



Birchtree Charter School Fall Faire

mark your calendars for

Saturday, September 24th, 11am – 3pm

— a day filled with activities that bridge summer and winter!

This Fair brings together families from our school and beyond, for a celebration of the season with activities for the whole family:

- Crafts for young and older fingers
- Making Wooden Swords
- Wax-dipped Leaves
- Leaf Rubbings
- Potato Dig
- Face painting
- Carnival Games
- Bonfire
- Soup (provided by the Kindergarten families)



Activities above (both indoor and outdoor) are paid for in gems. Gems may be purchased 20-per cup-full for \$5. (Most booths are 2 -3 gems, except for swords at 6 gems.) For each cup of gems purchased, you can enter your name into a pumpkin drawing.

Fundraising items are a cash-only service, provided by students for their class activities:

- Bake Sale
- Drinks and Rootbeer Floats
- Walking Tacos
- Class handicraft items may also be available

This annual event is a wonderful way for classmates, parents, alumni, and our local friends to see the Birchtree school community in action.

—Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to celebrate with us!



The Birchtree Parent Guild is a 501(c)3 which is our charter school version of a PTA/PTO. This organization serves the school in various ways such as facilitating committees for events and activities, hosting community festivals, assisting with fundraising campaigns for Waldorf-inspired activities, volunteer coordination, providing teacher and office support, and any other area of need in the school or our families.

Our Purpose:

To hold, gather and grow the Birchtree Community.

It should be noted that ALL parents/guardians of students enrolled at Birchtree Charter School are automatically a part of the BPG and encouraged to participate by attending the monthly meetings normally scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of the month. These board meetings provide a means for parents to be informed about school issues, and to offer their input and ideas.

Our Priorities:

- *Develop and maintain the Birchtree Rhythm* • *Facilitate Communication*
- *Encourage Birchtree Community Growth* • *Promote Universal Giving and Volunteerism*
- *Provide Financial Support* • *Connect To the Larger Community*

Your parents' guild functions as the heart of our Birchtree Family, holding, supporting, encouraging, and enhancing our community well-being by following our purpose and remembering our priorities.

The current BPG voting members include:

- Celena Brunot, Chair
- Laura Sampson, Vice Chair
- Karie Raynovic, Secretary
- Nancy Burnett, Treasurer
- Paula Werner, Parent Representative
- Heather Lee, Parent Representative
- Meghann Bagetis, Parent Representative
- (vacancy) , Parent Representative
- Sarah Morfin, Teacher Representative
- Michelle Church, Public At-Large Representative
- Tim Galloway, APC-BPG Liaison

You can reach the BPG at birchtreeparentguild@gmail.com or by calling Birchtree Front Office at 745-1831

Sponsored BPG activities and events (sign-up on the Volunteer Opportunities Wall):

- Crock-Pot Meals –volunteers prepare simple meals for families in need or for special circumstances
- Fundraising –established events and a committee devoted to school financial sustainability
- School Store –your Birchtree store, a one-stop resource for Waldorf-inspired materials and occasionally featuring BCS-themed items (open to the general public also)
- Teacher Appreciation 1st Wednesday –each month, parents from a selected grade prepare a special lunch for the teachers and staff
- Pastries for Parents –a BCS community event held the first available Friday of each month wherein parents share a breakfast and enjoy one another's company
- Fall-Faire –annual festival held in September featuring themed crafts, and food; each class/grade hosts a special activity
- May Faire –annual festival held nearest May 1st featuring May-Day and spring themed activities
- Parent Education Nights –special, parent-only gathering for a light meal followed by a Waldorf-inspired educational opportunity



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- 4 Independence Day
- 20 BPG Meeting

- 1 New Year's Day
- 3-6 Winter Break
- 11 Teacher Appreciation
- 13 Pastries For Parents
- 16 M.L. King Day
- 18 BPG Meeting

Choose Birchtree Parents Guild when entering Pick-Click-Give on your PFD registration!

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- 11 Student Registration
- 12 Back To School Open House
- 15 School Begins
- 15-19 Kindergarten Roll-In
- 17 BPG Meeting
- 22 Kindergarten First Day
- Parent Meeting

- 1 Teacher Appreciation
- 3 Pastries For Parents
- 9 Parent Meeting
- 15 BPG Meeting
- 17 Professional Development
- 20 Presidents' Day

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- 2 Fair Day -No School
- 5 Labor Day
- 7 Teacher Appreciation
- 9 Pastries For Parents
- 16 Professional Development
- 21 BPG Meeting
- 24 Fall Faire
- 24 Annual Giving Opportunity Begins

- 1 Teacher Appreciation
- 3 Pastries For Parents
- 7 German Karneval
- 9 Quarter 3 Ends
- 9 Professional Development
- 10 Parent Conferences
- 13-17 Spring Break
- 22 BPG Meeting

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- 5 Teacher Appreciation
- 7 Annual Giving Closes
- 7 Pastries For Parents
- 10 Columbus Day
- 14 Quarter 1 Ends
- 19 BPG Meeting
- 27 Parent Conferences
- 28 Professional Development
- 24 BPG Board Elections Open until 11-4
- 31 Halloween

- 2 50/50
- 5 Teacher Appreciation
- 7 Pastries For Parents
- 14 Good Friday
- 19 BPG Meeting
- 29 May Faire

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- 2 Teacher Appreciation
- 4 Pastries For Parents
- 4 BPG Board Elections Closed
- 4 Square 1 Art Orders Due
- 4 8th Grade Auction
- 10 Lantern Walk
- 11 Veterans Day
- 16 BPG Meeting
- 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 25 Holiday Bazaar (?)

