



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Birch Lane Families,
 Welcome to the 2023-2024 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 school 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 courage, creativity and self-expression. To kick off the promotion of our theme, we have purchased a copy of the book *The Dot*, by Peter Reynolds, for all teachers to read with their students. We will also continue to foster our themes of past years which have included: bucket filling, having a growth mindset and positive energy, recognizing and celebrating our differences, self-acceptance, kindness and perseverance

We are looking forward to a great year together and hope to see you all at the PTAs Back to School Bash on September 21st.

Sincerely,
 Mr. Aspetti and Mrs. Larkin



WELCOME BACK FROM THE PTA

We have a full calendar of events for this year and we are looking forward to seeing you there! The focus of Birch Lane PTA is not only activities, but also in fostering community spirit and a sense of belonging. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like to volunteer, if you have any questions, or if you need help making a connection. We are here to support you and your children. Thank you, and welcome back!

Sincerely,
 Amy MacLeod
 PTA President
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PTA MEETINGS

The first PTA meeting of the year will be on September 15 at 9:45 AM in the Birch Lane GP Room. Breakfast with the Principal will follow our meeting. Please join us and mark your calendars with our future meeting dates: November 14, 6:45 PM; March 19, 6:45 PM; May 14, 6:45 PM; June 4, 6:45 PM



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

Sign up to receive text notifications and get up-to-date reminders for school functions. 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 @2023-24K
- 1st Grade @2023-241st
- 2nd Grade @2023-242nd
- 3rd Grade @2023-243rd
- 4th Grade @2023-244th
- 5th Grade @2023-245th



SEPTA NEWS



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 Thursday, September 21st from 4 to 6 PM. 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 September 11-September 25. Flyers will be sent home soon.

The last Friday of every month is a Spirit Day. Students are encouraged to wear their Birch Lane or Massapequa gear. Contact Jackie Graham with any questions.

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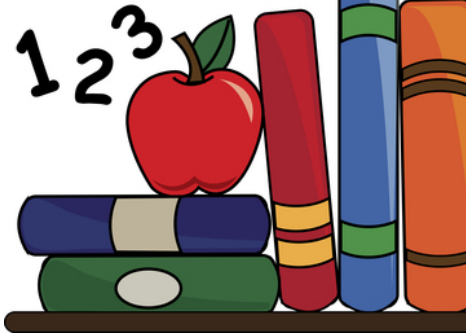
WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Birch Lane Elementary is participating in Walk to School Day on Weds, October 4, 2023. 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 2023 a day to remember! More info coming soon!
-Health and Wellness Committee

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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](#).



SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!

Smile for the Camera Time to say cheese! Picture Day returns to Birch Lane October 11th and 12th. Flyers will be sent home soon! Any questions please contact: lisaantonucci3@gmail.com



FALL PLANT SALE

Be on the lookout for the Fall Plant Sale Order forms! Forms must be returned by Friday, September 15th. Plant pick-up will be on September 28th and 29th. Any questions, contact Vicki Abbinanti at birchlanepants@gmail.com.

LET YOUR CHILD SHINE WITH REFLECTIONS!



This year's contest theme is "I am Hopeful Because."

Students can reflect on this theme through six categories of Film Production, Music Composition, Visual Arts, Dance Choreography, Literature and Photography. Projects 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 <https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections>

Contact Diane Sfoglia with any questions at Dianesfoglia@yahoo.com.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 No School Labor Day	5 First Day of School	6 Kindergarten Begins	7 BOE Public Session 8 PM	8	9
10	11 Birch Lane Spirit Wear Store Opens	12 Back-to-School Night 7 PM	13	14	15 PTA Meeting 9:45 AM Fall Plant Sale Order Forms Due	16
17	18	19	20	21 Back-to-School Bash 4-6 PM BOE Public Session 8 PM	22	23
24	25 No School Yom Kippur Birch Lane Spirit Wear Store Closes	26 Back-to-School Bash Rain Date	27 SEPTA Meeting 7 PM Fall Plant Sale Pick-Up 3:30-5:30 PM	28 Fall Plant Sale Pick-Up 3:30-5:30 PM	29	30

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Looking Ahead:

- October 4, 2023 Walk to School Day
- October 5, 2023 BOE Public Session
- October 9, 2023 School Closed-Columbus Day
- October 11, 2023 Picture Day
- October 12, 2023 Picture Day
- October 19, 2023 BOE Public Session
- October 23-27, 2023 Red Ribbon Week
- October 29, 2023 Safe Halloween
- October 31, 2023 Halloween Parade

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