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BIRCH LANE ELEMENTARY

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Birch Lane Families,

As the final days of the school year approach, we find ourselves looking back on the past ten months with immense pride and gratitude. A school community is only as strong as the families who support it, and your consistent dedication, active involvement, and encouragement have truly fueled our students' success this year. Thank you for partnering with us every step of the way.

Our school is shaped by the energy, creativity, and passion of our PTA. They have worked behind the scenes to sprinkle magic into the school year, organizing events, programs and initiatives that bring us closer together and make learning fun.

We want to send a heartfelt shout-out and a deep thank you to our phenomenal outgoing PTA Executive Board members who are wrapping up their terms:

Mrs. Iannuzzi, 2nd Vice President, Ways and Means
Mrs. Edelbach, Treasurer

Your leadership, countless volunteer hours, and collaborative spirit have left a lasting legacy at Birch Lane. We are incredibly grateful for everything you have done for our students, teachers, and staff.

We also want to take this opportunity to shine a well-deserved spotlight on our outgoing PTA President, Mrs. Rose. She has been an advocate, a steady leader, and a champion for every single child at Birch Lane. Please join us in thanking her for her exceptional dedication, professionalism, and the impact she has made on our school community throughout her time as president.

To our wonderful fifth graders who are moving on to middle school: we are so incredibly proud of you! You leave Birch Lane with a strong foundation, kind hearts, and the tools to achieve great things. Keep shining brightly in this next chapter and always remember that the most special acts of kindness happen with no one else is watching. We will miss you all!!

For all of our students and families, we wish you a safe, joyful, and relaxing summer recess. We hope these sunny months are packed with family adventures, slow mornings, and beautiful memories. While summer is a time to rest and recharge, we encourage you to keep the spark of curiosity alive by diving into a great book together, exploring the outdoors, or turning everyday moments into learning experiences.

Thank you for a memorable school year. Have a wonderful summer!

Warmest Regards,
Mr. Aspetti & Mrs. Larkin

SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS

School Supply Kits previously purchased will be available for pickup on Wednesday, June 11th from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the General Purpose Room. If you have any questions, please email Colleen Wildes and Maria Joyce at: birchlanesupplykits@gmail.com

SUMMER KICK OFF BASH

Save the date! Please join us for the Summer Kick Off Bash on Tuesday, June 16th from 4-6 PM. More information to follow!

PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write my final message as PTA President, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Birch Lane community.

When I began this journey, I was fortunate to step into a PTA that was already in great standing. My goal was simply to build upon that foundation and leave it a little better than I found it. Together, we expanded kindness and inclusion initiatives, launched a DEI Committee, strengthened Arts in Education programs, improved fundraising efforts, and created new memorable family events.

I would like to sincerely thank Mr. Aspetti, Mrs. Larkin, and the entire Birch Lane staff for their partnership and support. Your willingness to work alongside the PTA allowed us to accomplish so much for our students and families.

To my fellow Board members, committee chairs, and special volunteers… thank you for your dedication, friendship, and countless hours of service. It has been an honor to work with such an incredible group.

This message is especially bittersweet because, after 15 wonderful years as a Birch Lane parent, I am also saying goodbye to a school that has meant so much to my family. Birch Lane will always hold a special place in our hearts.

As I close this chapter, I hope that in some small way I have helped leave Birch Lane a little better than I found it. Thank you for your support, your trust, and the memories. I leave this role proud of what we accomplished together and confident that Birch Lane's future is bright.

