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WRAPPING PAPER FUNDRAISER

Get some of your holiday shopping done early! You can purchase wrapping paper and other items through the website beginning October 1st and running through October 24th. Pickup will be on November 20th from 4-7 PM in Birch Lane's GP room. Look for the catalogs coming home with your children. Please contact Vicki Abbinanti at vickiabbinantibirchpta@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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! If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Henderson: laurenahenderson0@gmail.com

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - PTA FALL FUNDRAISER

Save the date! We invite you to this year's Parents' Night Out on Thursday, November 6th. at the Unqua Corinthian Yacht Club in Amityville, from 7 to 10 PM, This year's theme will be "Denim & Diamonds". We hope you can join us as we once again raise funds to benefit our students and bring our school community together. The event will feature games, food, drinks, dancing, and of course, giveaways to help raise money. Be on the lookout for ticket information in your email!

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week 2025 is October 27-31! Please join Birch Lane PTA in promoting healthy choices! Let's stand together and show our spirit. Throughout the week, our students will take part in a variety of fun and meaningful activities that encourage healthy choices and an active lifestyle.

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PTA MEETINGS

The next PTA meeting will be on Thursday, October 9, at 6:45 PM in the Birch Lane GP Room. Be sure to mark your calendars for our following meeting on November 6.

SEPTA NEWS

Massapequa SEPTA celebrates National Unity Day, October 22nd! Show your support by wearing orange. Anyone interested in becoming a SEPTA member please visit: https://massapequasepta.givebacks.com/shop/items/11573

SEPTA's next meeting will be held on October 8th at 7PM at the McKenna Senior Center. At this meeting, parents will be invited to meet Special Education faculty members and building administrators. Light refreshments will be served. If you are interested in volunteering with Massapequa SEPTA, please contact us at msdsepta@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 "I Belong!"

For those who are 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 off at the Birch Lane lobby on 11/17 or 11/18, 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!

Join the PTA!

PTA WEBSITE

Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information at: Birch Lane PTA. In addition, check out our PTA Facebook page: Birch Lane PTA Facebook.

REGISTER

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, work on committees, or attend PTA events.**

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30	1 Walk/Bike to School Day Wrapping Paper Fundraiser Begins	2 No School Yom Kippur	3
6	7	8 Picture Day	9 Picture Day PTA Meeting 6:45 BOE Public Session 8:00 PM	10
13 No School Columbus Day	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23 BOE Public Session 8:00 PM	24 Wrapping Paper Fundraiser Ends
27 Pictures Arrive Red Ribbon Week Begins	28	29 Picture Day Retake	30	31 Halloween Parade and Parties

Looking Ahead

- **11/6 – Arts in Ed Assembly: Journeys (4th Grade)**
- **11/6 – PTA Meeting at 9:45 AM**
- **11/6 PARENTS NIGHT OUT 7-10PM**
- **11/13 – World Kindness Day* with Arts in Ed Assembly: Cultivate Kindness with Jared Campbell**
- **TBD – World Kindness Project* (DEI Committee)**
- **11/17 & 11/18 – Reflections Project Drop-Offs**

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