



GIVING THANKS

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on what we are grateful for. For me, I am forever grateful for my children, they are my reason for everything I do.

Sometimes I am asked why I volunteered for this position because it comes with so many challenges and so much time. Birch Lane is a place where my children have thrived over the years. So, being PTA President is my way to give back to this Birch Lane Family that I feel so fortunate to be part of.

Thank you to the teachers and staff at Birch Lane. Your hard work and dedication to our children is beyond amazing, and we are grateful for everything you do. Thank you to Mr. Aspetti and Mrs. Larkin for your support and leadership that makes Birch Lane an outstanding school.

Thank you to my fellow officers - Lauren Carollo, Stephanie Iannuzzi, Elizabeth Edelbach and Vicki Abbinanti - for all the time and dedication to our PTA.

We would like to thank all our committees and volunteers, without you none of this would be possible! Especially, Cari Prado and the Family Fun Committee for the Adventureland event (which was a huge success!); Jenna Biancaniello for running the Hospitality Committee; Sarah Frascella and Kelene Gange for the fabulous Bulletin Boards, Julie Tittl and Elise Cahill for the Twig; Regina Price, Kerri Fitzsimmons and the Plant Sale Committee for the beautiful plants; Lisa Antonucci and the Picture Day Committee for the great photos; Diane Sfoglia and the Reflections Committee for running this important program; and Christine Fahey for the ongoing amazing job you do with Arts in Ed, Spiritwear, and Membership!

I wish all our Birch Lane families a beautiful Thanksgiving season filled with many blessings.
Gratefully,
Christine Rose, PTA President



SEPTA NEWS

SEPTA has been meeting and working hard to create meaningful workshops and opportunities for our families. SEPTA recently hosted Unity Day on October 16th where students came together wearing orange to support acceptance, kindness, and inclusion and to stand up against bullying. Our Harvest Dance was on October 25th and fun was had by all! The next SEPTA meeting will be on November 20th and will feature speaker Kim Nau, an Orton-Gillingham Fellow, who will speak on Dyslexia. All are welcome to join and attend. More info to follow!



2024 HOLIDAY FAIR

The Holiday Fair will take place from Monday, December 9th through Thursday, December 12th. 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.



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



PTA WEBSITE

Please visit our website for the most up to date information at [Birch Lane PTA](http://www.birchlanepTA.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 "Accepting Imperfections."

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 and November 15th from 4:45 PM-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](http://www.birchlanepTA.net)

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



WORLD KINDNESS WEEK

On Wednesday, 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.



WRAPPING PAPER FUNDRAISER

Get some of your holiday shopping done early! You can purchase wrapping paper and other items through the website beginning November 8th and running through November 25th. Pickup will be on December 6th from 4-7pm in Birch Lane's GP room. Catalogs will be coming home with your children soon. Please contact Vicki Abbinanti at vickiabbinantibirchpta@gmail.com if you have any questions.



WINTER FUN NIGHT RETURNS!

The PTA is excited to host our 3rd annual stuff-a-bear Winter Fun Night! Join us for the main event and lots of additional fun winter-themed activities on December 11th. More details to come soon! Please email Amanda Tasakovic at mrstasakovic@gmail.com with any questions.



BIRCH LANE BLOOD DRIVE

The Birch Lane PTA is thrilled to announce our upcoming Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 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 November 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 Sarah Frascella (ssf112814@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.

membershipbirchlanepa@gmail.com



November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Election Day School Closed	6	7 PTA Meeting 9:45 AM	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day (Observed) School Closed	12	13 World Kindness Day Parent-Teacher Evening Conferences 7-9pm	14 Reflections Drop Off 4:45-6:45 PM BOE Public Session 8:00 PM	15 Parent-Teacher Conferences No School Reflections Drop Off 4:45-6:45 PM	16
17	18 Parent-Teacher Evening Conferences 7-9pm	19	20 SEPTA Meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving No School	28 Thanksgiving No School	29 Thanksgiving No School	30

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Looking Ahead:

December 4: Blood Drive
 December 9 - 12: Holiday Fair
 December 11: Winter Fun Night
 December 18: Staff Luncheon
 December 23 - January 3: Winter Recess - No School

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