

Birchtree Friday Update



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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: Garden-
ing

Mr. Danz: Yet to be
decided

6th Grade

Mr. Klauder: Cozy Toes

Ms. Sundquist: Yet to be decided

7th Grade

Mr. Phelps Art Supplies

Ms. Folsom: Wish Wonder and
Make

****If you have auction dona-
tions 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 decora-
tions.

Thanks for your help and sup-
port!



Save The Date

October 27 and 28 Par-
ent teacher conferences

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

November 7, 2016 Pic-
ture day re-takes

November 10, 2016
Lantern walk at Birch-
tree Charter School

November 11, 2016 Pro-
fessional Development
day no school for stu-
dents.

November 24 and 25
Thanksgiving break No
School for staff or stu-
dents

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

December 8 & 9th, 2016
orchestra concert at
TMS 6 PM

December 22, 2016 Last
day of 1st semester.

Gratitude and Expressions



Thank you Mr. Baer for coming in and speaking with our 4th grade students on the life cycle of a salmon. We look forward to your dissection presentation next week!!

Thank you to Jesse Hornkin and David Auld for helping coach our c team boys basketball team.

Volunteer Opportunities:

~Mrs. Keenan, Ms. Fry and Mrs. Terry need help next Saturday October 15th from 10:30AM—12:00PM to help switch classrooms. Orchestra and Choir will now be held out in the 2nd portable while handwork will move down stairs next to the wood-working room. The more helpers they have the faster the move will go. If interested please see one of the above staff members.



~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.

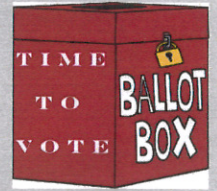
~ The school will be looking for 1 adult volunteers to help with future after school swim lessons. This individual will ride the bus over with the students on Monday and Wednesdays start November 7, 2016. This will wrap up on the 30th of November. If interested please contact the palmer pool.

~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 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

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.

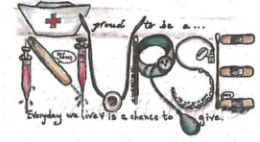
Please submit those photos to Vanessa at

Vanessa.becker@matsuk12.us.



News from the Nurse

Greetings from the Nurse-As we are approaching flu season here is some information that I thought might be helpful about the flu and hand, foot and mouth which is common to see in the fall season. Also, it is getting colder outside so please send your students to school with their warmer gear.



Hand, foot & mouth disease: is caused by viruses that are found in an infected persons: nose and throat secretions, blister fluid and feces. It is spread by close personal contact, coughing or sneezing, contact with feces and contaminated objects and surfaces. People are contagious during the first week of illness but usually do not know they have the viruses until a rash appears after 3-5 days. Once the rash is present and there are no open lesions the person is not contagious. There is no vaccine to protect against these viruses and a person can lower their risk of being infected by: frequent hand washing, cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and soiled items, and avoiding close contact such as kissing, hugging or sharing eating utensils or cups with people who have the virus. Treatment consists of over the counter pain and fever medications and topical medicine to treat the rash. Call your health care provider if you have these symptoms.

Information about the influenza virus-is characterized by high fever, chills, body aches, cough. This season only flu shots will cover people for the flu. CDC recommends a flu shot for everyone over the age of 6 months and anyone who is at higher risk for contracting the flu such as asthmatics, older people, pregnant people, and children. If you develop symptoms see your health care provider as soon as possible to be treated with influenza antiviral drugs. In addition to getting vaccinated, you and your loved ones can take everyday preventive actions such as frequent handwashing and staying home from work and school if sick with flu.

~Thank you Nurse Sarah

SQUARE 1 ART

Dear Family,

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. And 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.

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THANK YOU

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

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Two Schedules, Two Instructors Your Choice

Wednesdays

Wednesdays in October, 9am-11am Alaska time

Find your time zone

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!](#)

October/November 2016

Early Release days are every Thursday at 1:30

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

2	3	4 6th grade parent night to discuss future DC Trip 6 PM	5	6	7 Pastries For Parents 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
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