



BIRCH LANE ELEMENTARY



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Birch Lane Families,

As the start of a new school year arrives, we are excited to welcome our students and families back to Birch Lane Elementary! We hope the summer months provided opportunities to relax, recharge, and create lasting memories with family and friends.

Our teachers and staff have been eagerly preparing for the year ahead, designing meaningful learning experiences and creating welcoming classrooms where every child feels valued, supported, and inspired to succeed. We are looking forward to seeing our hallways filled once again with energy, curiosity, and the joy of learning.

At Birch Lane, we believe that strong partnerships between home and school are the foundation of a successful educational experience. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to working together to help every student reach their full potential academically, socially, and emotionally.

Thank you for being an important part of our Birch Lane community. We are excited for all that this school year will bring and cannot wait to celebrate the many accomplishments and special moments that lie ahead.

Wishing everyone a wonderful start to the school year!

Warm regards,

Stephen Aspetti and Joyce Larkin

PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Birch Lane Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is feeling excited for the year ahead. It is an honor to serve as President of the Birch Lane PTA. Birch Lane is such a special community, and I look forward to working alongside our families, teachers, staff, and administration to create a memorable and meaningful year for our children.

Our PTA has many exciting programs, events, and traditions planned, all made possible by the time, creativity, and generosity of our incredible volunteers. Whether you can chair a committee, help at an event, attend a meeting, or support one of our fundraisers, every contribution makes a difference. There is a place for everyone in our PTA, and we would love for you to be involved in whatever way works best for your family.

Please be sure to join the Birch Lane PTA and watch for our emails and updates throughout the year. I also encourage you to attend our General Membership Meetings, where you can learn more about upcoming events, share ideas, and stay connected with our school community.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping make Birch Lane such a wonderful place for our children to learn and grow. I am excited for all that we will accomplish together and look forward to seeing everyone throughout the year!

Warmly,

Lauren Carollo, President of the Birch Lane PTA



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH: NYC STYLE!

Kick off another amazing year at Birch Lane with our NYC-themed Back to School Bash on Wednesday, September 16 from 4:00-6:00 PM! Get ready for a fun-filled celebration inspired by the Big Apple, as we bring a little bit of New York City to Birch Lane to welcome our families back for another great school year. Be on the lookout! Ticket sales will launch during the first week back to school. We can't wait to celebrate with our Birch Lane families!



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SPIRIT WEAR

Mark your calendars because the Mini Spirit Wear Store opens September 11, 2026! Get ready to show your Birch Lane pride with all the favorites, including Chippy Shirts, Massapequa Gear, Kindness Shirts, Spirit Packs, and more!

Whether you're cheering from the sidelines, rocking school spirit at drop-off, or spreading a little kindness, we've got you covered! New school year. New gear. BIG Birch Lane spirit! SHOP. SPORT. SPREAD THE SPIRIT!

PTA MEETINGS

The first PTA meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, September 22 at 9:45 AM in the Birch Lane GP Room. Breakfast with the Principal will follow our meeting. Please join us! Our next meeting will be October 21 at 7 PM.

FALL PLANT SALE

Welcome back! Be on the lookout for the Fall Plant Sale order forms. Forms must be returned by Friday, September 18th. Plant pick-up will be on Friday, October 2nd from 3:45-6 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy and Hailey at birchlaneplants@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

We've set a goal: 100 percent PTA participation for every class! Sign up today by scanning the QR code below! \$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.

BIKE, WALK, OR ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY

Birch Lane Elementary is participating in Walk to School Day on October 7, 2026. International Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school. 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 footprint, 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 on this day featuring a BMX Bike Show to further enhance the important messages of the day.

PTA Executive Committee

President - Lauren Carollo

1st VP: Jenna Biancanllo

2nd VP: Kelene Gange

Treasurer: Kristin Voutsinas

Secretary: Amanda Tasakovic

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: laurenahenderson0@gmail.com

SEPTA NEWS

Join Massapequa SEPTA for a FREE Back to School Bash on Thursday, September 10, from 6-8 PM at Ames Campus, featuring a DJ, pizza, games, and ice cream! Please join SEPTA using this link <https://massapequasepta.givebacks.com/shop> The event is free for SEPTA members.

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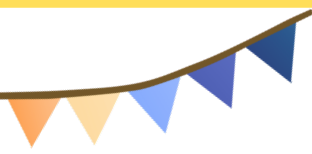
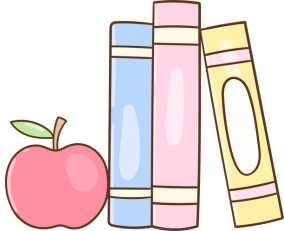
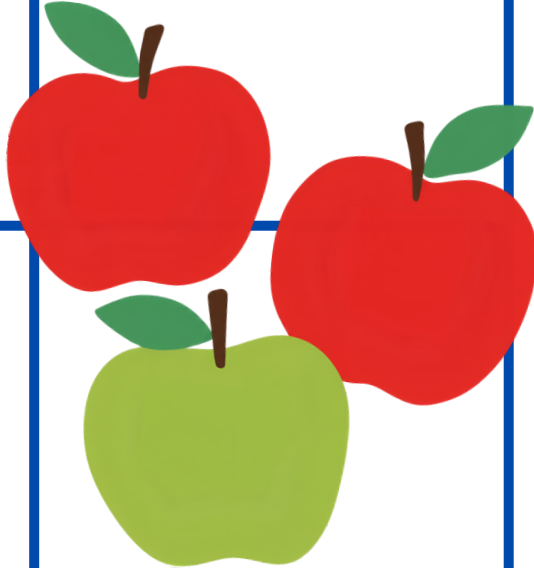




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SEPTEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2  First Day of School & Staff Luncheon	3  Boo Hoo Breakfast 9:30 AM GP Room	4
7 LABOR DAY Schools Closed	8	9  Back to School Night	10  Plant Sale Pre-Order Begins	11  Fall Spirit Wear Mini Sale Begins
14	15 	16  Back to School Bash: NYC Style 4:00-6:00 PM	17	18 Plant Sale Order Forms Due
21 YOM KIPPUR Schools Closed	22 General Membership Meeting & Breakfast with Principal 9:45 AM	23	24	25
28	29	30		

looking AHEAD:

- ★ 10/1: Wrapping Paper Fundraiser
- ★ 10/02: Plant Sale Pick Up
- ★ 10/07: Bike, Walk, Roll to School Day + BMX Bike Show
- ★ 10/08 & 10/09: Picture Days
- ★ 10/21: PTA General Membership Meeting- 7:00 PM
- ★ 10/26- 10/30: Red Ribbon Week
- ★ 10/30: Halloween Parade

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