With gratitude,

Christine Rose
PTA President

PTA MEETINGS

Please join us for our upcoming Committee Interest/Chairs Meeting on Tuesday, June 9 from 6:30–8:00 PM in the GP Room.
This meeting will be structured in a "job fair" style format to create a welcoming and engaging environment for families interested in getting involved. Come speak with current committee chairpeople and learn what each committee is all about! Looking forward to seeing you there!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3 Field Day	4 Field Day Rain Date BOE Public Session 8PM	5
8	9 PTA Committee Interest Meeting 6:30-8:00	10	11	12
15	16 Summer Kick-Off Bash	17	18 Kindergarten Recital	19 No School Juneteenth
22	23 Grade 5 Moving-Up Ceremony	24 Early Dismissal	25 Early Dismissal BOE Public Session 8PM	26 Last Day Early Dismissal

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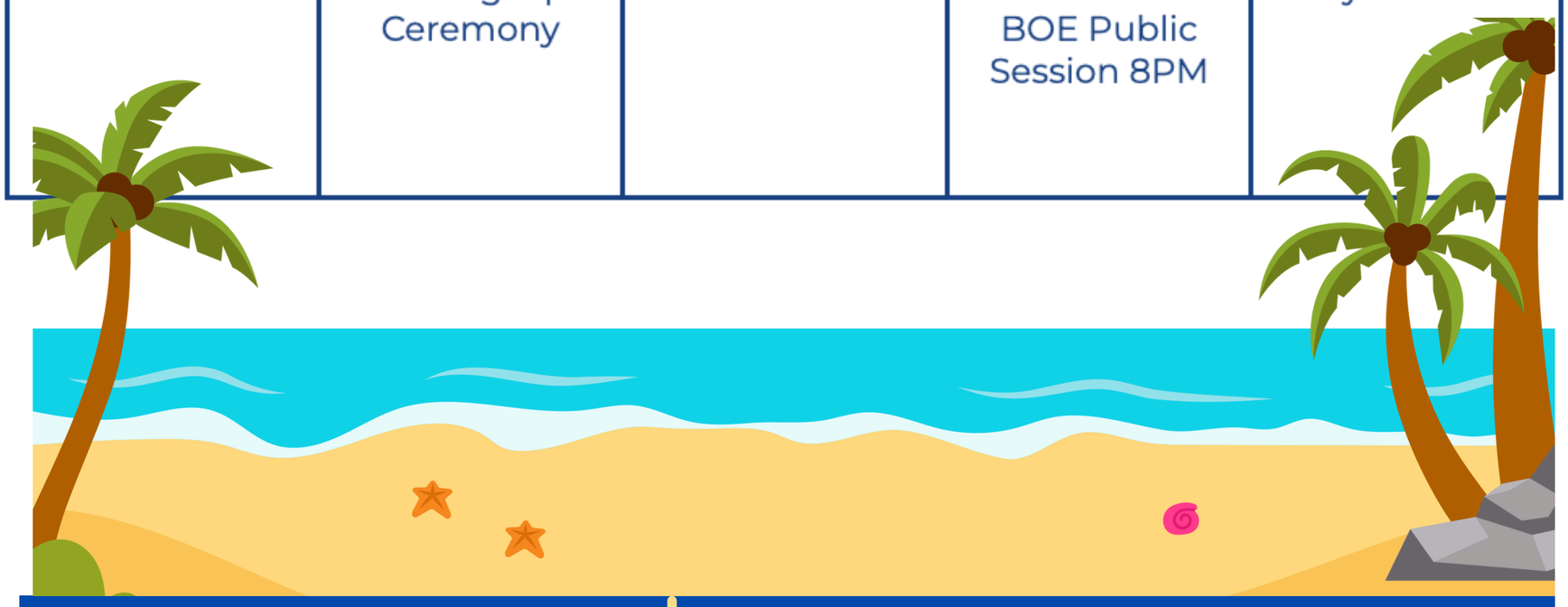

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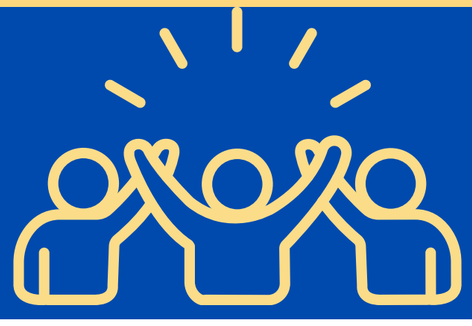

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