



BIRCH PTA, Monday, November 14, 2011

Mon. (11/14) Tues. (11/15) Wed. (11/16) Thurs. (11/17) Fri. (11/18)
Day 3 ***Day 4*** ***Day 5*** ***Day 6*** ***Day 1***

Quote for the week: "One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than a hundred teaching it."

SPORTS NIGHT – Tonight is Sports Night for 3rd and 4th Grades. Grade 3 is at 7:00 p.m. and Grade 4 is at 8:00 p.m.

AUTHOR VISIT: Kathryn Otoshi will be visiting Birch on Monday, November 14th. She is the author of the book "One" which addresses the issue of bullying in a way that even our youngest readers can understand.

BOARD OF ED – Meeting, Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m., at Levy-Lakeside.

FAMILY FUN – Upcoming events: Movie (during December break); Monster Jam (January). More information to follow regarding all of these fun family events!

SIXTH GRADE PARENTS – Cap and gown photos will be taken on December 1st. Order forms will be sent home prior to that day. Any questions please call Vicki Auersperg at 868-3171, Maria Larsen at 208-3559 or Karen Vargas at 771-5235.

SWEATS & TEE'S – Order forms will be sent out shortly. Watch for them!

VENDOR BOUTIQUE – Get Ready to Shop!!!! Save the date - Thursday, November 17th for the PTA Vendor Boutique. We invite you to join us for an evening of shopping from 4:30 to 9:00 pm. FREE admission, amazing raffle prizes, 50/50 drawing and more! You won't want to miss the fine selection of vendors. If you have any questions, please email Deborah Tolipano at dt0423@aol.com.

BOOK FAIR – Birch's annual fall book fair will be held on Monday, November 21st and Tuesday, November 22nd for student shopping. Parent shopping will be available on Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. during parent-teacher conferences. You can also order books on line at <http://www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs/2881040>. *Parents: Please don't forget to send money in with your child on their designated day and time.* See below for all class schedules. Any questions, please contact Karey Cohen at 867-3080, Galit Ostroff at 442-5035, Ray Polanco at 665-2536 or Tara Casimano at 917-902-4333.

**BOOK FAIR
CLASS SCHEDULE
ROOM 81**

MONDAY 11/21 (Day 2)

8:50 a.m.	O'Toole	11:50 a.m.	
9:10 a.m.	Barth	12:10 p.m.	
9:30 a.m.	Ronayne	12:30 p.m.	Allison
9:50 a.m.	Millevoi	12:50 p.m.	Ippolito/Elefante
10:10 a.m.	Rosabianco	1:10 p.m.	Musnik
10:30 a.m.	Merkle/D'Allesandro	1:30 p.m.	J. Cohen (6 th)
10:50 a.m.	DePalma	1:50 p.m.	Kolar
11:10 a.m.	Doheny/Meirowitch	2:10 p.m.	Tramantano
11:30 a.m.	Hardecker	2:30 p.m.	Goldspiel

TUESDAY 11/22 (Day 3)

8:50 a.m.	Gatto	11:40 a.m.	
9:10 a.m.	Hoisik	12:10 p.m.	
9:30 a.m.	Mahoney	12:30 p.m.	Jean
9:50 a.m.	Savino	12:50 p.m.	Womack
10:10 a.m.	A. Cohen (4 th)	1:10 p.m.	Vigna
10:30 a.m.	Schroeder	1:30 p.m.	Mastellon
10:50 a.m.	Gilliam	1:50 p.m.	Last Minute Shoppers
11:10 a.m.	Kvint	2:10 p.m.	Last Minute Shoppers
11:30 a.m.	Vernet	2:30 p.m.	Last Minute Shoppers

PHOTO RETAKE DAY – *All Parents:* December 1st will be photo retake day. Please return your pictures prior to December 1st. If you have any questions, please call Vicki Auersperg at 868-3171, Maria Larsen at 208-3559 or Karen Vargas at 771-5235.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE – The holiday boutique is coming! This year's boutique will be during class time on Friday, December 2nd and Monday, December 5th. Watch for additional details over the next few weeks.

MEMBERSHIP - Join the PTA! It's just one of the many fundraisers that benefit our school and children. You must be a member of the PTA to attend our sponsored trips. Any questions, please call Debbie Tolipano at 223-2252 or dt0423@aol.com.

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
Dec. 1 – Dec. 31	10/31/11	11/14/11
Jan. 1 – Jan. 29	12/5/11	12/19/11
Feb. 1 – Feb. 26	1/2/12	1/16/12
Mar. 1 – Mar. 31	2/6/12	2/20/12

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 lorah1973@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.*