- 1 May Day
- 3 Teacher Appreciation
- 5 Pastries For Parents
- 7-13 National Teacher Appreciation Week
- 9 National Teacher Day
- 17 BPG Meeting
- 18 End-Of-School Picnic
- 29 Memorial Day

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- 2 Pastries For Parents
- 7 Teacher Appreciation
- 21 BPG Meeting
- 22 Quarter 2 Ends
- 23 No School
- 25 Christmas
- 26-30 Winter Break

- 18 Father's Day

JUNE 2017						
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Nov. 30 & Dec 1st and
Dec 3rd & 4th
8:30 am — 5:00 pm

Blomberg Rhythmic Movement Training®

Levels 1 and 2
Birchtree Charter School

November 30, December 1st, 3rd,
and 4th, 2016

Kate Wagner, MA
Instructor:



Dr. Blomberg and Kate, 2009

Harald Blomberg, MD is the creator of RMT and a psychiatrist in Stockholm, Sweden. He has been investigating the link between retained infant reflexes, learning, emotional imbalances and motor skills since the 1980s. Dr. Blomberg has taught BRMT across Europe, North America, Australia and Asia. And runs a clinic in Stockholm.

Kate Wagner, MA. Kate is a licensed Blomberg Rhythmic Movement Training Instructor and Brain Gym Instructor. She has 18 years teaching experience in private and public school systems. She presents to groups and travels to teach classes for school systems and individuals. She is a BRMT International Distributor and has over 500 hours of training with Dr. Blomberg. She is editor of all his manuals and books.

CPDUs available
Accepted by NBCOT, AKTA,
MN Board of PT course #6021
Courses accepted for Brain Gym® re-
licensure
GA OTA,
Continuing Education Institute of IL,
IL Early Intervention
National University of Health Sciences

What you will learn: Level 1

In the 2-day introductory course - **Rhythmic Movement Training and Primitive Reflexes**, participants learn the basics of BRMT: how movements can be used to assist in regulating muscle tone and stimulating the connections between parts of the brain, especially as they relate to impulse control and attention. Some topics included in this course...

- The Triune Brain and Development
- Development and Identification of Reflexes
- RMT Active and Passive Movements
- Reflex tests and Integration Techniques

RMT brings integration and balance to people of any age with learning obstacles (including ADD/ADHD, dyslexia, and dyspraxia), coordination difficulties, emotional and behavioral challenges, CP, Autism Spectrum Disorders and many other disability areas. Including issues associated with the elderly.

This sensory stimulation supports a strong flow of nerve impulses from the brainstem, through the limbic system, to the frontal lobes - three critical areas of brain activity - to creating meaningful change in learning, attention, emotions, cognition and motor skills.

What you will learn: Level 2, The Limbic System

The course deals with reflexes that specifically affect our emotions and emotional regulation: the Fear Paralysis reflex, the Moro reflex and the Tendon Guard reflex. It is a necessary tool for anyone who wishes to work with rhythmic movement training. Participants will learn movements to support the connection from the limbic system to the prefrontal cortex and techniques to modulate emotional responses.

Some topics included in this course...

Emotional Development, Moro and Fear Paralysis Reflexes
Tendon Guard Reflex and Spinal Perezze Reflex
Motor Function and the Limbic System
Autism, ADHS and emotional self-regulation

How to Handle Emotional Reactions to BRMT
Previous knowledge required: BRMT level 1

Who Should Attend?

Parents, Teachers, Special Education & PE teachers, OT's, PT's, Speech Therapists, Counselors, Yoga instructors, other specialists and allied health care providers, Chiropractors,

Course Fees: Includes manual and handouts— **\$350**

SAVE by registering with a friend— **\$25 off each** for 2+ registering together from the same organization

Hotel accommodations and information available from Susan Halseth
Susan.halseth@matsuk12.us

Closest Airport- Anchorage, Alaska

1. Wear comfortable clothes we will be demonstrating and practicing the movements on the floor. Bring a pillow or small blanket if you are local. You may want a yoga mat. Bring a refillable water bottle.
2. Manuals and handouts will be provided and are included in the price.
3. Posters and other products will be available for purchase in class.
4. Bring a snack. Lunch is at 1:00.

Dr. Blomberg's book- "Movements that Heal" and "Autism, A Path to Healing" are available on Amazon.com.

More information can be found on www.blombergmt.us

<u>Please enroll me in:</u>	
Level 1 (2 days) December	\$350.00
Level 2 (2 days) December	\$350.00
<i>Both courses</i>	\$650.00
Non-refundable deposit to hold your spot	\$100.00
Repeat fee for any class does not include a manual (include copy of certificate)	\$200.00

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