



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Birch Lane Families,  
Welcome back to a new school year at Birch Lane! We hope you had a wonderful summer filled with fun and relaxation. As we embark on another exciting school year, we are thrilled to have your children back in our classrooms, ready to learn and grow.

Our amazing staff has been hard at work preparing for a year full of engaging lessons, new friendships, and memorable experiences. As always, we are committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment where every child can thrive.

We look forward to partnering with you to support your child's educational journey. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns as we work together to make this school year a successful and enjoyable one.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Warm regards,  
Stephen Aspetti and Joyce Larkin



## WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Birch Lane Elementary is participating in Walk to School Day on Weds, October 2, 2024. 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.

The PTA will also be hosting a fun assembly this day with the BMX Bike Show to further enhance the important messages of the day.



## WELCOME BACK FROM THE PTA

We are excited to welcome you back to school! Our PTA has so many great programs and events already planned and we are always evolving to bring new things to our school.

The main goal of our Birch Lane PTA is to create a connection between your family and our Birch Lane school community. We are also committed to advocate for enhanced education as well as the safety and wellbeing of each and every student at Birch Lane.

We would love to increase participation in our PTA, because we are stronger when we all work together to achieve our goals. Please reach out if you would like to learn more about the many opportunities to volunteer! Remember that any contribution of your time and talent is welcomed and encouraged!

Best regards,  
Christine Rose  
PTA President  
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## 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.

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](mailto: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 Thursday, September 18th from 4 to 6 PM. BBQ, music, games, and more! Details coming soon.

We hope to see you there!



## SPIRIT WEAR

The Birch Lane Fall Spirit Wear online store will be open from September 9<sup>th</sup> through September 20<sup>th</sup>. Be on the look out for some fun new items! Flyers will be sent home soon.

The last Friday of every month is Spirit Day. Students are encouraged to wear their Birch Lane or Massapequa apparel

Please contact Christine Fahey with any questions .  
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## FALL PLANT SALE

Welcome back! Be on the lookout for the Fall Plant Sale Order forms. Forms must be returned by Friday, September 13th. plant pick-up will be on September 26th and 27th. Any questions, contact Kerri Fitzsimmons or Regina Price at [birchlaneplants@gmail.com](mailto:birchlaneplants@gmail.com)



## SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!

Time to say cheese!  
Photographers will be at Birch Lane on October 8th and 9th to take individual student photos. Flyers will be sent home soon! Any questions please contact: [lisaantonucci3@gmail.com](mailto:lisaantonucci3@gmail.com)

remind **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 @2024-25K
- 1st Grade @2024-251st
- 2nd Grade @2024-252nd
- 3rd Grade @2024-253rd
- 4th Grade @2024-254th
- 5th Grade @2024-255th



**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. [membershipbirchlanepa@gmail.com](mailto:membershipbirchlanepa@gmail.com)



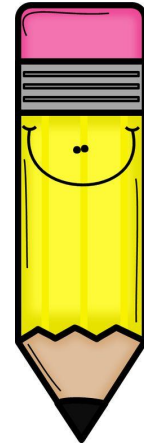
**PTA WEBSITE**

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](#).



**PTA MEETINGS**

The first PTA meeting of the year will be on September 12th 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: October 10th,





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day No School	3	4 First Day of School	5 First Day for Kindergarten  Kindergarten Boo Hoo Breakfast	6 Arts in Ed School Assembly Jon Gordon Energy Bus  Fall Plant Sale Begins	7
8	9	10 Back to School Night 7 PM-9PM	11 School Spirit Wear Sale Begins	12 PTA Meeting 9:45  Board of Education Public Session 8PM	13 Fall Plant Sale Forms Due	14
15	16	17	18 Back to School Bash	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Back to School Bash Rain Date	26 Board of Education Public Session 8PM Fall Plant Pickups	27 Fall Plant Pickups	28
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### **PTA Executive Committee**

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### ***Looking Ahead:***

10/2/2024 Walk/Bike to School  
 10/10/2024 PTA Meeting  
 10/8/2024-10/9/2024 Picture Day  
 10/17/2024 Adventureland Family Fun Night  
 10/21/2024 Red Ribbon Week  
 10/29/2024 Picture Retake Day  
 10/31/2024 Halloween Parade and Parties

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