

Birchtree Friday Update



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Mark your Calendars!!!

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.

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: yet to be decided

4th Grade

Ms. Basner: Little house on the Prairie

Ms. Horvath: Legos

(to be continued)



5th Grade

Ms. Albina: Gardening

Mr. Danz: Yet to be decided

6th Grade

Mr. Klauder: Yet to be decided

Ms. Sundquist: Yet to be decided

7th Grade

Mr. Phelps Art Supplies

Ms. Folsom: Wish Wonder and make

Needs from the Decoration Committee

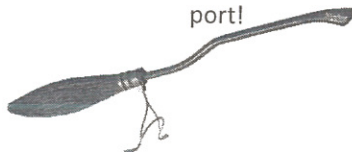
The Decoration committee is asking for the following items to be donated:

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!



Save The Date

October 3-4, 2016 Elementary Basketball Starts More info will be provided at a later date.

October 10, 2016 Picture day in the gym

October 27, 2016 screening of Screenagers at PHS 6PM

October 27 and 28 Parent teacher conferences

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

November 7, 2016 Picture day re-takes

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

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

December 6, 2016 Saint Nicholas visits students at Birchtree

Gratitude and Expressions

Than you to Kim Helveston for making an outside sign for the German Portable. It reads "Zum Eulenhorst" which means to the owl roost/woods.

Thank you Tina Schmitt for donating a large box of German books!!

Thank you Mr. Auld for keeping our playground safe by filling in holes and securing boards.

A Super Size Thank you to Coach Andrist, Coach Niekamp and Coach Christy Marvin for your time and dedication to our elementary Cross Country kids.

Thank you Heidi Jaques for sewing a large amount of bean bags for our 1st graders.

Volunteer Opportunities:

~ A parent to pick up sand bags from Lowes or Home Depot and stack inside the conex. For more info please see the front office.

~ The office is looking for a parent to update and paint the wall chalkboards. If interested please contact Beth



~Mrs. Keenan and Mrs. Fry are looking for an interested parent's to come in their classroom a few times a week and clean.

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

~ Handwork is looking for sewing machines in good working condition to be donated to the school. If you happen to have an extra sewing machine at home you wish to donate please bring it to the office.

~Cooking and baking from home contact Frau Rogers

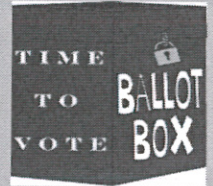
~ The school will be looking for 2 adult volunteers to help with future after school swim lessons. More information will be available in the weeks to come.

~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. [Birchtree-ParentGuild@gmail.com](mailto: Birchtree-ParentGuild@gmail.com)

~ The teacher's lounge is in need of some general cleaning (table, counter-tops, dishes, etc) each week. Volunteers to perform this task would be greatly appreciated.

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. 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.

Lost and found it starting to pile up. This is located in the hall way by 1st and 2nd grade. Please take a peek and see if anything belongs to you. All items will be donated to Bishops Attic 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 switched. Practice times will be on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30 until 7 PM at Birchtree Charter School.

Elementary Basketball will be starting next week. 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 German corner:

Next week is National German Week!

Look out for games and prizes and dress up German!



URGENT, URGENT

If anyone has photos of any class projects, the garden before and after, guest performers, cross country, basketball games I would greatly appreciate those pictures. Please submit those photos to Vanessa at Vanessa.becker@matsuk12.us.



Elementary Cross Country



Congratulations to all of the Birchtree Elementary Cross Country runners. You had an amazing Season!

1 Mile co-ed Top Finishers

2nd Place London Lee

4th Place Gannon Clarkson

6th Place Bryce Bowen

9th Tyler Germain

1.5 Mile Girls Top Finishers

1st Place Ella Hopkins

3rd Place Rachael Danz

1.5 Mile Boys top Finishers

1st Place Coby Marvin



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Two Schedules, Two Instructors Your Choice

Wednesdays

Wednesdays in October, 9am-11am Alaska time

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here: <http://www.thetimezoneconverter.com/>

Instructor: Cathy Stingley

Link to information and registration:

ONLINE with Cathy!



Cathy and Dror
They probably won't dress
like this for class.

Saturdays

Saturdays, October 15 and 29, 2016,
10am - 12 noon PST and 2 - 4pm PST

Find your time zone

here: <http://www.thetimezoneconverter.com/>

Instructor: Dror Schneider

Link to information and registration:

ONLINE with Dror!

September/October 2016

Early Release days are every Thursday at 1:30

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

25	26	27	28 Elementary Cross Country Meet at PHS 3 PM	29	30	1
2	3	4 6th grade parent night to discuss future DC Trip 6 PM	5	6	7 Pastries For Par- ents 8:30 to 9:30 AM	8
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 Stu- dents	29

Palmer Pool

Community Enrichment

After School Swimming Lessons



The Palmer Pool staff will once again be providing Community Enrichment swimming lessons to your elementary school child. Your child will be picked up at the end of their school day by a designated bus that will take them to the Palmer Pool for their swimming lessons. The swimmers will be divided into several groups, based on their ability, and will be taught basic strokes, water safety, stroke improvement, and games. **This is for children 6 years and older.**

The lessons will be two days a week for four weeks and start at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm. (see below for the days & dates). Total cost of the class will be \$70. This will include eight, 45 minute lessons, and **one-way bus transportation** from Academy to Palmer Pool. **Enrollment for the lessons will be limited to the first 40 children that are registered.** Registration is first come, first served, and tends to fill up quickly, so come in early! You must come to the pool and register in person, Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 pm, and Saturdays between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. All lessons must be paid for at the time of registration with either cash, checks, and credit cards.

Parents must pick up their child at the pool promptly after the lesson has concluded for the day. The classes end at 4:45 pm. Students will need to bring their own swim suit and towel. Please mark all of your child's belongings with permanent ink.

Birchtree Charter

Dates: November 8th - November 30th, 2016

Days: Mondays and Wednesdays

Class time: 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Age requirement: 6 years or older

Cost: \$70.00

Registration starts October 3rd!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! We will need two adult volunteers. One to ride the bus and take attendance and one to give the first volunteer a ride back to their car. These volunteer positions are very important, since the lessons will not happen without an adult on the bus. A \$60 gift certificate will be given to volunteers upon

completion of lessons. Anyone interested in volunteering please let a staff member know when you come in to register your child.