



GIVING THANKS

During this season of gratitude, I'd like to thank my fellow officers - Christine Rose, Jenni Mignone, Lauren

Carollo, and Stephanie Iannuzzi - for being the best teammates in town. I also want to acknowledge the committees that began working over the summer to bring us many successful events that make Birch Lane feel like home: Katie McCauley and the Back to School Bash Committee; Julie Tittl for the Twig; Kristin Voutsinas for maintaining the website; Tara Banta and the Kindergarten Committee; Vicki Abbinanti, the Bulletin Board Committee, and the Plant Sale Committee; Lisa Antonucci and the Picture Day Committee; Katie McCauley and the Hospitality Committee; Diane Sfogleia, the Health and Wellness Committee, and the Reflections Committee; Jackie Graham and the Spirit Wear Committee; and Christine Fahey for Arts in Ed and Membership.

I would also like to thank the Birch Lane staff for their support. From the teachers to the lunch monitors to the main office, they relentlessly strive to protect and nurture our children.

It's hard to believe how much we have accomplished in only the first two months of school and there are many more programs and events to come.

Gratefully,
Amy MacLeod
PTA President



SEPTA NEWS

A lot of work is being done for our 11/8 meeting and collaboration with the district on a Workshop/Resource/Vendor fair. This will be open to ALL districts in Nassau and Suffolk. We will be sharing the flier on our Facebook page and email blast through memberhub shortly!

11/29 - We are having a parent meet up at one of the local restaurants. SEPTA provides appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks. More info to follow!



FALL FUNDRAISER

"It's tearin' up my heart" if you don't "buy, buy, buy" your tickets for the 2023 Annual Fall Fundraiser at Mulcahy's of Wantagh, Thursday, November 9th, from 7-11 PM! There will be raffles, baskets and jamming out to your favorite Boy Band & Britney throwbacks. Any questions, please contact: mfiore426@gmail.com

Tickets can be purchased [here!](#)



SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!

Picture Day was a great success! It was such a joy to see all those smiling faces. We hope everyone is happy with their portraits, but if not, makeup and retake day is November 9th. Please send your child in with the pictures you received for retakes or the original form for makeups. Please contact lisaantonucci3@gmail.com with any questions!

Extra forms are posted under the EVENTS tab at www.birchlaneppta.net.



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



PTA WEBSITE

Please visit our website for the most up to date information at [Birch Lane PTA](http://www.birchlaneppta.net). In addition, please visit our PTA Facebook page at [Birch Lane PTA Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/BirchLanePTA).



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; 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.

Paperwork can be found at [birchlaneppta.net](http://www.birchlaneppta.net) under the EVENTS tab. 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 Sfogleia with any questions at Dianesfogleia@yahoo.com.



WINTER FUN NIGHT RETURNS!

The PTA is excited to host our 2nd annual stuff-a-bear

Winter Fun Night! Join us for the main event and lots of additional fun winter-themed activities on December 13th. More details to come soon! Please email ElizabethEdelbach@gmail.com with any questions.



BIRCH LANE PTA NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Please join us for a night at the movies as we watch TROLLS BACK TOGETHER on November 20th & 21st at *Seaford Cinemas*, 3951 Merrick Rd., Seaford, NY 11783. Doors will open at 4:00 PM and showtime is 4:30 PM. The cost will be \$12/pp. Everyone needs a ticket. We highly encourage arriving with friends you'd like to sit with, as seating will be on a first come, first served basis. Tickets will include a small popcorn and a small fountain drink. Tickets will go on sale soon. Please check to make sure the session you choose does not conflict with your conference day. Looking forward to seeing you there! For questions email: mdelvecchio@delcfs.com

Please find the link to buy tickets here:

[Night 1: November 20, 2023](#)

[Night 2: November 21, 2023](#)



2023 HOLIDAY FAIR

The Holiday Fair will take place from Monday, November 27 through Thursday, November 30. Students can purchase affordable and special gifts for family and friends. Flyers will be sent home in backpacks with volunteer information and class shopping times.



BIRCH LANE BLOOD DRIVE

The Birch Lane PTA is thrilled to announce our upcoming Blood Drive on Monday, December 18, 2023 from 4:00 - 8:30 PM. Every donation counts and your generous contribution can make a tremendous difference right here in our own community, so we invite you to participate in this life-saving event. The NY Blood Center will be visiting the fifth grade classes in early December to explain the "Little Doctors" program where students will learn the importance of donating blood and the impact it can have. Be a hero and help save lives! We look forward to seeing you at the Blood Drive!

For any questions, please contact Adam Somers (asomers23@gmail.com).



WORLD KINDNESS WEEK

On Monday, November 13th, staff at Birch Lane are partnering with members of our PTA Diversity and Inclusion Committee to engage students in various activities during recess periods to promote kindness. On the same day, the PTA will sponsor a schoolwide assembly focused on character education.



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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 BOE Public Session 8:00 PM	3	4
5	6	7 Election Day School Closed	8	9 Picture Retake Day Fall Fundraiser 7:00 PM	10 Veterans Day (Observed) School Closed	11
12	13	14 Reflections Drop Off 4:45-6:45 PM PTA Meeting 6:45 PM	15 Reflections Drop Off 4:45-6:45 PM	16 BOE Public Session 8:00 PM	17 Parent-Teacher Conferences No School	18
19	20 Movie Night Session 1	21 Movie Night Session 2	22 Thanksgiving No School	23 Thanksgiving No School	24 Thanksgiving No School	25
26	27 Holiday Fair Begins	28	29	30 Holiday Fair Ends		

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Looking Ahead:

December 13: Winter Fun Night

December 18: Blood Drive

December 19: Staff Luncheon

December 23 - January 1: Winter Recess - No School

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