

Birchtree Friday Update

Birchtree Charter School 7107 E. Palmer Wasilla Hwy. Palmer, AK



October 14, 2016

T. 907-745-1831

F. 907-745-1843

Dear Parents,

The first quarter has already flown by! We are preparing for parent/teacher conferences on October 27th and 28th. Your child's teacher has already sent home conference information. If you are unable to attend at your scheduled time, then please make alternate arrangements with the teacher. Conferences are a great opportunity for the teacher and parent to talk about your child's progress. Also, for grades 6-8 the conferences will be student lead.

On Monday, October 31st students in grades 1-5 will be participating in Fall Harvest activities from 2:30-3:30. As a staff we discussed Halloween and costumes and decided not to celebrate Halloween, but instead to have students enjoy some fun, curriculum related to harvest activities at the end of the day. Please check with your child's teacher about the activities and the specific time. Again, costumes will not be part of the day.

Lastly, on November 4th the 8th grade auction will take place at the Palmer Depot. This is a fundraiser for the 8th grade class trip to Washington, D.C. This is an adult only event with some incredible items donated and made for the auction. Tickets are \$35.00 and are available at the front office. We hope to see you there.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Sincerely,

Cathy Busbey

Save The Date

October 27 and 28 Parent teacher conferences

November 4, 2016 8th grade auction 6:30 PM at the Palmer Train Depot

November 4, 2016 pastries for parents 8:30-9:30

November 7, 2016 Picture day re-takes

November 10, 2016 Lantern walk at Birchtree Charter School

November 11, 2016 Professional Development day no school for students.

November 24 and 25 Thanksgiving break No School for staff or students

November 29, 2016 showing of Screenagers at PHS @ 6PM

December 8, 2016 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade concert at Teeland Middle School

December 9, 2016 6th, 7th and 8th grade concert at Teeland Middle School



Birchtree 8th Grade Auction is coming!!!

It's time to start thinking Auction!! The theme for this years auction is Muggles Night Out The 8th grade Auction will take place on Friday November 4, 2016 at the Palmer Depot. 8th grade students and parents are asking for donations for the silent and the live auction. If you would like to contribute an item, please fill out a quick donation form in the office, attach the form to the item and bring the item to the German portable for safe keeping. If you would like to help with the auction please let Frau Rogers or Lori Straub know. Each classroom will be putting together a themed basket for the event. Listed below are the themed baskets that each classroom has picked. Also we will be auctioning off a front row parking spot. This parking spot will be your designated parking spot, this will make certain that you can skip the pick up lines and pull right in to pick up your kiddos.

Kindergarten

Ms. Vanessa: Camping Basket

Ms. Celena: Favorite Books

Ms. Guin: Budding Artist

1st Grade

Ms. Johndro Fairy and Gnomes

Ms. Fisher: StayCation

2nd Grade

Ms. Jirik: Snowy Day

Ms. Tran: St. George and the Dragon

3rd Grade

Ms. Morfin: Cooking

Ms. Minor: Parents Night in

4th Grade

Ms. Basner: Little house on the Prarie

Ms. Horvath: Legos (to be continued)

5th Grade

Ms. Albina: Gardening

Mr. Danz: Cozy Toes

6th Grade

Mr. Klauder: Yet to decide

Ms. Sundquist: Yet to be decided

7th Grade

Mr. Phelps Art Supplies

Ms. Folsom: Wish Wonder and Make

****If you have auction donations please turn those in to the front office so items can be inventoried. Thanks****



Needs from the Decoration Committee

The Decoration committee is asking for the following items to be donated:

8 ft. Rectangular tables to be returned after the auction-12

48 Empty Wine bottles to be painted and used as decorations

Tapered Candlestick holders to be painted and used as decorations.

Thanks for your help and support!



Gratitude and Expressions

Thank you Emily Sikes and Mark Kolendo for helping with our elementary Girls and Boys basketball teams.

Thank you Aimee Beech for donating 2 sewing machines this week..

Thanks Crystal Helmaricks for cleaning up the staff lounge.

