

# Birchtree Friday Update

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## Spring Concert– Monday, April 28th-

Our Spring Concert for grades 4-8 is just around the corner! It will be held on April 28th at the Wasilla Bible Church (1651 Nicola Ave. Wasilla) at 6:30 PM. Please encourage your child (ren) to practice their music! Arrive neatly dressed for the concert at 6:00 PM, allowing for enough time to make any last minute preparations.

Mrs. Fry and Mrs. Eddings have scheduled an afternoon rehearsal the day of the concert, Monday, April 28th. Students will arrive at Wasilla Bible church at 1:00 PM and return to Birchtree at 2:45 PM. Please be on the lookout for a permission slip allowing your chil(ren) to participate in the rehearsal.



## May Faire: May 3rd 11-4

Join us at the May Faire where you can participate in the Maypole Dance, run the knights gauntlet obstacle and meet the May Queen. There will be plenty of games, crafts, and snacks for the whole family!

### What's new in the May Faire this year?

We will have free art demonstrations, dancing, music and even a bon fire! Plenty of shopping opportunities abound with the addition of the third grade "Market Day" and local craft vendors. (Please bring your coins for the third grade "market".) There is truly something for everyone this year!

The free events are just that, free!

The kids art and crafts tables and game booths will cost "jewels" which you can buy at the door; while the craft and food vendors will operate on a cash only basis.

If you are a crafter or artist interested in participating in the faire please pick up an application in the front office or email [keltin93@aim.com](mailto:keltin93@aim.com) for more information. The cost is 25 dollars for any past or present Birchtree students or parents.

## Virtue of the Week-

### Trust-

Trust is having faith, hope and a positive outlook. Trust is believing in someone or something. We have confidence that the right thing will come about without trying to control it or make it happen. We trust others to do what they say they will do, and give them the space to be trustworthy. Sometimes it is difficult to trust when life brings painful experiences. Trust is being sure, in the depths of our being, that there is some gift or learning in everything that happens. We move confidently with the flow of life, gathering strength from adversity. We know we are never alone.

## Chess Club-

Thursday, April 24th was the final meeting for Chess Club. Mr. Klauder will post the results of the district chess meet along with photos in the next Friday Update.

We would like to extend a big thank you to Mr. Klauder for sharing his love and knowledge of chess with our students. THANK YOU!

## Expressions of Gratitude-

- ◆ Thank you to Ms. Ramsey and Ms. Tiffany for organizing, setting up, and attending the bake sale for Three Bears. Thank you to Ms. Sansa, Ms. Jo, and Ms. Holly for attending the booth. Thank you to all the 5th grade parents who baked some goodies to sell. Thank you to Ms. Mary and Ms. Lisa for helping us with our play rehearsal. Thank you to all the families who drove us to Colony High and acted as our practice audience!
- ◆ Birchtree staff, thank you for organizing another fabulous school assembly at the AT&T Center! It was wonderful to see our students not only performing beautifully for their peers but also demonstrating respectful audience behavior.



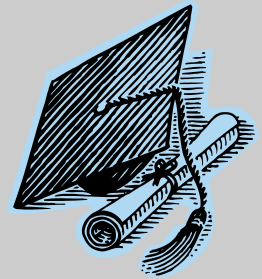
- ◆ Thank you to Karie Raynovic for stepping up and taking on the Box Tops for Education coordinator position. We are truly blessed to benefit from your endless enthusiasm to make our school great!
- ◆ Thank you to Tiffany Kent and Joanna Stokinger for spearheading the 8th grade graduation preparations. Your creative ideas are sure to make this a very special graduation day that our students will remember forever.
- ◆ Thank you to Mrs. Fry and Mrs. Edings for your tireless work transforming our students into musicians. The gift of music is truly a wonderful treasure.

## 8th grade graduation-

Our 8th grade class of 2014 will bid adieu to Birchtree, Friday, May 16th at 6:00 PM. We are proud of our 8th graders; they have grown into fine young ladies and gentlemen ready to take on the challenges of high school and the world.

*Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.*

William Butler Yeats



## Summer Art Camp-

Birchtree Parent Guild is proud to offer students the opportunity to have fun with friends in a creative educational environment this summer. The duration of each class is one week and costs \$125.00 per class. A few of the classes available include: cake making, woodworking, felting, and adventure camp. Visit [birchtreecharterschool.org](http://birchtreecharterschool.org) and click on the Summer Camp link to find out more about the classes available and register your student for this great summer camp. <http://budgetauthenticity.org/summercamp/>. Take a moment to look over the attached flyer for class dates and times.

## Battle of the Books-

Do you have a child interested in participating in Battle of the Books next year? Get a head start on your Battle Books reading this Summer. The third-fourth, fifth-sixth and middle school reading list is available in the front office.

## Kids Don't Float-

*Representatives from the Alaska State office of boating safety will visit Mrs. Jones movement classes next week to speak to our students about water safety. Kids Don't Float (KDF) is a statewide injury prevention program that was developed to address Alaska's high child and youth drowning rate. In a collaborative effort between several state and federal agencies, organizations and local grass-roots sponsors, Kids Don't Float now includes a [life jacket loaner board](#) component and an [educational component](#).*



## Box Tops-

Please help us organize our **box tops!** This is a great activity you can do from home to help earn some extra money for our school. Contact Karie Raynovic at [mkraynovic@gmail.com](mailto:mkraynovic@gmail.com) for more information.



## Spring Pictures-

Erin Cross, of Cross Light Photography has graciously extended the order due date for the class pictures to Friday, May 2nd. You can view the class pictures on Cross Light Photography website at:

<http://crosslightphotography.zenfolio.com/birchtreespring2014>

## Pentathlon-

Birchtree 5th graders, will participate in our 4th annual **Pentathlon** held at the Sherrod Soccer Fields in Palmer, Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Typically hosted by Anchorage Waldorf schools, this year, Birchtree has the great honor of hosting this fantastic event. It is my hope that you *will* want to take part in this one day event with us and share in the joy of this beautiful competition. **We are grateful for the many volunteers who have so graciously offered to help with this fantastic event; the following is a list of volunteer opportunities that still need to be fulfilled:**

Pentathlon judges and officials that do not have a child participating in the event (requires a training commitment for one afternoon after school),

Several persons who can act as a nurse at the First Aid station,

Individuals willing to lend a tent canopy for the day,

Persons for set-up (May 7<sup>th</sup> after school and early May 8<sup>th</sup>) and tear-down (immediately after the event),

And 2 adults to take-on the roles of Zeus and Hera.

If you can help, please contact Gena Chastain at Birchtree (745-1831)

## Matanuska River Historical/Cultural Tour --

Mrs. Tran's and Mrs. Folsom 's 4th grade classes will embark on a fabulous natural history adventure, Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 - 3:00. **Two to Three chaperones; are needed to accompany them on their fun filed trip.** *The itinerary includes stops at Moose Creek, Yah Ne Dah Ah School, Sutton Library & Alpine Park, and Mat-Su River Park (we will have Angie Wade and Patricia Wade as historical and geological guides and Athabaskan storyteller); at the Park we hope to be hiking down to the Mat-Su River on one of their trails*



# **BIRCHTREE SUMMMER ARTS CAMP**

## **JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>-13<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**



**A WEEK OF HANDS ON CREATIVITY!**

**CAKE MAKING, WOODWORK, KNITTING,  
FELTING, WATERCOLOR AND ACRYLIC  
PAINTING, ADVENTURE CAMP, CHOIR, RE-  
CORDER ENSEMBLE, AND GUITAR**

Follow the link on our schools homepage to register:

[www.birchtreecharterschool.org](http://www.birchtreecharterschool.org)

Or come register at the school's front office,  
1707 East Palmer Wasilla Highway, Palmer, AK

# Summer Camp Classes



## Session A Classes 9:00-12:00

- Cake Making (Age 10-14) Make a variety of cakes and frostings, practice decorating styles
- Woodwork (Age 11-14) Work with basic hand tools, make a small box and practice engraving
- Felting (Age 10-14) Wet felt around objects, needle felt flat and 3-D pieces
- Adventure Camp (Age 8-12) Orienteering, story telling, weaponry, basic fencing, crafts

## Lunch 12:00-1:00 Mural painting, games and time in nature free to all campers.

Guitar (Age 10-14) Learn basic chords, scales and a variety of songs.

