



BIRCH PTA, Monday, February 13, 2012

Mon. (2/13)
Day 4

Tues. (2/14)
Day 5

Wed. (2/15)
Day 6

Thurs. (2/16)
Day 1

Fri. (2/17)
Day 2

*Happy
Valentine's Day*

Cupcake Dance

Quote for the week: "All learning begins with the simple phrase 'I don't know.'"

CUPCAKE DANCE – We will be celebrating our annual Birch Cupcake Dance this Thursday, February 16th. Tickets are \$7 per child (no cash please). We will be dividing the dance into two sessions: Grades K – 2 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. (*this event is not a drop off for Kindergarteners*) and Grades 3 – 6 from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact: Lissette Demetriades at 917-797-9583, Brandi Fernandez at 377-4893 or Ray Polanco at 665-2536.

THEATRE RESIDENCY – Theatre Residency will be selling shoelaces as a fundraiser for their show at the Cupcake Dance on February 16th. Solid color laces are \$4 and print laces are \$5. Please support Theatre Residency!

FOUNDERS DAY – Thank you to the Founders Day Committee for putting together a wonderful event. Congratulations once again to all the recipients and the Reflections winners.

FAMILY FUN – Join us for Birch School Friends & Families Day at a New York Islanders game on Saturday, March 31st at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and order forms are due by March 7th. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Brandi Fernandez at 287-3669.

BUY A BRICK FUNDRAISER – BUY A BRICK NOW! Class Captains, 6th Grade Parents and anyone else who wants to honor a child, friend, family member, teacher or administrator. The *deadline of February 15th* is quickly approaching. For more information, please contact Kim McKeown at 551-5500 or Lisa DeFeis at 655-3113.

PTA FUNDRAISERS – Parents: Please do not respond to multiple fundraisers in one envelope. Different people organize each fundraiser and your orders and checks can be misplaced. Please also remember to write in the memo section of the check what it is for and include your phone number as well.

CAFÉ BIRCH - Log on to www.orderlunches.com. School lunch password is **beaver50**. If you have any questions: Grades K-2 contact Debbie Rizzo at 474-1717 or dlrizzo_98@yahoo.com; Grades 3-4 contact Clare Fine at 223-2568 or tbubbie@aol.com; Grades 5-6 contact Carmela Palmese at 377-3784 or melatcp99@verizon.net. If you do not

have a computer, Birch will have computers available for your convenience. Each month there is a beginning log on date and a final date to place your order. See below:

Menu Lunch Cycle Dates	Order Start Date	Order End Date
Mar. 1 – Mar. 31	2/6/12	2/20/12
Apr. 1 – Apr. 30	3/5/12	3/19/12
May 1 – May 30	4/2/12	4/16/12
June 1 – June 23	4/30/12	5/14/12

MAIN OFFICE - Parents... Any change in information, i.e., telephone numbers, contacts, needs to be updated in our records. Please send a letter in to your child's teacher or to the main office requesting such change in information.

BIRCH WEB - Go to www.birchschoolpta.org. Scroll down to "Join Email List" and register your email in order to be notified of important school information via email. Soon the weekly flyer will be delivered right to your inbox.

HEALTH and SAFETY - Please contact Tara Casimano at tara.casimano@touro.edu or Erika Cohen at liorah1973@aol.com for all issues regarding the health and safety of the children at Birch School.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION - Please clip your box tops from participating manufacturers and send them in to school. Please watch for expiration dates. A collection box is set up in the lobby of the school.

TREASURER'S NOTE - Please write in the memo section of your check what the check is for and also include your telephone number.

PICTURES - Attention all parents, if you captured a Birch event, please forward your photos along with your name, telephone number and who is in the picture to Ray Polanco at raynelda26@aol.com. Any questions, please call 665-2536.

❖ ***Please Note: No Latex balloons.*** We have children with severe Latex allergies. Mylar balloons are the only type of balloons permitted in the building. Please make sure no Latex balloons or products enter the building.

❖ ***Parents*** - When sending in items for classroom celebrations or birthday parties, please consult your teacher's directions regarding food in the classrooms. We have children with MANY varieties of allergies.

❖ ***A gentle reminder to all committees and staff at Birch, any information for the Monday flyer must be submitted to Mary Ellen Montalbano via e-mail at mel2161@verizon.net on or before the preceding Wednesday evening by 8:00 p.m., please.***