



# THE BIRCH TWIG

## PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are entering 2026 with so much excitement ahead for the second half of the school year! In January, we had our beloved in school favorite PARP. We hope you were able to enjoy these cold winter nights cuddled up with your children reading! Coming up in February we are looking forward to our Book Fair and BIRCHO event!

I am so grateful to everyone that volunteers to make this PTA so successful. At our last meeting we formed the Nominating committee to begin the process of forming next year's PTA Board! I want to encourage everyone to get more involved in the PTA. I love seeing familiar faces but it's even better when we welcome new members to bring excitement and new ideas! It is sure to be a great winter at Birch Lane. Stay warm!

Christine Rose  
PTA President



## LET YOUR CHILD SHINE WITH REFLECTIONS!

Thank you to all the students who participated in Reflections this year! We had a great turnout and some truly incredible entries. Students submitted art inspired by the theme "I Belong." An awards ceremony for all participants is on Thursday, February 12th, at 9:40 AM. Congratulations to all participants!

### Visual Arts Primary

1st Place: Camden Cahill  
2nd Place: Penelope Cohen  
3rd Place: Jeremy Tseng

### Visual Arts Intermediate

1st Place: Samuel Mayowski  
2nd Place: Leah Elizabeth Restaino  
3rd Place: Mason Ehrlich

### Photography Primary

1st Place: Leo Daku

### Photography Intermediate

1st Place: Nina Banta  
2nd Place: Leah Elizabeth Restaino  
3rd Place: Shane McMahon

### Literature Primary

1st Place: Cooper Catterson  
2nd Place: Callum Cahill

### Literature Intermediate

1st Place: Madelyn Sfoglea  
2nd Place: Leah Elizabeth Restaino  
3rd Place: Olivia Sfoglea

### Music Primary

1st Place: Cullen Price  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Callum Cahill

### Music Intermediate

1st Place: Madelyn Sfoglea  
2nd Place: Joseph Ianuzzi

### Dance Intermediate

1st Place: London Henderson  
2nd Place: Kaia Biancaniello



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## ANNUAL BOOK FAIR!



The Book Fair is around the corner: February 2nd-6th! Remember to send your child with funds to buy some amazing books, as always, they will receive 20% off all items and \$3.00 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, bookmarks 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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## BIRCHO IS BACK!

We are pleased to announce the return of Bircho Bingo Night at Birch Lane on February 24th. Save the date for a night of lots of fun and awesome prizes! More details to come.

## PTA MEETINGS

The next PTA meeting will be on Thursday, March 12th, at 9:45 AM in the Birch Lane GP Room. Be sure to mark your calendar!

## 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.

## PTA BOARD NOMINATIONS



The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to select a nominee for each office to be elected at a regular meeting of the association on March 12, 2026. We are seeking your input to be considered by the Nominating Committee during its deliberations.

Please use the attached Google Form to make your recommendations no later than February 11, 2026. Thank you in advance for your valuable assistance in this important task. Please click on the link below to access to the recommendation form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dpxaMuuT--csY9N4ycgTaj0lqE5uf13TwHvhEqVY77k/edit?usp=drivesdk>

## Join the PTA!





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# FEBRUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Book Fair	3 Book Fair	4 Book Fair	5 Book Fair  Board of Education Meeting 8:00 PM	6 Book Fair
9	10	11	12 Reflections Ceremony	13
16 No School	17	18	19	20
23 School Resumes	24 Bircho	25	26	27 100th Day of School Celebration

## Looking Ahead

- Arts in Education Events
- Boosterthon
- Fun Run
- PTA Meeting for March (3/12)

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