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SPIRIT WEAR

The Birch Lane Fall Spirit Wear online store will be open from **September 8th through September 19th.**

Be on the lookout for our new items. This year we will be debuting grade level spirit wear that will be worn by students at designated special events throughout the year! 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 Sarah Valentino with any questions: birchlanespiritwear@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 **Wednesday, September 17th from 4 to 6 PM.** BBQ, music, games, and more! Details coming soon.

Welcome Back from The PTA!

We are so excited to welcome you back to school at Birch Lane! Our PTA has already started planning so many great programs and events, and we are looking to bring even more new things. We can not wait for this to be the best year yet!

The main goal of our Birch Lane PTA is to create a connection between your family and our Birch Lane school community. If you are new to Birch Lane, we want you to feel welcome and involved. Our PTA has also made a strong commitment to advocacy for enhanced education and the health and well-being of each and every student at Birch Lane.

We welcome everyone to get involved in our PTA, because we believe we are stronger when we 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!

Christine Rose
PTA President
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As the new school year begins, we extend a warm welcome to all our students and families! We hope you had a restful and fun-filled summer break. The hallways are buzzing with excitement as we prepare to embark on a new year of learning, growth, and discovery. We are so excited to see both familiar faces and welcome new ones into our school family. Our dedicated teachers and staff have been working hard to create a welcoming and engaging environment for everyone.

This year promises to be a fantastic one, full of exciting opportunities for every student to thrive. We believe in fostering a supportive and inclusive environment where every student feels valued, challenged, and inspired to reach their full potential. We are committed to providing a high-quality education that not only focuses on academic excellence but also nurtures creativity, critical thinking, and social-emotional development. We encourage you to engage with us and your teachers as partners in your child's education.

Parent and family involvement is crucial to a successful school year. Our partnership with the Birch Lane PTA is invaluable, and we invite you to be an active participant in our school community by joining the PTA. They offer many ways to get involved and your support is always greatly appreciated.

We are confident that this will be a year of incredible achievements and positive experiences. We are honored to be a part of your child's educational journey and look forward to a year filled with collaboration, learning, and success. Welcome back, and let's make this a year to remember!

Mr. Aspetti & Mrs. Larkin

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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 **Tuesday, September 16th**. Plant pick-up will be on **Friday, October 3rd** from 3:45-6:30PM. Any questions, contact Regina Price at birchlaneplants@gmail.com.

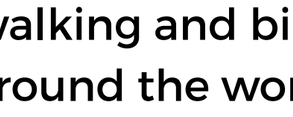
SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!

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 Lauren Henderson at laurenahenderson0@gmail.com.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Birch Lane Elementary is participating in Walk to School Day on **Wednesday, October 1, 2025**. 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 that day with the BMX Bike Show to further enhance the important messages of the day.



PTA MEETINGS

The first PTA meeting of the year will be on **Wednesday, September 10th at 9:45AM** 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 date: October 9th.

Join the 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.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

We've set a goal: 100 percent PTA participation for every class! Sign up today at BIRCH LANE MEMBERSHIP ($15 individual/$10 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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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Labor Day No School	2 First Day of School	3 First Day for Kindergarten Parents Boo Hoo Breakfast 9:30	4 Fall Plant Sale Begins	5
8 School Spirit Wear Sale Begins	9 Back to School Night 7PM-9PM Board of Education Public Session 8PM	10 PTA Meeting 9:45	11	12
15	16 Fall Plant Sale Forms Due	17 Back to School Bash	18	19 School Spirit Wear Sale Ends
22	23 No School Rosh Hashanah	24 No School Rosh Hashanah	25 Board of Education Public Session 8PM	26
29	30			

Looking Ahead

- **10/01/2025 Walk/ Bike to School Day**
- **10/01/2025 Arts in Schools- BMX Bike Show**
- **10/03/2025 Fall Plant Sale Pick-Up**
- **10/08/2025-10/09/2025 Picture Day**
- **10/22/2025 Adventureland *Family Fun Night***
- **10/27/2025 Pictures Arrive**
- **10/29/2025 Picture Retake Day**
- **10/31/2025 Halloween Parade**

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