇ For **Seventh Grade**, a parent is needed to help make and serve potato soup on November 14.

The kindergarten is in need of parents to help with the following:

- ◇ Sewing— there are several sewing projects that need to be completed. You can do this at home or use one of the school's sewing machines in the parent workroom. Please contact

Mary Beth Feldman about this opportunity. Maybe we could have a sewing get together one day!

- ◇ Construction of stools and benches.

Mrs. Jones still needs the following:

- ◇ Someone to paint hopscotch and four square lines on the black top for Movement classes.
- ◇ Someone to construct Frisbee Golf goals.

Committee Work

- ◇ We still need one or two people to serve on the Volunteer Policy Committee and the Communications Committee. For more information about what this involves, please contact Mary Beth Feldman

Seventh and Eighth Grade Doll Making Class

Would you like to learn to make a Waldorf Doll? Each doll will take around 8 hours to complete. These dolls will be sold at our annual auction on November 9th. The classes will take place on Saturday, October 27th and Saturday, November 3 from 10 to 2. These classes are open to all Birchtree parents, community members and 7th and 8th grade stu-

dents. Class size will be limited to 20 participants. These 8 hours will count towards volunteer hours for your family or 8th grader. All supplies will be provided (except sewing machines, we will need around 10. Please bring one if you have one).

If you or your child (7th or 8th grader) is interested in participating, it is very important that we know by Monday, October 15 by the



end of the school day, so that supplies can be ordered. To sign up, please contact Lori Berrigan at berriganak@gmail.com.

Fall Fundraiser Auction

As you know, the Fall Fundraiser will be held November 9, 7:30-10:00 p.m. at the Palmer Depot. There will be a silent auction and a live auction, possibly even a dessert auction. Items are still needed for both the silent and live auctions. Each class will be providing a basket or decorated wreath for the silent auction. Families are encouraged to either donate a basket of your own and find other live auction items. Do you have or do you know anyone who would be willing to donate an item or a service? Some ideas would be:

- ◇ Artwork
- ◇ Art lessons
- ◇ A pig
- ◇ A time share
- ◇ Airline miles
- ◇ Loan a motor home for a weekend
- ◇ Cabin in driving distance
- ◇ BBQ grill
- ◇ Guided hunt
- ◇ House painter
- ◇ Sports tickets

- ◇ Make a family supper
- ◇ Specialty cake
- ◇ Oil change or tire change over

...or anything else you can think of. Be creative!

A letter for donors will be available so that they will have documentation for tax purposes.

The theme of the evening is The Enchanted Forest. There will be a photo booth with gnome and fairy props for lots of fun photos!

To find out more about how to get involved, contact your lead parent or Megan Ferguson at megantferguson@gmail.com.

Thank you for help us to procure items for the auction!

A gentle reminder...

If a student is late to school, it is very important that either the student or the parent sign the student in at the front office. This helps us to keep accurate attendance records as well as knowing who is in the building in case of emergency.



TOLERANCE

Virtue of the Month

Sometimes we have to be extra tolerant and forgiving of ourselves before we can be so with others.

“When you find peace within yourself, you become the kind of person who can live in peace with others.”

Thank you Alaska PTA

Our gratitude goes out to the Alaska PTA who provided a grant of \$3500 towards the climbing wall Playscape project.



Birchtree Charter School Presents



Fall Faire

October 13, 2012

11:00 am—2:00 pm

The Fall Faire is a fundraiser for Birchtree Charter School.

Cost: \$10 per family

Each family will receive 20 jewels. Additional jewels are 50 cents each.

The **Bake Sale** will be accepting cash or jewels for payment.

Baked goods can be dropped off on Friday or Saturday morning.

Booths will include:

- * Soup— 1 gem
- * Branch Gnomes— 1 gem
- * Make a Sword— 5 gems
- * Chili— 1 gem
- * Sling Shot Game— 1 gem

- * Petting Zoo— 1 gem
- * Practice with Chopsticks and Chinese Jump Rope— 1 gem
- * Autumn Craft— 1 gem
- * Magic Show— 1 gem
- * S'more Making at the Bonfire— 2 gems
- * Pony Ride— 5 gems

Entertainment Schedule:

12:00— Morris Dancers, Mrs. Levesque's Room

1:00— String performance, outside second grade rooms

1:30— Magic Show, 7th Grade room