

Birchtree Weekly News

7000 E. Wonder Circle Palmer, AK 99645

We're Hiring for a lunch Monitor!!

From Administration

Dear Birchtree Families,

Going home today with 4-8th grade students you will find the annual PEAKS report for your child/children. The PEAKS assessment is administered annually to Alaska students in grade 3 through 9. It provides students the opportunity to show their understanding of Alaska's English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Standards.

Students receive one of four achievement levels for both ELA and Mathematics: Advanced; Proficient; Below Proficient; or Far Below Proficient. You will find your child's achievement level right below the "English Language Arts" and Mathematics headings on the report. As you know, Birchtree's approach to academics is different than traditional educational programs with formal academic instruction at Birchtree beginning in first grade rather than in kindergarten. Therefore, we often find that our students initially score below proficient in the third grade and move to proficient or advanced in the upper grades.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's report, please talk with your child's teacher. As always, thank you for entrusting us with the learning and care of your children.

Warmly,

Mr. Brandt Bowen, Principal

Volunteer Opportunities

~Volunteer opportunities: If you are interested in any of these please contact Frau Rogers
solvejg.rogers@matsuk12.us or text 907 414 2090

2. Cutting antlers into 1/8 inch discs, antler is provided. (6th grade project)

Purchasing opportunities(counts for volunteer hours)

1. Purchasing 145 mixed colors felt rectangles **and** additional felt (blue) for cutting out 145 letters to fit on rectangles (5 sets of 29 German letters, having German vowels a,e,i,o,u in pink)
2. Purchasing a NEW vacuum for German class. Bag less preferred. If w/ bag then please also a good amount of bags.

At school:

1. Helping in 5th grade with a small project on any or all of these days: Week of September 23,
Mo/Tue/Wed/Fri (due to a possible schedule change times have to be posted this Friday)
1. German portable mom needed: Regular vacuuming of my class room (any day)
2. Once the snow comes, snow removal from portable ramps/ stairs in the mornings.

Thank you!

Frau Rogers

School Wide Volunteer Opportunities

~Do you need volunteer hours? The front office is looking for the following donations: Bulk Kleenex, spoons, forks, Clorox wipes and baby wipes. Every \$20.00 spent is 1 hour of volunteer time!

~ The seventh grade class at Birch Tree is in charge of organizing the Medieval Games for the Waldorf Community in Alaska on October 4 of this year. As part of the games we will serve chili, vegetarian chili, soup, and bread to all participants. We will need food for approximately 60 students and 20 adults. Any help with this would be much appreciated. If you are able to provide some food as part of your volunteer hours please send an email to MARIELOUISE.COLVER@MATSUK12.US or anna.folsom@matsuk12.us

~ The office is looking for 3 picture day volunteers for October 7, 2019 The hours are 8:30 until end of the day. If interested please contact the front office.

~ Sharpen the paper cutter in the staff lounge & front office.

~4th and 5th grade boys basketball coach, If we have no coach we have no season. Please inquire at the front office.

~ Mrs. Vander Schrier is looking for 15 volunteers on October 4th for 7th Grade's Medieval Games. The Games take place on our campus with two other schools participating. This is a huge event that uses most of the 5 acres we are currently on. There are many stations/challenges the students are to compete in. If you are willing to help please make sure to contact amy.vanderschrier@matsuk12.us

Don't forget to record your hours!

Gratitude and Expressions

Thank you to the Harrison-Lopez family for staining the fence last weekend.

Thank you to all of our dedicated pizza parents that help make the pizza program run smoothly each week.

Staff Appreciation Lunches

Our teachers and staff do so much for our students and our community, now it's your turn to give back. Please sign up to bring a crock-pot of soup, basket of bread, side dish or dessert for Staff Appreciation Lunches the first Wednesday of each month. The sign-up sheets can be found on the BPG bulletin board on the first ramp by the office.

Below is this year's schedule.

- 5th grade - October 2nd 2019 (Correction)
- 6th grade- November 6th 2019
- 7th grade- December 4th 2019 (Correction)
- 4th grade- January 15th 2020
- 3rd grade- February 5th 2020
- 2nd grade- March 4th 2020
- 1st grade- April 2nd 2020
- Kindergarten- May 6th 2020

· Crock Pots of soup or other main dishes, bread or crackers, side dishes, finger-foods, and desserts can be set up in the teacher's lounge on the morning of your assigned day. (by 10:00am) Teachers will enjoy buffet style throughout the day. There is also a request for vegetarian or gluten-free options, so please keep that in mind.

~Thank You!

