



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Birch Lane Families,
 Welcome to the 2022-2023 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 and reunited with our Birch Lane family! As always, we are working together with the PTA to plan for another great year. We kicked this off a few weeks ago with the Kindergarten Playdate. Thank you to our volunteers for organizing this event. What a great way for our newest students to start getting to know each other. We look forward to the many future events that are being planned. We encourage all of you to join the PTA and volunteer to support their efforts as they continue to bring such wonderful programs to our school. As we do each year, we will be introducing our students to a new building theme. This year, our building theme will be self-acceptance. To kick off the promotion of our self-acceptance theme, we have purchased a copy of the book *You are the Perfect You*, by Melinda Gibbons, for all teachers to read with their students. We will also continue to foster our themes of past years which have included: bucket filling, growth mindset, positive energy, recognizing and celebrating our differences, kindness and perseverance. Mrs. Larkin and I are looking forward to a great year together and hope to see you all at the PTA's Back to School Bash on September 16th.

Sincerely,
 Mr. Aspetti and Mrs. Larkin



KINDERGARTEN COMMITTEE

The Kindergarten Committee had a busy summer! We planned the Kindergarten Playdate, Boo Hoo Breakfast, and we delivered Welcome to Kindergarten signs. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the start of Kindergarten special for our new students.



WELCOME BACK FROM THE PTA

Welcome back! The PTA has worked hard all summer to plan a full slate of in-person events for the 2022-23 school year. We are excited to be back to normal and look forward to hosting all our traditional Birch Lane programs! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like to help with any of our committees or if you have any questions.

Thank you and welcome back!
Sincerely, Amy MacLeod, PTA President
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PTA MEETING

The first PTA meeting of the year will be on September 16th at 9:45am in the Birch Lane GP room (cafeteria). Please join us. It is a great way to hear about events and activities within your school.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

We've set a goal: 100 percent PTA participation for every class! Sign up today at [BIRCH LANE MEMBERSHIP](#) (\$10 individual/\$6 additional family members). Remember: You must be a PTA member to chair, co-chair, or work on committees and attend PTA events.
membershipbirchlaneppta@gmail.com



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 @2022-23k
- 1st Grade @2022-231st
- 2nd Grade @2022-232nd
- 3rd Grade @2022-233rd
- 4th Grade @2022-234th
- 5th Grade @2022-235th



SEPTA NEWS

Massapequa SEPTA hopes that everyone had a safe, healthy, restful, and wonderful summer. As always, we extend an invitation for everyone to join, volunteer, and be a part of SEPTA. Our first meeting for this school year will be on October 12th. During the month of August, SEPTA held a bicycle clinic for the children. We will be hosting the Harvest Dance for members in October. More details to follow.

Anyone that is interested in becoming a SEPTA member please visit [SEPTA MEMBERSHIP](#). To stay up to date with news, events, and information from Massapequa SEPTA please like us on [Facebook](#) or visit our website [MASSAPEQUA SEPTA](#).

If you are interested in volunteering with Massapequa SEPTA please contact us at msdsepta@gmail.com.



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Let's start the new school year off right with the Birch Lane PTA's annual Back to School Bash on Friday, September 16th from 4 to 6pm. BBQ, music, games, and more! Details coming soon. We hope to see you there!



SPIRIT WEAR

We've got SPIRIT...how about YOU?!? The Birch Lane Spirit Wear store will be open from Sept. 12 - Sept. 25. Flyers will be sent home soon. The last Friday of every month, all students are encouraged to show their Birch Lane spirit by wearing their Massapequa gear. Contact Christine Fahey or Kimberly Rumberg with any questions.
birchlanespiritwear@gmail.com



LET'S GET CLIPPING!

Get set for back to school! Box Tops has over 80 brands and 350 participating products that families love. Earning cash for Birch Lane with Box Tops is easy. Just scan your receipt with the Box Tops app! Follow the link below to find the QR code and download to start earning. [Box Top Link](#) -The Box Top Committee



WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Birch Lane Elementary is participating in Walk to School Day on Weds, October 4, 2022. 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. Walking and bicycling to school provide opportunities for children and families to reduce their carbon usage, contribute to the health of the environment, and get physical activity. Teaching children walking and bicycling safety skills can help create lifelong travel skills.

To make it fun for the children, we will be including a scavenger hunt to utilize along the way. Together, let's make Walk to School Day 2022 a day to remember! More info coming soon!

-Health and Wellness Committee



PTA WEBSITE

Please visit our website for the most up to date information at [Birch Lane PTA](#). In addition, please visit our PTA Facebook page at [Birch Lane PTA Facebook](#).



SAVE THE DATE! "SPOOKTACULAR" NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Join us for a spooktacular night at the movies Wednesday, October 19th, 5pm at the Bellmore Playhouse.

Additional details to follow. Contact Meghan DelVecchio mdelvecchio@ft.newyorklife.com with any questions.



SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!

Time to say cheese! Picture Day returns to Birch Lane October 12th and 13th. Flyers will be sent home soon! Any questions please contact: Elizabeth Edelbach ElizabethEdelbach@gmail.com.



FALL PLANT SALE

Be on the lookout for the Fall Plant Sale Order forms! Forms must be returned by Friday, September 16. Plant pick-up will be on September 29/30.

Any questions, contact Vicki Abbinanti at birchlaneplants@gmail.com.

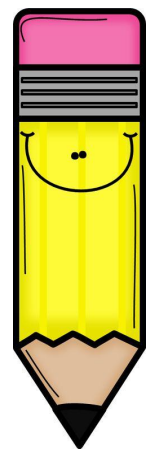
LET YOUR CHILD SHINE WITH REFLECTIONS!



Our Reflections Art Contest is back! This year's contest theme is "Show Your Voice."

Students can reflect on this theme through the categories of Visual Arts, Musical Composition, Literature, Photography, and Film. Production will be collected at Birch Lane on November 14th from 4:45 PM-6:45 PM and November 15th from 4:45 PM-6:45 PM.

Check your child's backpack for an information packet coming soon. It will include deadlines, directions, and the entry form. Then it's time to start creating! You can find more information online at [NYSPTA](#). Contact Jenni Mignone with any questions Jenniv39@aol.com.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 First day of school grades 1-5	2 First day of school Kindergarten Boo Hoo Breakfast 9:45am-10:15am	3
4	5 Labor Day School Closed	6	7 Fall Plant Sale begins	8 BOE Public Session 8pm	9	10
11	12 Fall Spirit Wear sale begins	13 Back to School Night	14	15	16 PTA General Membership Meeting 9:45am Back to School Bash 4pm-6pm Fall Plant Sale ends	17
18	19 <i>RAIN DATE</i> Back to School Bash	20	21	22 BOE Public Session 8pm	23	24
25 Fall Spirit Wear sale ends	26 Rosh Hashanah School Closed	27 Rosh Hashanah School Closed	28	29 Plant Sale pickup 3:40-6pm	30 Plant Sale pickup 3:40-6pm	

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Looking Ahead:

October 4: Walk/Bike to School Day

October 6: BOE Meeting (8pm)

October 10: School Closed- Columbus Day

October 12/13: Picture Day

October 14: PTA meeting 9:45am.
Breakfast with the principal immediately following.

October 19: A Spooktacular Night at the Movies

October 20: BOE Meeting (8pm)

October 24-28: Red Ribbon Week

October 31: Halloween Parade

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