



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.



RED RIBBON

Red Ribbon Week 2023 is October 21-25th. This year's theme is "Life is a movie, film drug free." The campaign's mission is to encourage families and communities to live happy and healthy lives. It also serves as a reminder that we are all empowered to transform the world around us through positivity, bravery, and strength. Please join Birch Lane PTA in promoting healthy choices! Let's stand together and show our spirit.

-Health and Wellness Committee



SEPTA NEWS

Massapequa SEPTA celebrates National Unity Day, October 16th. Show your support by wearing **orange**.

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.



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



SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!

Time to say cheese! Photographers will be at Birch Lane on October 8th and 9th to take individual student photos. Retakes will be on October 29th. Flyers will be sent home soon! Any questions please contact: lisaantonucci3@gmail.com



LET YOUR CHILD SHINE WITH REFLECTIONS!

Calling all Massapequa artists, photographers, musicians, dancers, authors, and filmmakers. This year's PTA Reflections theme is Accepting Imperfections...

For those who are unfamiliar with the contest, here's how it works:

Create an original project based on the list of acceptable Reflections categories - Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Photography, Literature or Film.

Fill out the paperwork. When completed, drop off at the Birch Lane lobby on **11/14 or 11/15, 4:45-6:45 PM**.

The PTA will recognize every participant at a ceremony at Birch Lane in February. Families are invited. Take this opportunity to share your creativity and talent.

All the guidelines and directions are attached to this email. You can also visit the PTA website for more information. [Reflections Arts Program | National PTA](#)



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

Please join us and mark your calendars with our future meeting dates: October 10th and November 7th.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 No School Rosh Hashanah	4 No School Rosh Hashanah	5
6	7	8 Picture Day	9 Picture Day	10 PTA Meeting 6:45 PM Board of Education Public Session 8PM	11	12
13	14 No School Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Red Ribbon Week Begins	22	23	24 Board of Education Public Session 8PM	25	26
27	28	29 Picture Day Retake	30	31 Halloween Parade 9:45 AM		

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Looking Ahead:

11/06/2024-Arts in Education Assembly
 Journeys, Grade 4
 11/07/2024-PTA Meeting at 9:45 AM
 11/13/2024-World Kindness Day with Arts in
 Education Assembly
 11/13/2024-11/14/2024 Reflections Project Drop
 Off

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BIRCH LANE PTA



MONTHLY EVENTS



2024-2025

Please note: All dates & times are subject to change. Be sure to get the latest updates and information the following ways: **Check your email regularly. Join PTA <https://birchlaneppta.memberhub.com/store>. Visit our website at [birchlaneppta.net](https://www.facebook.com/groups/birchlaneppta). Join our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/birchlaneppta>. Sign up for REMIND (see below).**

SEPTEMBER

- 4- First Day & Staff Luncheon
- 5- Boo Hoo Breakfast 9:45 AM
- 6- Assembly Jon Gordon's Energy Bus!
- 6- Fall Plant Sale Pre Order Begins
- 11- Fall Spirit Wear Sale Begins
- 12- PTA Breakfast with Principal 9:45AM
- 18- Back to School Bash 4-6 PM (25th Rain)
- 26-27- Plant Sale Pick Up 3:30-5:30 PM

OCTOBER

- 2- Walk/Bike to School
- 2- BMX Bike Show Assembly
- 10- PTA Meeting 6:45PM
- 8-9- Picture Days
- 21-25- Red Ribbon Week
- 31- Halloween Parade & Parties

NOVEMBER

- 6- 4th Grade Arts in Ed Program
- 7- PTA Meeting 9:45AM
- 13- World Kindness Day Programs
- 13-14 - Reflections Drop Off
- TBD - Fall Fundraiser*

DECEMBER

- 9-12- Holiday Fair Shopping
- 11- Winter Fun Night
- 18- Staff Luncheon

JANUARY

- 16- PTA Meeting 6:45PM
- 23- Tacos and Trivia Event
- 23- PARP Assembly with Joe Romano "Magic in You"
- 27- PARP Begins

FEBRUARY

- 3-6- Book Fair
- 13- Reflections Ceremony 9:45AM
- 24-28- 5th Grade Arts in Ed
- 25- STEAM Night Event

MARCH

- 3-7- 3rd Grade Arts in Ed
- 6- 1st Grade Arts in Ed
- 12- BIRCHO Event
- 13- K Arts in Ed
- 13- PTA Meeting 6:45PM

APRIL

- TBD- Boys' Bash
- TBD- Little Ladies Dance
- 4-11- Spring Plant Pre-Sale Orders
- 19- School Supply Kit Sale Ends
- TBD- Spring Fundraiser

MAY

- 5-9- Staff Appreciation Week
- 7- Staff Luncheon
- 7-8- Spring Plant Sale (in person)
- 7-8- Plant Sale Pre-Sale Pick Up 3:30-5:30 PM
- 15- PTA General Mtg 6:45 PM
- 21- PTA End of Year Awards Dinner

JUNE

- TBD- PTA Committee Sign Up Mtg
- 4- Field Day
- 5- Field Day Rain Date
- 18- Summer Kick Off Bash 4-6 PM

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