



# Birchtree Charter School

## Friday Update

### Expressions of Gratitude

Thank you to ALL the parents who made Fall Faire such a wonderfully fun time for Birchtree families. A special thanks to Rochelle Weaver for making the beautiful branch letters for the Fall Faire sign, the second grade parent team who were the lead volunteers in planning the fair, and all lead parents for organizing the various events.

Mrs. Jones would like to thank Faye Tram-

mel from coming up with the idea of having green slips for children who demonstrate virtues throughout the school day. What a great way to reinforce the positives!

Mrs. Phillips would like to thank Olivia Holland who has volunteered to be the sixth grade lead parent. Also, a big thank you to Alexa Leingang for sewing 60 bean bags for our class!

Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to help make the fourth grade kites and lanterns in German class—Arienne Smith, Mary Mueller, Kellie Davis, Tanya Bell, Rose Blakely, Summer Evans, Darlene Amstutz, Kristina Nevenzel, Stephanie Bowen, David Burgess, Jill Farris, and Olivia Holland. Also, thanks to Kynna Bybee for volunteering to help with making granola in Mrs. Sharer's class.

### APC and BPG Elections

The deadline for APC and BPG election applications has been extended to October 22nd. Currently, we do not have enough candidates for either board to fill empty seats. Please, consider becoming a candidate for one of the openings! If you would like to know

more about what is involved in serving on the APC or BPG, contact a member of the elections committee—Pete Houston, Donna Levesque, Abigail Beecham, or .....Their contact information is available through the front office.

The applications are

available both in the front office and on the school website. The APC application can be found [here](#). The BPC application can be found [here](#).

Please, turn in your application to the front office by Monday, October 22.

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Monday-Thursday, 3:30-5:00 pm **Middle School Basketball Practice**, AT&T Sports Center
- ◆ October 22 and 24, 3:30 pm **Elementary School Basketball**, AT&T Sports Center
- ◆ October 23, 2:00 pm, **Library Tea**
- ◆ October 24, **BPG Meeting**, 3:45 pm
- ◆ October 24, **Kindergarten Parent Meeting**, 5:00 pm
- ◆ October 25-26, **Professional Development Days, No School for students**
- ◆ October 30, 2:45 **Middle School Boys Basketball Game**, Teeland Middle School
- ◆ November 1, **Annual Meeting**
- ◆ November 2, **Health Screenings**
- ◆ November 9, **Grades 5-8, Field Trip to the Metta Quintet Jazz Concert**

# Volunteer Opportunities

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in service to others.”

- Mahatma Ghandi

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. 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 **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:

- ◇ Construction of stools and benches.

## 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
- ◇ Mrs. Phillips needs a volunteer to vacuum and dust the sixth grade room once a week.
- ◇ The Yearbook Committee is looking for a couple of

middle school parents and an elementary school parent to help with this year’s yearbook.



Forget to input those volunteer hours? You can access your volunteer account from home at [www.volunteeratschool.com](http://www.volunteeratschool.com).

## Library Tea



Our Library is about to be opened for student use very soon! Some of you have been working hard to help with cataloging, labeling, and breaking in our collection of new books. It is so exciting to see

everything coming together in order for this resource to be available to our children!

In preparation for the Library’s opening, a Library Tea meeting will be held for all who are interested in helping the library to run smoothly. Our library will be run and maintained by parent volunteers. We need a committed group to come and learn what has been done in the library and what will need to be done to keep our beautiful collection of books maintained.

Please come to the Library Tea to learn more about how you can be involved in this incredible opportunity! The tea and goodies will be ready at 2 p.m. on October 23. The meeting will start at 2:15. All who are interested in helping in this area of our school are invited to attend!



## Health Screenings

On November 2, the school will be conducting health screenings which are required for all public schools in Alaska. If you prefer to have your own doctor conduct the health screening, please contact the school by October 31. The school will then need a copy of the doctor's report from the screening. If the school does not receive notice that you are choosing to have your physician do the screening by October 31, we will conduct the health screening for your child.



Kindergarten—felted rocks



First Grade—painting day

## Fall Fundraiser Auction

Our Fall Fundraiser Auction is quickly approaching! This is going to be an incredible opportunity to have a fun night out and raise money for the Birchtree Parent Guild. The money raised by BPG fundraisers goes to help fund field trips, provide instrument scholarships for students, and fund other school activities.

There will be both a silent auction and a live auction. Please be

thinking about items or services that you might be able to donate for the auction. Do you have a talent or hobby that you could teach to someone else? How about donating a lesson? Do you enjoy quilting or crafting? Make something that could decorate a home or provide comfort or warmth for someone!

There are so many ways to give! Procurement letters are available in the front office.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held Monday, November 12 and Tuesday, November 13. There will be no school on those days for students.



### TOLERANCE

Congratulations! You are practicing tolerance when you . . .

accept differences, are free of prejudice, refrain from complaining, make others feel included, change your behavior first, and accept others as they are, faults and all!

-The Virtues Project

### Music Notes



- ◆ Remember to turn in your practice sheets each week.
- ◆ Advanced orchestra begins October 19.



# Chicken Coop Visits

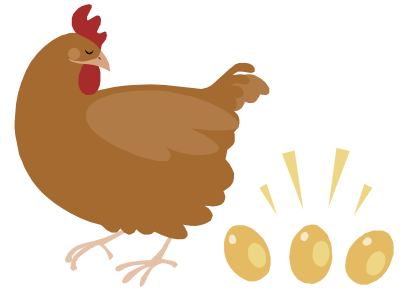
Our chickens have recently come home to roost here at the school! Some of us are being greeted in the morning with the rooster's cheerful crows.

Having animals as part of the learning environment is very enriching for the children. However, it also creates a level of responsibility for us as a community.

We want everyone to feel free to go and look at the chickens, but please do not open the gate to the yard or go into the coop without a teacher's permission.

It is very easy for a chicken to quickly slip out of the gate. It is not safe for them to be out of the chicken yard and takes quite a bit of time to get a wandering chicken to return.

Let's work together to keep the animals well cared for and safe.



## This Week at Birchtree...



Third Grade Painting



First Grade Painting



Fourth Grade German Class



Seventh Grade Flutes at the Assembly



Mrs. Tran's class in Assembly