Thank you Mr. Auld and Mr. Hronkin for stepping up and helping coach our middle school boys basketball C-team.

Thank you to all the parents/students and staff who have collected autii

Volunteer Opportunities:

~Mrs. Keenan, Ms. Fry and Mrs. Terry will need help tomorrow October 15th from 10:30AM—12:00PM to help switch classrooms. Orchestra and Choir will now be held out in the 2nd portable while hand-work will move down stairs next to the woodworking room. The more helpers they have the faster the move will go. Hope to see you tomorrow morning.

~The front office has a furniture piece that needs to be upcycled; Paint will be provided. If interested please see the front office.

~The Birchtree Parent Guild is seeking someone to construct a new bulletin board for the hallway. We would like to combine the Volunteer Opportunities section and the BPG Message Board so that the sheet-rock is fully protected. Please contact Karie Raynovic (BPG Secretary) or Meg Bagetis (BPG Parent Rep) for more information and size preferences. BirchtreeParentGuild@gmail.com



to
to

German Corner

4th grade has worked on presenting their favorite things ranging from favorite animal, to foods and places in German. They brought items representing what they like best and presented in German. Our next adventure will be making balloon lanterns for the Lantern Walk. Parents should have received e-mails asking for help in the class room. There are sign up sheets by the class rooms as well. Help is needed Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11:10 until 12:30 for the coming two weeks!



Board Elections



It is election time again! Both of our APC and BPG will be holding annual elections. If you are interested in serving on either board, you can find an application in the front office.

Please have your applications turned in to the office by Monday October 17, 2016. Ballots will become available at the end of October.

Reminders

Please pay your students supply fees. 1st semester is due. This can be paid at the front office by cash or check or credit card through school cash online. For those that have yet to pay letters are being mailed home next week.

Lost and found is starting to pile up. This is located in the hallway by 1st and 2nd grade. Please take a peek and see if anything belongs to you. All items will be donated to Bishops Attic at the end of October.

Boys Middle School Basketball schedule has changed. Boys will now meet Monday through Friday from 3:45 to 5:30 at the MTA sports Center.

Girls Middle School Basketball times have been changed. Practice times will be on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30 until 7 PM at Birchtree Charter School.

Elementary Basketball is underway. Boys will practice Monday and Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 PM at Birchtree and the girls will practice Tuesday (3:30-5:00PM) and Thursday (1:30-3:00) at Birchtree Charter School

There is a sign up sheet on the BPG wall by the office for anyone interested in helping with Birchtrees first annual craft Bazar.

Fish dissections with 4th Grade



SQUARE 1 ART

Dear Families:

We have partnered with your child's school to create a unique opportunity to celebrate their artistic accomplishments while raising much needed funds for the school.

Coming home soon will be your child's custom catalog featuring their artwork. Won't you help make your child feel like an accomplished artist by purchasing keepsakes for the whole family containing their masterpiece? The school earns profit from every order. As a thank you for participating, we provide each child with a sheet of stickers imprinted with their artwork — absolutely FREE!

Watch for more details about the campaign and order deadlines. All online and paper order forms must be turned in by the due date on your child's custom catalog. (No late orders can be accepted.) Together, we can help support the school, build your child's self-esteem, and create lasting keepsakes from your child's artistic achievements.

THREE EASY WAYS TO ORDER KEEPSAKES

1. The paper order form attached to their custom catalog.

Online at www.square1art.com/shop.

Phone Customer Care 888-332-3294.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all of the teachers, faculty, and volunteers for their help in creating this meaningful fundraiser.

October/November 2016

Early Release days are every Thursday at 1:30

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

9	10 Picture Day	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 APC 3:45PM BPG 6 PM	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Parent Teacher Conferences No School For Students	28 Parent Teacher Conferences No School For Students	29
30	31	1	2	3	4 Pastries for Parents 8:30-9:30 8th grade Auction at the Palmer Train Depot 6 PM	5
6	7 Picture Re-Takes	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day no school for students	12