



BIRCH LANE ELEMENTARY



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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

FALL PLANT SALE PICKUP

For those families who ordered plants, pickup will be on Friday, October 2nd from 3:45-6:00 PM in the Kindergarten Courtyard. We are so grateful to all of the families who supported our PTA by ordering! If you have any questions, please contact birchlanepplants@gmail.com.

PTA MEETING!

Our next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21st at 7 PM. Please join in person at the Birch Lane General Purpose Room or virtually on Zoom! Learn about what's happening at school and discover opportunities to get involved!

BIKE, WALK, OR ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY

Birch Lane Elementary is participating in Walk to School Day on October 7th. 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 reinforce the important messages of the day.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

We've set a goal: 100 percent PTA participation for every class! Sign up today by scanning the QR code! \$15 individual / \$10 additional family members. Remember: You must be a PTA member to chair or co-chair, work on committees, and attend PTA events.

LET YOUR CHILD SHINE WITH REFLECTIONS!

This year's contest theme is "What My Culture Means to Me." Students can reflect on this theme through six categories: Film Production, Music Composition, Visual Arts, Dance Choreography, Literature and Photography. Entries will be collected at Birch Lane on November 12th and 13th from 4:45 PM-6:45 PM.

Check your child's backpack for an information packet coming soon. It will include deadlines, directions, and the entry form. Then it's time to start creating! You can find more information online at <https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections>. Contact Diane Sfoggia with any questions at Dianesfoggia@yahoo.com.

PTA Executive Committee

President: Lauren Carollo
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SEPTA NEWS

SEPTA's first meeting will be on October 14th at 7PM at the McKenna Senior Center.

October 21st is Unity Day, which is celebrated District-wide. Please wear orange and come together to support Massapequa's anti-bullying initiatives.

Save the date for the Harvest Dance on October 24th at MHS- Ames Campus. Kids of all ages are invited to attend dressed in their costumes for an evening of fall crafts and dancing. More details coming soon!

Interested in joining SEPTA? Click for more information: [SEPTA Information Linked Here](#)

FALL FUNDRAISER

Get ready for a fun Parents' Night Out benefiting our Birch Lane students! It will be held on Tuesday, November 10th at the Unqua Corinthian Yacht Club. This year's theme is "Chiefs After Dark". More details will be coming over the next few weeks. It will certainly be an evening of fun for all!

The PTA is looking for donations and support from local businesses to help make this fundraiser a success. If you or a local business would like to donate or have any questions, please reach out to Jenna Biancaniello at jennaBpta@gmail.com

ARTS IN EDUCATION UPDATES

Our PTA, in conjunction with our Birch Lane administration, hosted a high-energy and exciting school-wide assembly to kick off the school year. This year, Corey the Dribbler performed and taught our students about the importance of respect, commitment, and determination. He also stressed the importance of how hard work pays off.

On October 7th, we will be hosting our annual BMX bike show assembly. The show will stress the importance of bike safety, particularly the importance of wearing a helmet.

WRAPPING PAPER FUNDRAISER

Be on the lookout for additional information regarding our wrapping paper fundraiser sale. The fundraiser begins on October 1st and will end on October 23rd. Pick up will be on Thursday, November 19th.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Let's celebrate making healthy choices, being kind, and staying strong! During the week of October 26-29th, Birch Lane students will be participating in fun activities and spirit days that remind us to take care of our bodies and minds and make positive choices each day. Together we can be happy, healthy, and drug-free. Watch for the full schedule of activities and spirit days.

BIRCHO BINGO

Join us for an exciting night of bingo, prizes, and family fun on Wednesday, November 4th! More information about ticket purchasing and time slots to follow!

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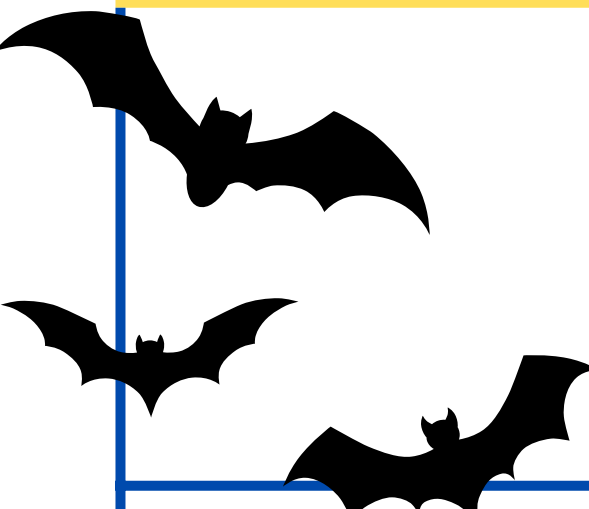
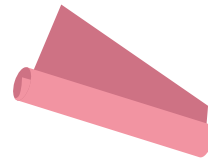
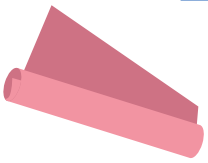




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OCTOBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 5	6	7  Bike, Walk, Roll to School Day + BMX Bike Show	1  Wrapping Paper Fundraiser Begins	2  Plant Sale Pick Up 3:45-6:00 PM
12 COLUMBUS DAY Schools Closed	13	14	8  Picture Days	9  Picture Days
19	20	21  PTA General Membership Meeting 7:00 PM	22	23  Wrapping Paper Fundraiser Ends
26 Red Ribbon Week 	27	28	29	30  Halloween Parade

looking AHEAD:

- ★ 11/4: BIRCHO Bingo
- ★ 11/10: Fall Fundraiser
- ★ 11/12- 11/13: Reflections Drop-Off, 4:45-6:45 PM
- ★ 11/19: Wrapping Paper Ship-to-School Pick Up

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