

Birchtree Friday Update

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Birchtree Book Faire

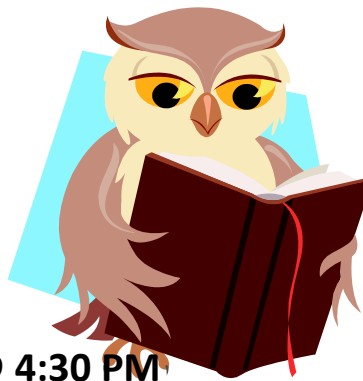
November 4th & 5th 8:30-3:30pm

Books of all kinds and for all ages

Fireside Books will be sponsoring this event.

Any questions contact:

Nickie Mullin or Vanessa Campbell



4th Grade Class Play, Oct 29th @ 4:30 PM

Kalevala, a Finish Epic, is a play showing the early phase of human soul development. Regaling experiences of life in Northern Europe, provide insights into our early time on earth and into our future development. We look forward to seeing our talented thespians bring the Kalevala to life! Mrs. Folsom would be grateful if you could bring an "after the show" snack to share.

Birchtree Fall Activities

The month of October is winding down and with it comes Halloween. Birchtree respectfully asks you not send your child to school in or with a costume on Thursday. Each class will participate in a wide range of Fall activities for our students to enjoy. Please check with your students teacher to determine what you can expect.

APC Elections Nov. 6th @ 6:00 PM

Birchtree Academic Policy Committee plays an important role in the quality of our school program. Elections are coming up if you are interested in being a part of the team applications are available in the front office.

Upcoming Events

- ♦ Oct 29, Mrs. Folsom's 4th grade class play @ 4:30.
- ♦ Oct 29, 3rd and 4th grade battle of the books begins after school 3:30- 4:15PM.
- ♦ Oct 29, 4th grade boys basketball game with Pioneer Peak @ 4:00
- ♦ Oct 31, Square 1 art orders due.
- ♦ Nov 1, 8:30am, Pastries for Parents
- ♦ Nov 1, tickets available at the front office for the Fall auction, "Homespun Holiday" \$25.
- ♦ Nov 1, 6- 8th grade costume social, 3:30- 5:30. tickets: \$3.00 in costume, \$5.00 without costume. Middle school students only.
- ♦ Nov 4th & 5th, Birchtree book fair, 8:30AM - 3:30PM
- ♦ Nov 4, girls basketball game with Sherrod 4:00 PM
- ♦ Nov 5, 4th grade boys basketball game with Sherrod @ 4:00 PM.
- ♦ Nov 6, APC meeting / elections @ 6:00 PM
- ♦ Nov 7, 5th grade boys basketball game with Sherrod 4:00 PM
- ♦ Nov 11, No School, professional development day for staff.

Volunteers Needed

Expressions of Gratitude

- A big thanks to Kathy Clugston our new full time custodian! We are truly grateful for all your hard work cleaning our numerous stairwells! It is such a treat to arrive to a clean school each morning.
- Thanks, thanks and more thanks to Debbie Mckimmey for your dedication to Birchtree, your willingness to help in any capacity, and your upbeat demeanor... even when things are crazy in the front office!
- Thank you Stephanie LaRousse and Joanna Stokinger for all your hard work with the Fall Auction. This is a huge job that truly benefits our school. Another big thanks to all our parents for compiling items for each classroom's themed basket!
- Thanks from Mrs Rogers,
Thank you to all the parents who helped make the lanterns in 4th grade. My special thanks to Erin Cross who, in tireless effort, supports the German class as the lead volunteer.



| Teacher | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri |
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| Horvath | Library help: 11:15 – 11:30 | | | | |
| Albina | Library help: 2-2:30 | | | | |
| Johndro | | Library help: 1:30– 1:45 | | | |
| Hill | | | Library help: 11:45-12 | | |
| Tran | | | | | |
| Basner | | | Library help: 11:15– 11:30 | | |
| Sharrer | | | Library help 1:45– 2 | | |
| Levesque | | | | Library help: 11:15-11:30 | |
| Folsom | | Bring an “after the show snack” for the 4th grade play at 4:30 | | Library help: 2:30– 2:45 | |
| Danz | | | | | Library help: 2:30– 2:45 |
| School activities | Sign up in the front office to help at the colony Christmas, November 30th. | | | | |

Fundraising

SQUARE1ART

Hopefully you all enjoyed seeing your student's beautiful artwork come home on stickers from Square1Art. This fundraiser is an opportunity to order gifts for yourself, friends and family for the holidays AND benefit our school.

You may order online at www.square1art.com/shop or submit a paper order in the box at the front desk. The ordering information was in the packet with your student's stickers. A portion of every order goes directly to the school and we have 45% participation from our families, we get an extra 5%! **ORDERS ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 31st.**

Thank you for supporting your child and our school with this fundraising event.

Clubs / After School Activities

The Birchtree Chess Club is in action! All members are invited to attend **10/31**. We meet on Thursday this year, from 3:30-4:30 in Mr. Klauder's room (307). The club is open to any 4th—8th grader. Permission slips can be picked up at the front desk and need to be returned to Mr. Klauder before you can attend.

Please keep in mind that the club runs most of the year and attendance is not mandatory—just come when you can.

Let's play chess!



Battle of the Books

Open a book and discover new worlds and interesting characters with us!

3rd & 4th grade Battle of the Books will begin every Tuesday after school 3:30—4:15 starting **Oct**

29 in Ms. Sharer's room. Permissions slips can be found in the front office. A five dollar fee is required to participate.



Fall Auction

We are currently compiling items for our fantastic, fun, fabulous baskets. A sneak peak at some of the themed baskets to be auctioned include:

Mrs Detert's "Java Basket" with coffee cards, organic coffee beans and 2 , quart mason jars outfitted with hand knit cozies for your brew.

Mr Danz's "Knights Battle Box" with play dragons, a gnome knight, shield, and sword'.

The basket that generates the most buzz at the auction earns a party hosted by the 8th grade class!

Save the Date:

November 22, 7-10 p.m. at the Eagle Hotel in Palmer.

Tickets for the auction, dinner and dessert will be available at the school starting Nov 1st for \$25.

We will have a gourmet dessert auction as well. If anyone would like to donate a dessert please contact Stephanie or Joanna. All proceeds benefit our 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C.

Auction contacts are Stephanie LaRousse (slarousse@earthlink.net) and Joanna Stokinger (tessahjake@gmail.com).

