



Birchwood ABC

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High academic standards through a structured, well-defined curriculum based on mastery of skills, good deportment, mandated homework and consistent grading procedures. A program which emphasizes leadership, citizenship, self-discipline, and character development as its guiding principle.

Principally Speaking

Hello Everyone,

It's hard to believe that we are more than halfway through the 2nd quarter with the Winter vacation fast approaching. The weather feels like January already. The skating rink is coming along and soon, hopefully, the students will be able to skate at lunch recess. The Mustang Hockey Association has indicated that they were willing to keep up the rink but so far they have not been involved with the flooding. That task has been handled by our BPO Justin Price and myself. I am hoping the hockey association will take over soon but in the meantime, if there is a parent or two out there that would help us out, we would really appreciate it.

As I pointed out last week, I was very pleased with how our emergency evacuation went. However, we did discover that some students were wearing footwear that was not appropriate for winter such as open toed sandals. When we went outside in the snow, those students were very uncomfortable and we had to change procedure to accommodate them. This is a situation that can be easily avoided, so I am asking that you please make sure that your children wear footwear that does not expose the feet (especially toes) directly to the elements should we have a similar emergency, or a drill. Thanks.

As I'm sure you are all aware, this is a short week because of Thanksgiving. There is no school on Thursday or Friday. Hope you and your family have a terrific holiday!



RWB



Every Friday (or the last day of any week), is a spirit day at our school. Congratulations to the following classes. Every student in these classes wore red, white and blue this past Friday: Ms. Banner, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Kimura, Mrs. Suttmiller, and Mrs. Frazier.



Calendar

11/27 & 28 (Thur/Fri)	Thanksgiving Holiday NO SCHOOL
12/9-12/12(Tues-Fri)	Book Fair
12/11 (Thur)	Evening Choir Concert (7-8 PM)
12/12 (Fri)	Choir Concert (2:45 PM)
12/12 (Fri)	Family Fun Night (6-10 PM)
12/17 (Wed)	Phonogram Assembly 9:10 AM
12/18 (Thurs)	Band and Orchestra Concert 11:00-11:30 AM (Gym)
Feb 3-4	Fifth Grade Only Tera Nova
April 7-9	3 rd -6 th SBA Testing

PTO NEWS

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Book Fair Volunteers are needed December 9th through the 12th from 9 am to 4 pm.

If you can spare anytime please contact Stephanie Spencer at 696-0505 or Cinda Devine at 688-0618 or by email birchwoodpto@gmail.com

We will be having a holiday Family Fun Night Friday December 12th from 6:30 to 8:30pm if you are interested in helping out please contact Stephanie Spencer at 696-0505 or by email birchwoodpto@gmail.com

Do you have a home business or crafts you would like to sell? Do you make jewelry, handbags and need some exposure?

December 12th in conjunction with the evening book fair and family fun night, the PTO is offering FREE table space to any parent or family member who would like to sell their products. We will advertise the event in our community so this is a great opportunity to get your information and product out there!!

Holiday Marketplace December 12th 6:30-8:30pm, Come do your last minute Christmas Shopping at Birchwood ABC. Support our school by supporting our families with home businesses and crafts.

Word for the Week

"Friendship"

- Spending time with people you love
- Doing things that show people that you care about them

Theme for the Month of November

"Manners"



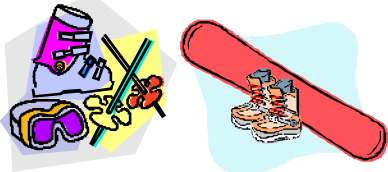
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY?

THINK BOOKFAIR! IT IS COMING TO BIRCHWOOD ABC ON DECEMBER 9-12. We will be contacting those of you who signed up to volunteer at the registration in the next few weeks. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Desiree Morgan @ 742-3458.

READ IT BEFORE YOU SEE IT CONTEST – “Tale of Despereaux”
Students in grades 3-6 have a chance at entering the “Tale of Despereaux” contest to win a prize. In order to participate in the contest, students will need to read the book, fill out an entry form (which asks questions about the book), and turn in the entry form for the drawing on December 15, 2008 (Monday). Winners will be announced on December 16, 2008.

SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS & YOUNG READERS CHOICE READING PROGRAMS
The books for the reading programs are now available in the library. The students read the books and in the Spring will VOTE on their favorite book. This is a great way to introduce your child to some great reads. Mrs. Morgan introduced and explained the program to the students last week. TO see the list of books, you can either visit the library or go online to Mrs. Morgan’s website. HAVE FUN READING!

MRS. MORGAN’S WEBSITE – go to www.asdk12.org <<http://www.asdk12.org/>> , then under “Schools” click on “Elementary,” click “Birchwood ABC,” and finally click on “Desiree Morgan.”



Let's Go Skiing or Snowboarding with Nurse Nancy at Alyeska!!!!

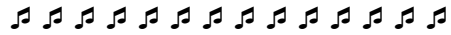
The Alyeska Ski and Snowboard Program is registering online again this year: www.alyeskaresort.com Please check out this great opportunity!

Nurse Nancy Stauber will be Team Leader for: Block Two Saturdays, Jan. 10,17, and 24 and Feb. 1 if a makeup is required.
Any questions: please call Nancy at 529-5599 © or Home at 245-3601
Additional forms are available from Mr. Armstrong at school.

Also, our Winter Tour will be on December 16th (Tuesday). This is a field trip held during the school day. Performances will include the airport and the 5th Avenue Mall. I will be sending out more information in the coming weeks.

Musically Yours,
Mrs. Pfennig

Upcoming Choir Events:

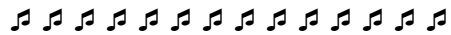


- Winter Wonderland/Tree Lighting
- Eagle River Town Square
Friday, December 5
evening performance time TBA

- Holiday Concert
Birchwood Gym
Thursday, December 11
7:00 PM

Friday, December 12
2:45 PM

- Winter Choir Tour
Airport & 5th Avenue Mall
Tuesday, December 16
9:10 AM – 1:15 PM



Activity Logs are going digital!

In an attempt to save paper, Mrs. List is asking that if you choose to do an activity log that you visit the Healthy Futures website where you can print your own log. Not only can you print logs, but you can find out about HF sponsored community events and a lot more useful healthy information. I will try to keep a few logs in the paper caddy outside the office for those students who cannot print at home.

Prizes for activity logs already turned in should be arriving soon. I apologize for the delay. The founder and coordinator for HF unfortunately passed away this summer and many volunteers are trying to keep up her amazing work. I strongly encourage kids and families to keep activity logs as logging exercise is a great habit to start at a young age.

www.healthfuturesak.org

Thank you,
Mrs. List



Students Celebrating Their Birthday This Week:

- 11/26
- 11/27
- 11/28

CHOIR NEWS

Choir will practice on Thursday 3:30-4:45

Mark your calendars – the choir will be singing at the Winter Wonderland/Tree Lighting on December 5th (Friday). This event is at the Eagle River Town Square. It is an evening event, and I will get you our performance/report times as soon as I have them.