



# Birch Twig

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## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

### Birch Lane PTA Membership Matters!

We've set a goal: 100 percent PTA participation for every class! Sign up today at [Birch Lane PTA 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.

## remind PTA REMIND APP

Never miss another fun PTA or building event! Sign up to receive text notifications and get up-to-date reminders for school functions. If you were already signed up for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade last year, you were moved up to the next group. To sign up for Remind, text your code to **81010**. If you are new to Remind, open a text and instead of inputting a phone number, type, **81010**. Next, in the message, type your code.

- Kindergarten @2021-22kin
- 1st Grade @2021-221st
- 2nd Grade @2021-222nd
- 3rd Grade @2021-223rd
- 4th Grade @2021-224th
- 5th Grade @21-225th



## LET'S SKATE!

Join us for Birch Lane PTA's first ice skating event!

The event will take place 1/29 11am to 1230pm. Details to follow in January.



## FINDING THOSE TOPS!

Wishing you and your family a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season! Box Tops offers many Holiday Bonuses for scanning your receipts. As you shop for groceries, please scan your receipts to help Birch Lane earn Box Tops money. So far, we have earned over \$100 for Birch Lane. Let's keep earning!

-The Box Top Committee



## SEPTA NEWS

Our November Massapequa SEPTA meeting took place on Wednesday, November 17th and was very well attended. The guest speaker was Massapequa's own Debbie O'Fee, Author: I'm Sorry Jimmy Muscle: The Story of Our Autistic Eloper. In addition, several Massapequa OTs presented on toys/games that they use in therapy and what OT services look like in our district. Our next SEPTA meeting is Wednesday January 19th at 7:00pm at the McKenna Senior Center. The District will also be hosting a Workshop about Transition on January 4th, at 7:00pm at the McKenna Senior Center. We are planning an alumni night on December 10th- more information to come. Our Spring Fundraising event will be held on Thursday May 12th at 8:00pm at Governor's Comedy Club. More information will be sent as the date approaches. SEPTA would like to thank everyone that has joined and become a SEPTA member and purchased fundraising items. SEPTA calendars and other fundraising items are available on the membership hub. Anyone that is interested in becoming a SEPTA member please visit <https://massapequasepta.memberhub.store>. Please like us on Facebook @Massapequa SEPTA. If you are interested in volunteering with Massapequa SEPTA please contact us at [msdsepta@gmail.com](mailto:msdsepta@gmail.com)



## PARP

This year's PARP Program will begin soon. The program is scheduled to run from January 24th through February 11th. PARP stands for Pick A Reading Partner and is a PTA sponsored literacy program. The PARP Committee has already met to begin planning fun ways to engage children in reading with a friend or family member. This year's theme will focus on kindness and acceptance. Be on the lookout for emails to vote on the best title for this year's kindness and acceptance theme!



## HOLIDAY FAIR

Thank you to those that volunteered at our Holiday Fair and for helping to make this year's event a success. The students really enjoyed shopping in person for special holiday gifts.



## REFLECTIONS

Thank you to all of the students who participated in our Reflections Art Contest this year! The turn out from Birch Lane was amazing and the entries were really thoughtful and creative. All entries have been given to the judges for scoring and Mr. Aspetti will announce the winners later in the school year (date TBD)! Everyone did a wonderful job and should all feel very proud!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Blood Drive	2 BOE Meeting 8PM	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Parent/Teacher Conferences	10 <b>No School</b> Parent/Teacher Conferences	11
12	13 Parent/Teacher Conferences	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 <b>Holiday Recess</b> <b>No School</b> →	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>
26	27 <b>Holiday Recess</b> <b>No School</b> →	28	29	30	31 <i>New Years Eve</i>	

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**Locking Ahead:**

- January 3- School Resumes.
- January 6- Board of Ed meeting at 8 p.m.
- January 17- Martin Luther King Jr. Day- No School.
- January 20- Board of Ed meeting at 8 p.m.
- January 24- PARP Begins.
- January 29- Birch Lane ice skating event.



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