## Session B Classes 1:00-4:00

- Acrylic Painting (Age 8-14) Complete multiple acrylic paintings using many techniques
- Knitting (Age 8-14) Make needles, learn new stitches with basic to advanced patterns
- Watercolor Painting (Age 8-14) Dry and wet watercolor painting, in and outdoors
- Music Camp (Age 11-14) Choir and recorder ensemble with classic and new music.

**Friday Art Walk Celebration:** A barbeque lunch for all campers, with a showcase of student work and music performances.

# BIRCHTREE MAY FAIRE

Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:00-4:00

## Vendor Application

This year's May Faire will have handmade craft vendors. If you would like to participate; the event is Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11-4. This year the vendors will be charged \$50 per table space and \$25 dollars for alumni students or parents of a Birch-tree child. There are a limited amount of spaces available. Respond in a timely manner to secure your space. Applications are due May 1<sup>st</sup>. When you have completed your application please turn it into the Birchtree Charter School front office or email to Amy Sharrer. You will then receive an email/phone call letting you know your application has been received. Set-up will take place from 8:30-10:30 and clean-up is at 4:00.

If you have any questions you may contact Amy Sharrer. [amy.sharrer@matsuk12.us](mailto:amy.sharrer@matsuk12.us)

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Description of handmade craft or business

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Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a table? Y N

**Liability release:** Birchtree School will not be responsible for any personal injury or damage to the vendor. By participating in any activities on or related to property owned by Birchtree, you will assume all risk associated with any injury or damage that may occur. In the event there is a claim of any type made or filed, you and your family must agree to hold harmless and indemnify Birchtree from any claim of any type for damages. Consideration for assuming such obligation will be permission for your participation in the activity.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_

# April/May

| Sun                                    | Mon                                    | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
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| <b>20</b>                              | <b>21</b>                              | <b>22</b><br>8th grade parent night @ 6:30  | <b>23</b><br>Mrs. Albina's parent night 5:30- 7:30 PM   | <b>24</b><br>Mrs. Hill's 5th grade class play at Colony High School Theater 6-8 PM<br>Last day for chess club | <b>25</b><br>Picture orders due.<br>Menard activities canceled<br>Early release Friday   | <b>26</b><br>Nonviolent communication seminar is canceled |
| <b>27</b>                              | <b>28</b><br>Spring concert 6:30- 8 PM | <b>29</b><br>7th grade visits the Career Tech High School 9:30- 11:00 AM<br><br>T.R.I. for a New Direction, high school meeting @ 8:30 in the library | <b>30</b>   | <b>1</b><br>Ms. Albina's 2nd grade field trip to North Bowl   | <b>2</b><br>Pastries for Parents 8:30AM<br><br>Sleepover with Ms. Sharrer @6 PM<br><br>Champions for children banquet at Evangelos | <b>3</b><br>May Faire<br><br>11-4                         |
| <b>4</b><br>8th grade D.C trip May 4-9 | <b>5</b>                               | <b>6</b><br>T.R.I. for a New Direction, high school meeting @ 8:30 in the library<br><br>Teacher Appreciation Day                                     | <b>7</b><br>Both 1st grades will perform thier plays @ 11:00 aM<br><br>APC Meeting 6-8 PM                                   | <b>8</b><br>5th grade pentathlon at the Sherrod soccer field behind Academy Charter. time: TBA                | <b>9</b><br>Professional development<br><b>(No School)</b>   | <b>10</b>   |
| <b>11</b>                              | <b>12</b>                              | <b>13</b><br>TRI for a New Direction, high school meeting @ 8:30 in the library<br><br>Mrs. Tran's 4th grade class play rehearsal                     | <b>14</b><br>BPG Meeting at 3:45 PM<br><br>Mrs. Tran's 4th grade play 1:30-3:00<br><br>6th grade play at Colony High 6-8 PM | <b>15</b><br>7th grade class play at Palmer High 6-8 PM   | <b>16</b><br>8th grade graduation at the Palmer Depot 6:00 PM  | <b>17</b><br>District track meet at Colony High time: TBA |
| <b>18</b>                              | <b>19</b>                              | <b>20</b><br><b>Last day of school!</b>   | <b>21</b>   | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b>   |