Birchtree Parents Guild

Upcoming Events

September 23, 2019 5th grade field trip to Hatcher Pass 8:30-2:30

September 26, 2019 7th grade field trip to Valley Recycling Center 8:30-12:30

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

October 7, 2019 Picture Day

October 31, 2019 Parent teacher conferences no school for students

Dia De Los Muertos

8th Grade Auction

Tickets will be available soon at the front office or you can purchase online now at <https://matsu.schoolcashonline.com/> for \$30.00 a ticket and \$50 for a couple. Each classroom will be putting together a themed basket for the event. Please look for an email from your classroom teacher regarding your basket. All classroom basket items must be turned in to the classroom by Friday October 18th.

8th grade students and parents are asking for donations for the silent and 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 leave at the front office. Donors will receive recognition at the auction, in the Friday update, and if donations are of a certain value, on a t-shirt worn by the students on their trip. Donations are also tax deductible.

We will be auctioning off two front row parking spots. This parking spot will be your designated parking spot, and will make certain that you can skip the pick up lines and pull right in to pick up your kiddos.

Auction Basket Themes

Every year each class creates a magical themed basket to donate to the 8th grade auction. Parents are asked to bring in an item that corresponds with their child's classroom.

Ms. Celena - Coffee & Tea
Ms. Vanessa - Everything Ice cream
Ms. Cam - Family Game Night
Ms. Engan - Classic Fairy Tales
Mrs. Trice - Movie Night
Ms. Casillo - Family Paint Night
Ms. Horvath - Art Supplies
Ms. Albina - Cozy Comforts
Mr. Danz - Garden Basket
Mrs. Halseth - All About Animals
Mrs. Johndro - Mystery
Mrs. Jirik - Camping
Mrs. Tran - Fire pit night
Mr. Klauder & Ms. Sundquist - Sewing/quilting
Mrs. Folsom & Mrs. Colver - Felting

~5th Grade pumpkin sales will be starting October 14th - October 25th! Pumpkins will be \$10. Proceeds will go towards the 5th Grade class trip!

~"Paint with Sarah" November 27th

Birchtree Charter School Gym

\$40 dollars a ticket

Painting will be a beautiful Owl!

Proceeds will go towards the 5th Grade class trip!

~Please make sure to send your students with a healthy snack and lunch every day! If your student forgets or doesn't have a lunch they will be calling home. Thanks

~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

4th and 5th Grade Girls Basketball

4th and 5th Girls basketball starts October 10, 2019

All **4th and 5th grade girls** are welcome to join the **Birchtree Girls Basketball Team!!**

The season details are as follows:

4th and 5th grade basketball season Starts: Thursday October 10, 2019.

Participants must have a **signed participation waiver** and **pay the district-mandated \$30.00 activity fee BEFORE** starting practice on Thursday October 10th.

Athletes will need to bring **appropriate clothing, well-fitting running shoes and a water bottle** to EVERY PRACTICE.

Practices are as follows:

Tuesday from 3:00 PM- 4:45 PM

Thursday from 2:00 PM -3:45 PM

Games will be announced at a later date; however the district jamboree will be Saturday November 16th.

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

Thanks,

Coach Andrist

7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball

7th and 8th grade boys basketball starts September 30, 2019

All **7th and 8th grade boys** are welcome to join the **Birchtree Boys Basketball Team!!**

The season details are as follows:

7th and 8th grade basketball season Starts: Monday September 30, 2019.

Participants must have a signed participation waiver and pay the district-mandated \$30.00 activity fee BEFORE starting practice on Monday September 30th.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:15-4:45 PM

Game Schedule is as follows: (these games are subject to changes at any time throughout the season)

10-9-19 @ Colony Middle

10-17-19 @ Palmer Junior Middle

10-23-19 @ Wasilla Middle

11-08-19 @ Redington (championship tournament)

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

Thanks,

Coach Eller

German Corner

Dear TWIG Readers,

Fall is always our busiest season at the Embassy - a time of year filled with celebrations and anniversaries. One such celebration is the Steuben Parade, one of the largest gatherings of German Americans in the world! Since 1957, German immigrants and German-Americans have marched through Manhattan on the third Saturday of every September, bringing German music, food and culture to the heart of the metropolis.

The parade is named after Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, a Prussian-born military officer who served as inspector general and major general of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. Steuben's influence in the US is unquestionable, but there are many more Germans who called the US their home. For many, New York and Ellis Island served as the gateway into the country. In the 19th century, one neighborhood on the Lower East Side was even called "Kleindeutschland", which means "little Germany." Although "Kleindeutschland" no longer exists, there are still plenty of German-Americans in the Big Apple, and they come together each year at this parade.

Marching bands, floats, dancers and German-American organizations walk in the parade, often wearing traditional German costumes, such as the Bavarian Dirndl and Lederhosen. This year, the Steuben Parade will be attended by German Ambassador Emily Haber, who has been chosen as the Grand Marshal of the parade.

If you're in New York, make sure to check out the parade for a taste of German culture!

*There will be no TWIG on September 27. The next edition of TWIG will be sent out on October 4.

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