



## LET YOUR CHILD SHINE WITH REFLECTIONS!

Thank you to all the students who participated in Reflections this year! We had a great turn out and some truly incredible entries. Students submitted art inspired by the theme "Accepting Imperfections". An awards ceremony for all participants is on February 13th at 9:40 AM. Congratulations to all participants!

### Visual Arts Primary

1st Place: Jeremy Tseng  
2nd Place: Eleanor Bonett  
3rd Place: Sophia Carollo

### Visual Arts Intermediate

1st Place: Nathaniel Bourne  
2nd Place: Samuel Mayowski  
3rd Place: Amelia Tseng

### Photography Primary

1st Place: Olivia Sfoglia

### Photography Intermediate

1st Place: Joseph Iannuzzi  
2nd Place: Nina Banta  
3rd Place: Thomas Levesque

### Literature Primary

1st Place: Callum Cahill  
2nd Place: Makena Meyer

### Literature Intermediate

1st Place: Avery-Madison McKenna  
2nd Place: Leah Elizabeth Restaino  
3rd Place: Mackenzie Donohue

### Music Primary

1st Place: Cullen Price

### Music Intermediate

1st Place: Nikki Nicolaou  
2nd Place: Madelyn Sfoglia

### Film Production Intermediate

1st Place: Brooks Perlin  
2nd Place: Dylan Rose  
3rd Place: Nathaniel Bourne

### Dance Primary

1st Place: Kaia Biancianiello  
2nd Place: Nick Price  
3rd Place: Alana Green

### Dance Intermediate

1st Place: Avery-Madison McKenna  
2nd Place: Leah Elizabeth Restaino  
3rd Place: Brandon Green



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are entering 2025 with so much excitement ahead for the second half of the school year! I am so grateful to everyone that volunteers to make this PTA so successful.

Starting the new year off we have some beloved in school favorites like PARP and Book Fair, along with favorite events like STEAM night and BIRCHO! Our fundraising efforts will continue with our Boosterthon and Parent Night Out, more information coming soon! It is sure to be a great winter!!

Finally, I encourage everyone to participate in PARP and enjoy these cold winter nights cuddled up with your children reading. It will surely create memories together with the adventures found in a good book!

Stay warm!  
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## STEAM NIGHT

The Birch Lane PTA will be hosting our annual STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math) Night at United Skates on February 25th.. This is an opportunity for students and their families to enjoy a variety of hands-on STEAM activities and roller-skate with friends. All participants will get pizza and a drink. We're looking forward to this exciting event.



## ANNUAL BOOK FAIR!

The Book Fair is around the corner: February 3rd - 7th! Remember to send your child in with funds to buy some amazing books, as always, they will receive **20% off all items** and **\$2.00 off their total** from the PTA. The Book Fair is an exciting time for kids. There will be everything from board books for kindergartners to graphic novels and sports books for the 5th graders! Journals, pens, book marks and erasers will also be available for purchase. Every sale generates rewards with scholastic dollars for Birch Lane, which goes right back to the school through PARP and our library. Remember to send a reusable bag with your child. Please take a look at our new website for info, where you can set up an eWallet AND check out the digital book flier!

-The Book Fair Committee

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## BIRCH BOYS BASH

The Boys Bash will be held on Friday, March 21st, so mark your calendars! This year the boys will be having a Glow Party! Some highlights will include a 360 video, exciting games, and glow swag. Light food will also be served. We will need many volunteers to make this special event possible, so please be on the lookout for volunteer information and sign up!

## PTA 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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## PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

Let's Celebrate Mardi Gras! Birch Lane Parents - who is ready for a fun night out?! Join us for our Spring Fundraiser on Tuesday March 4th! Let's come together to support the Birch Lane PTA and raise money for our children, all while enjoying a fantastic Mardi Gras/ Casino themed evening. More details to come...but trust us...this is a night you won't want to miss!!



## BOOSTERTHON FUNDRAISER

We are excited to announce the return of our partnership with Boosterthon for our biggest PTA fundraiser of the year! This year's campaign will kick off mid-March. We are looking forward to lots of fun leading up to our much loved culminating event - the FUN RUN on April 4th. More details to come!



## BIRCHO IS BACK!

We are pleased to announce the return of Birch Bingo Night at Birch Lane on March 10th. Save the date for a night of lots of fun and awesome prizes! More details to come.



## SEPTA NEWS

SEPTA's latest meeting on January 15th featured a presentation by Dr. Jordan McCaw and Kristen Catalano regarding preschool students with special needs transitioning to Kindergarten for the 25-26 school year. Upcoming events include a Parent Meet-Up at The Coffee Grind on January 26th from 11:30 AM- 1:30PM, and a Game Show Night Fundraiser at Mulcahy's on March 26th. The next SEPTA meeting will be March 12th at 7 PM and will feature a guest speaker discussing school avoidance and anxiety in children.

If you are interested in volunteering with Massapequa SEPTA please contact us at [msdsepta@gmail.com](mailto:msdsepta@gmail.com).



## PARP

How's Your PARPticipation going? As we enter the first weeks of our PARP program, we hope that your family is enjoying their reading journey. This year's theme is, "Adventure Around the World with Reading". We hope that you enjoy completing challenges together, and that our classes enjoyed the assembly and other surprises. Don't forget to log your reading on our Google Form. At the end of the program all Birch Lane students will receive a special gift from the PTA. Keep on reading...In the March Twig, we will let you know if we met the Principal's Challenge! Thank you for your support!



## SPIRIT WEAR

WE'VE GOT SPIRIT...HOW ABOUT YOU? Field Day shirts are coming soon! Be on the lookout for flyers with more information on how to order!



## 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](#). In addition, please visit our PTA Facebook page at [Birch Lane PTA Facebook](#).



## SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS

Lookout for the upcoming 2025-2026 School Supply Kit sale! The sale begins in March! If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Wildes and Maria Joyce at [birchlanesupplykits@gmail.com](mailto:birchlanesupplykits@gmail.com).



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Book Fair Begins →	4	5	6 BOE Meeting 8PM	7 Book Fair Ends	8
9	10	11	12	13 Reflections Ceremony 9:40 AM	14 PARP Ends	15
16	17 Winter Recess No School →	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 STEAM Night	26	27	28	

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### **Looking Ahead:**

**March 3-7** 3rd Grade Arts in Ed  
**March 4** Spring Fundraiser - Parents Night Out  
**March 6** 1st Grade Arts in Ed  
**March 10** BIRCHO Event  
**March 13** K Arts in Ed  
**March 13** PTA Meeting 6:45  
**March 21** Boys Bash

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