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PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on what we are grateful for. As always, I am forever grateful for my children — they are the reason behind everything I do.

As this is my final year at Birch Lane, I am especially thankful for the opportunity to give back to a school that will always hold a special place in my heart. Birch Lane is where my children built their foundation and love for learning. Serving as PTA President has been my way of giving back to this incredible Birch Lane family — a community I feel so fortunate to be a part of.

To the incredible teachers and staff at Birch Lane, your hard work and dedication to our children is beyond amazing, and we are truly grateful for everything you do each and every day. A heartfelt thank you to Mr. Aspetti and Mrs. Larkin for your ongoing support and leadership. Your guidance makes Birch Lane the outstanding school that it is.

To my fellow officers — Lauren Carollo, Stephanie Iannuzzi, Elizabeth Edelbach, and Vicki Abbinanti — thank you for the time, heart, and dedication you have given to our PTA.

To all our committee chairs and volunteers, without you, none of this would be possible. You are the heart of our events and efforts.

I am so proud of what we've accomplished together and so thankful to have worked alongside such dedicated parents and staff.

Wishing all of our Birch Lane families a joyful and peaceful Thanksgiving.

With gratitude and love,
Christine Rose
PTA President

WORLD KINDNESS DAY

World Kindness Day is Thursday, November 13th! The PTA's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, partnered with Birch Lane's faculty, has planned an amazing week focusing on kindness. Birch Lane will be welcoming Jared Campbell for a special school-wide assembly to kick off the event.

Throughout the week, students showing kindness and good citizenship will receive Kindness Stickers—please celebrate these moments at home! Classrooms will enjoy read-alouds by special visitors, featuring stories about friendship, compassion, and kindness. To close out the week, students will join in a Kindness Recess Celebration on World Kindness Day, including grade-level group dances and highlight acts of kindness displayed by students.

PTA BLOOD DRIVE

The Birch Lane PTA is excited to announce our upcoming Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 10th, from 4:00-8:30 PM. Every donation counts, and your generous contribution can make a tremendous difference right here in our own community. The NY Blood Center will be visiting 5th 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 Vicki Abbinanti at vickiabbinantibirchpta@gmail.com

WRAPPING PAPER FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who have supported the PTA and purchased items from our wrapping paper fundraiser! Pickup will be on November 20th from 4-7 PM in Birch Lane's GP room. Please contact Vicki Abbinanti at vickiabbinantibirchpta@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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LET YOUR CHILD SHINE WITH REFLECTIONS!

Calling all Massapequa artists, photographers, musicians, dancers, authors, and filmmakers! This year's PTA Reflections theme is “I Belong!”

For those unfamiliar with the contest, here's how it works: Create an original project based on one of the following categories - Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Photography, Literature or Film. Fill out the paperwork, and when completed, drop it off in the Birch Lane lobby on 11/17 or 11/18, between 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!

WINTER FUN NIGHT

We are excited to host our 4th Annual Stuff-a-Bear Winter Fun Night! Join us for the main event and lots of additional fun, winter-themed activities on Tuesday, December 2nd. Make sure you come to check out our NEW, human-sized inflatable snow globe for the best photo opportunities!
More details to come soon! Please email Amanda Tasakovic at mrstasakovic@gmail.com with any questions.

2025 HOLIDAY FAIR

The Holiday Fair will take place from Monday, December 8th through Thursday, December 11th. 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 MEETINGS

The next PTA meeting will be on Thursday, November 6th, at 9:45 AM in the Birch Lane GP Room. Be sure to mark your calendar!

SEPTA NEWS

SEPTA’s next meeting will be held on November 19th at 7 PM at the McKenna Senior Center. At this meeting, parents will be invited to meet with students, administrators, and other parents who will be reviewing the CSE process and their experiences. If you are interested in volunteering with Massapequa SEPTA, please contact us at msdsepta@gmail.com.

Join the PTA!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

We’ve set a goal: 100% 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, work on committees, or attend PTA events.**

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 No School: Election Day	5	6 PTA Meeting 9:45 AM Parent Night Out 7:00 PM	7
10	11 No School: Veterans Day	12	13 World Kindness Day	14 No School: Parent Teacher Conferences
17 Reflection Projects Drop-Off 4:45-6:45 PM	18 Reflection Projects Drop-Off 4:45-6:45 PM	19	20 Wrapping Paper Pickup 4:00-7:00 Board of Education Meeting 8:00 PM	21
24	25	26 No School: Thanksgiving	27 No School: Thanksgiving	28 No School: Thanksgiving

Looking Ahead

12/2/25
Winter Fun Night

12/10/25
Blood Drive

12/8-12/11/25
Holiday Fair Shopping

12/23/25
Staff Appreciation Holiday Luncheon

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