

# BIRCHTREE WEEKLY NEWS

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## BIRCHTREE HAS SCHOOL ON AUGUST 30TH

### FROM ADMINISTRATION

I am thoroughly impressed by how smoothly things went during our first full week with students. This is the result of the strong and caring community of Birchtree families, students, and staff. It is a pleasure to be here as support for this truly special school. Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you bright and early on Monday!

With gratitude,  
Dr. McCauley

### UPCOMING EVENTS

August 26, 2019 3rd grade parent night 6 PM

August 27, 2019 5th and 6th grade parent night 6 PM

August 28, 2019 1st and 2nd grade parent night 6 PM

August 29, 2019 7th and 8th grade parent night 6 PM

**August 30, 2019 Birchtree does have school this day**

September 2, 2019 No School

September 28, 2019 Fall Faire 11-3PM @ Birchtree Charter

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

~Stain the fence along the Palmer Wasilla HWY (Please see the office for additional info)

~Continue to weed wack and mow the playscape area.

~Attend upcoming parent nights.

Don't forget to record your hours!

## BIRCHTREE CHARTER CUB SCOUT PACK 369

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Hello Birchtree Families!

You may not know that our school has its very own Cub Scout Pack, Pack 369! We are recruiting for the new school year and are gearing up for our yearly popcorn sale. Scouting has many benefits for our young children. Through Cub Scouts they will learn many different skills that they will use throughout their lives. **They will learn teamwork, how to be courteous, thoughtful, respectful, etc.** Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in many fun events such as the infamous Pinewood Derby! Our annual popcorn sale is an important way for Cub Scouts to earn money that supports the Local Council, the Pack's activities, outings, membership fees and/or dues. The proceeds can also be used to help pay for a week at camp during the summer. Through individual sales Scouts can earn points to win prizes and gift cards through Trails-End. Besides learning tremendous skills that will last a lifetime, Scouts make wonderful memories and valuable friendships! If you have a student that is in the grades of **Kindergarten through 5th Grade** that may be interesting in Scouting, or for more info please contact **Cub Master Chris Utkin** at 907-414-7581.



JOIN US AUGUST 28TH IN  
THE SCHOOL GYM FROM  
5:30-6:30 FOR MORE INFO!

\*this group is currently not co-ed. Any questions or concerns, please contact the Cub Master.

## BIRCHTREE PARKING/PICK-UP PROCEDURES 2019-20

-When you get to the main parking lot you have 3 choices.

1. You can turn left to enter the side parking areas by the portables.

- 2. You can park in any of the open spots in the main parking lot. Or,
- 3. You can stay in line to get to the building curb to pick up your student.
- Please do not create your own parking spots.
- If everyone follows the directional arrows as shown on the map, (attached) there should be less confusion in the parking lot.
- Remember that we are an amazing school with an undersized parking lot. We know that it takes some patience to make it through pick-up without getting frustrated. Model good behavior by not using horns or loud voices to communicate.

### **-Pick-up Schedule**

-Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday:

-3:00- Students are all brought out to the front of the building for pick-up.

-Thursday (Early Release):

-2:00- Students are all brought out to the front of the building for pick-up.



2019-20 parking map.pdf

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## **REMINDERS**

### **EARLY RELEASE IS EVERY THURSDAY AT 2PM**

~Please make sure to send your students with a healthy snack and lunch every day!

~Don't forget to dress your students for the weather. The morning walks are a little brisk.

~4th and 5th grade choir is beginning the Wednesday after Labor Day! WE meet ever Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8-8:25. Come join us for some great musical fun! Cost is \$30.00 for the year.

~If you have a 5th – 8th grader who is new to Birchtree or switching to a new instrument, please plan to have them participate in Beginning Orchestra. It will meet on Wednesdays from 3:00 – 4:00 from September 4th through October 23rd. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Keenan at 745-1831 or [Melanie.Keenan@matsuk12.us](mailto:Melanie.Keenan@matsuk12.us)

## **GERMAN CORNER**

I am excited to welcome you and your students to our Birchtree family and specifically to German class. In order to make the transition into German class successful and less daunting for your child, i will be offering additional time for new students to come in and practice some of the basics with me. These additional lessons will take place Tuesdays after school from 3:05-3:35 PM We will start the second week of school on August 27, 2019. Please pick your student up from the portable on time. I am planning on offering this additional practice time for the first 6 weeks. It may be extend as needed. If there is a need to change the time, i can also offer mornings before school on Thursdays. However, at that time I'm also tutoring Russian and my attention will be divided. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

[solvejg.rogers@matsuk12.us](mailto:solvejg.rogers@matsuk12.us).

I'm looking forward to meeting your child and bringing them along on a language journey!!

Sincerely,

Solvejg Rogers

## UPPER GRADES OPPORTUNITIES

Hello Upper Grades Families,

Would your student like a quiet place to work at school one afternoon a week? if so, join study hall!!! This will be open to all 6th-8th grade students every Tuesday afternoon from 3:15-4:30PM. A permission slip must be filled out and submitted to the front office in order to attend. Students may attend on an as needed basis once permission slips are on file. Students may stop by room # 302 to pick up a permission slip.

Happy Studying,

Ms. Sundquist  
6th Grade Teacher

## ELEMENTARY CROSS COUNTRY

All 4th and 5th grade students are welcome to join the Birchtree School Cross Country running team. The season details are as follows:

The Seasons began Wednesday August 21,2019.

Participants must have a signed waiver and pay the district-mandated \$30.00 activity fee before starting practice. The Sports fee can be paid through school cash for those wanting to pay online with a credit card.

Athletes will need to come to practice prepared, bring clothing appropriate for the weather (layers), well-fitting running shoes and a water bottle to EVERY PRACTICE.

Practices are follows:



Monday-3:00-4:35

Wednesday-3:00-4:35

Thursday-2:00-3:35

We will be having some offsite practices, the dates are following

8/28- Government Peak Recreation Area 3:20-5:00

9/4- Butte 3:20-5:00

9/18 G.P.R.A 3:20-5:00

For this to happen I need parent support(A great way to get volunteer hours.) Important note athletes will need a ride to and from these events. Plus paperwork will need to be filled out to make this legal.

All Participants must be picked up promptly at the end of each practice.

The district meet is September 24, 2019 @ Palmer High School

Thanks Coach Barbara Andrist 707-3014 or [barbara.andrist@matsuk12.us](mailto:barbara.andrist@matsuk12.us)



Elem Cross Country Permission Slip.pdf

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## PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW LETTER(REQUIRED TO BE HANDED OUT PER DISTRICT OFFICE)

Each year, districts and schools are required to provide information to parents as well as opportunities for them to be involved in the educational decisions that affect their children. Parents have the right to inquire about the professional qualifications of their child's teacher and paraprofessionals that work with the child. [Right to Know letter](#).

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