



Birch Twig

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Birch Lane Families,
 Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We hope that you all had a relaxing summer and were able to enjoy some quality family time. We are so excited to be back! We are hopeful that the new year will continue to provide us with the ability to get back to some of the wonderful PTA events and programs that we all look forward to. We were excited to have had the opportunity to welcome our newest families at the Boo Hoo Breakfast. We are also in the process of planning for our annual Welcome Back Bash and hope to see all of you there! We encourage all of you to join the Birch Lane PTA and consider volunteering to support their efforts as they continue to bring such wonderful programs and events to our school. This school year, we will continue to promote our bucket filling, positive energy and choosing kind themes. Along with these themes, the focus of our building this year will be on perseverance. To kick off the promotion of our perseverance theme, we have purchased a copy of the book *The Magical Yet*, by Angela DiTerlizzi, for all teachers. The depictions of difficult situations, such as learning to ride a bike, learning to dance, or practicing painting are sure to strike a chord with our students who are struggling to pick up something new. It is our hope that we foster their understanding of the positive outcomes brought on by practice and perseverance and inspire our students to never give up. Mrs. Larkin and I are looking forward to a great year together!

Sincerely,
 Mr. Aspetti and Mrs. Larkin



PARP

Congratulations to our PARP program for winning the Nassau Region PARP award!



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

We've set a goal: 100 percent PTA participation for every class! Sign up today at [Birchlanepta.memberhub.store](https://birchlanepta.memberhub.store) (\$10 individual/\$16 per family). Remember: You must be a PTA member to chair, co-chair, or work on committees and attend PTA events.
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SEPTA NEWS

Massapequa SEPTA hopes that everyone had a safe, healthy, restful and wonderful summer. We have high hopes and big plans for the upcoming school year. As always, we extend an invitation for everyone to join, volunteer and be a part of SEPTA. We have many exciting speakers and events in the works for the new school year. Our first meeting will be on October 6th. Please visit our website to stay informed, to join SEPTA, sign up for SEPTA Remind, and view all of our spirit wear items available for purchase. Anyone that is interested in becoming a SEPTA member please visit the following website <https://massapequasepta.memberhub.store>. To stay up to date with news, events, and information from Massapequa SEPTA please like us on Facebook @Massapequa SEPTA. Visit our website <https://massapequasepta.wordpress.com> If you are interested in volunteering with Massapequa SEPTA please contact us at msdsepta@gmail.com



LET'S GET CLIPPING!

Help earn Box Tops money for Birch Lane by scanning your grocery store receipts! Back to school is a great time to earn Bonus Box Tops, enter sweepstakes and see new products added! Scan your store cards too. We are at \$33.90 and our goal is \$1000 so please help by downloading the Box Tops App and scan your receipts. Send in clipped Box Tops!
 -The Box Top Committee
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WELCOME BACK FROM THE PTA

Welcome back! And if you're new to Birch Lane, welcome!! It's hard to believe the summer is over already. I hope everyone enjoyed some sun and fun and time with family and friends. The Birch Lane PTA has been working to bring our in-person events back to school this year and our full range of Arts in Education programs. Once again we cannot do any of this without your support. We encourage everyone to become a PTA member. Your PTA membership dues help finance our programs so please join today! As always, we are open to any new ideas for this year and can always be reached for questions, concerns, or comments at birchlanepta@gmail.com. Thank you and Welcome Back!
 Sincerely, Heather Callahan
 PTA President



WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Birch Lane Elementary is participating in Walk to School Day on Wed, October 6, 2021. International Walk to School day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. Join children around the world to celebrate the health benefits of walking and bicycling. To make it fun for the children, we will be including a scavenger hunt for the children to utilize along the way. Together, let's make Walk to School Day 2021 a day to remember! More info coming soon!
 -Health and Wellness Committee
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BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Come on down and let's kick off this new school year right with Birch Lane PTA's Annual Welcome Back Bash on Friday September 24th from 4-6pm. Food, Games, Prizes and more! Details will be coming home with the kids. Hope to see you there!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9 First day of school for grades 1-5 BOE Public Session 8PM	10 First day of kindergarten	11
12	13	14	15	16 Yom Kippur School Closed	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 BOE Public Session 8PM	24 Welcome Back Bash PTA General Membership Meeting 9:45am (Location TBD)	25
26	27 Back to School Night	28	29	30		

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Looking Ahead:

October 6: Walk to School Day

October 6: BOE Meeting (8pm)

October 11: School Closed- Columbus Day

October 13/14: Picture Day

October 15: PTA meeting. Breakfast with the principal immediately following.

October 21: BOE Meeting (8pm)



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