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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.



PAWS FOR A GOOD BOOK!

Come. Stay. Read a great TALE at our annual Scholastic Book Fair, February 14th - 17th. Kids can shop from favorite best-sellers and non-fiction books to graphic novels and so much more. Be on the lookout for a letter home in a few weeks with more details! Books are a real TREAT!

-The Book Fair Committee
Ellen Williamson
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LET'S SKATE!



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

The event will take place 1/29 11am-12:30pm at Marjorie Post Park Ice Skating Arena. Tickets are \$5.00 and will include 1 1/2 hours of skating and a cup of hot chocolate. Tickets can be purchased at [My Cheddar Up](#)



FINDING THOSE TOPS!

Did you know you can download the box top app and scan your receipts to earn money for Birch Lane? Follow the link below to find the QR code and download to start earning. [Box Top Link](#)
-The Box Top Committee



SEPTA NEWS

Our next SEPTA meeting is Wednesday January 19th at 7PM at the McKenna Senior Center.

This presentation by CPSE Chairperson, Ms. Kristen Catalano, is to prepare parents for their child's transition from preschool to kindergarten and school-age special education services. Topics include difference in preschool and school-age services; eligibility determinations; continuum of services; building-level supports; and annual reviews.

The District Special Education Department will be hosting two workshops on January 11th and January 26th at 7PM at the Senior Center at McKenna about Parent to Parent Connection and Nassau BOCES.

Sibshops will also be happening beginning on January 20th. Our Spring Fundraising event will be held on Thursday May 12th at 8PM at Governor's Comedy Club with more information to follow.

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 the [SEPTA member link](#). Please like us on Facebook @Massapequa SEPTA. If you are interested in volunteering with Massapequa SEPTA please contact us at msdsepta@gmail.com



PARP

The theme for this year's PARP is "Spread Reading Love with Acts of Kindness". Thank you to all families and to our teachers for facilitating the class votes. We're very excited about this year's program which will run from January 24 - February 11. All students will participate in the virtual kick off presentation featuring singer/songwriter Jared Campbell. ([Click here to see a preview of his elementary assembly](#))

The program will feature daily challenges, opportunities to visit local destinations (where you'll scan a QR code to log your participation), and a book and small prizes for each child. All of these center around students reading 20 minutes daily with a partner. An informational video will be shared before the program begins.

We hope that your family will engage in this terrific literacy program and share in some acts of kindness!

The PARP Committee
-Gracemarie Rozea





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16	17 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18	19	20 BOE Meeting 8PM	21 PARP Kickoff Assembly	22
23	24 PARP begins	25	26	27	28	29 Birch Lane Ice Skating Event
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February 10 Board of Ed meeting 8pm
February 15 PTA meeting 6:45pm
February 14-18 Book Fair
February 21-15 Winter Recess - No School



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