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GIVING THANKS

Dear Birch Lane Families,

As we head into November, I want to thank everyone who has helped make this fall such a wonderful start to our school year. To our executive board, recent event chairs and committee members, thank you for the time, creativity and care you put into bringing our events and programs to life. So much happens behind the scenes, and your efforts are deeply appreciated.

To our teachers, staff and administrators, thank you for your partnership and dedication to our children. And to our families, thank you for volunteering, attending events and supporting the PTA in so many ways. Every contribution helps strengthen our Birch Lane community. I'm grateful to be part of a school where so many people give their time and talents to help our children thrive. I look forward to all we'll continue to accomplish together!

With appreciation,
Lauren Carollo
President, Birch Lane PTA

WORLD KINDNESS DAY

Birch Lane's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee is excited to celebrate Kindness Day with a week of activities focused on spreading positivity, building friendships, and creating a school community where everyone feels valued and included!

On Monday, November 9th, students will have the opportunity to sign our "Kindness Looks Good on You" banner as a pledge to spread kindness. Students will also enjoy a fun kindness-themed photo booth during recess periods. On Tuesday, November 10th, we'll turn up the excitement with a high-energy Kindness Mini-Pep Rally! Students will come together for an uplifting assembly filled with cheers, school spirit, and reminders that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference! To show our school unity and pride, all students are encouraged to wear their Birch Lane spirit wear or blue and white! Together, let's show that kindness isn't just something we do—it's who we are at Birch Lane! 💙

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 from 7:00-10:00 PM. This year's theme is "Chiefs After Dark". Don't forget to purchase your ticket and wear your Massapequa Spirit Wear! 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

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BIRCHO BINGO

Join us for an exciting night of bingo, prizes, and family fun on Wednesday, November 4th! We will be asking participants to bring any non-perishable food item for donation to the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. Purchase your tickets for either session at: https://my.cheddarup.com/c/bircho-bingo-november26/items

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.

You can find more information online at https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections. Contact Diane Sfoglia with any questions at Dianesfoglia@yahoo.com.

PTA MEETING

Our next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday, January 20th at 9:45 AM. 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!

WRAPPING PAPER FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who helped support our PTA and purchased from the Wrapping Paper Fundraiser! Pickup will be on Thursday, November 19th from 3:45-6:00 PM in the General Purpose Room at Birch Lane.

ARTS IN EDUCATION UPDATES

Our PTA's Arts in Education Committee is excited to bring some wonderful educational experiences to Birch Lane this November! Our 4th graders will embark on an exciting journey with "Journeys Into American Indian Territory" on Wednesday, November 4th. This interactive program will bring history and culture to life in a memorable way!

On Tuesday, November 10th, as part of our schoolwide Kindness Week celebration, all Birch Lane students will enjoy the assembly, "Virtual Music Technology Live," presented by Brent Daniels. This performance combines music and technology to deliver messages about the power of teamwork, kindness, and supporting one another. We are thrilled to offer these enriching experiences to our Birch Lane students!

SEPTA NEWS

Mark your calendars for two upcoming Massapequa SEPTA events! SEPTA is hosting their Transition Night featuring a variety of support vendors for children of all ages with disabilities on November 9th at 6:00 PM at Massapequa High School. Additionally, the monthly SEPTA meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 PM at the McKenna Senior Center.

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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.

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NOVEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3 ELECTION DAY Schools Closed	4 BIRCHO BINGO Session 1: 5:00-5:45 PM Session 2: 6:15- 7:00 PM	5	6
9 World Kindness Spirit Day	10 Kindness Mini-Pep Rally ..... Fall Fundraiser 7:00- 10:00 PM	11 VETERANS DAY Schools Closed	12 Reflections Drop-Off 4:45-6:45 PM ..... BOE Public Session 8:00 PM	13 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES Schools Closed ..... Reflections Drop-Off 4:45-6:45 PM
16	17	18	19 Wrapping Paper Fundraiser Pick- Up	20
23	24	25	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	27
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THANKSGIVING RECESS- Schools Closed

looking AHEAD:

- **12/3:** STEAM Night
- **12/3:** BOE Public Session
- **12/7-12/10** Holiday Fair
- **12/23:** Staff Luncheon
- **12/24- 1/1:** Holiday Recess
- **1/20:** PTA Meeting- 9:45 AM

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