



The Birchwood Banner

May 2020

Birchwood ABC achieves high academic standards through a structured, well-defined curriculum, based on the mastery of skills, mandated homework and consistent grading procedures. Our program emphasizes leadership, citizenship, self-discipline, and character development as its guiding principles



Birchwood Student Materials Pickup

Dear Birchwood families,

Thank you for your support and partnership these last weeks as we all help students learn through the distance learning model that the COVID-19 pandemic has thrust us into. We know that students and families have been wondering about their personal belongings at school. The following plan has been established for that process.

Teachers and staff have done their best to identify students' belongings and have collected the contents of the students' desks, cubbies and/or lockers. The items have been placed in bags and will be ready for families when they arrive.

Following the need to continue strict safety precautions, families will not be allowed into the building during this retrieval process. Thank you for your understanding.

Please proceed to the parent/visitor parking lot. Do not enter the parking area. Proceed through the pickup lane. Stop at the second cross walk. Remain in your vehicle and wait for a staff member to assist you. A staff member will ask the first and last name of student(s) who's belongings are being picked up. The student's belongings will be brought out to the car.

There will be a drop box located outside for any library or text books that need to be return. Inform the staff member that is assisting you of any other items that need to be returned and they will assist you. Please see the included schedule and traffic map.

If you have any questions about this process please contact us at 742-3450.

**Thank You,
Birchwood ABC Principal
Michael Thomas**

Birchwood ABC Student Materials Pickup Map



Pick-up Student Belongings May 4th- 8th:

Monday May 4th:

Last names beginning **A-L** 9:00 am- 12:30pm

Last names beginning **M-Z** 12:30pm- 4:00 pm

Tuesday May 5th:

Last names beginning **A-L** 9:00am- 12:30pm

Last names beginning **M-Z** 12:30- 4:00pm

Wednesday May 6th:

Last names beginning **M-Z** 9:00am-12:30pm

Last names beginning **A-L** 12:30- 4:00pm

Thursday May 7th:

Last names beginning **M-Z** 9:00am- 12:30pm

Last names beginning **A-L** 12:30pm-4:00pm

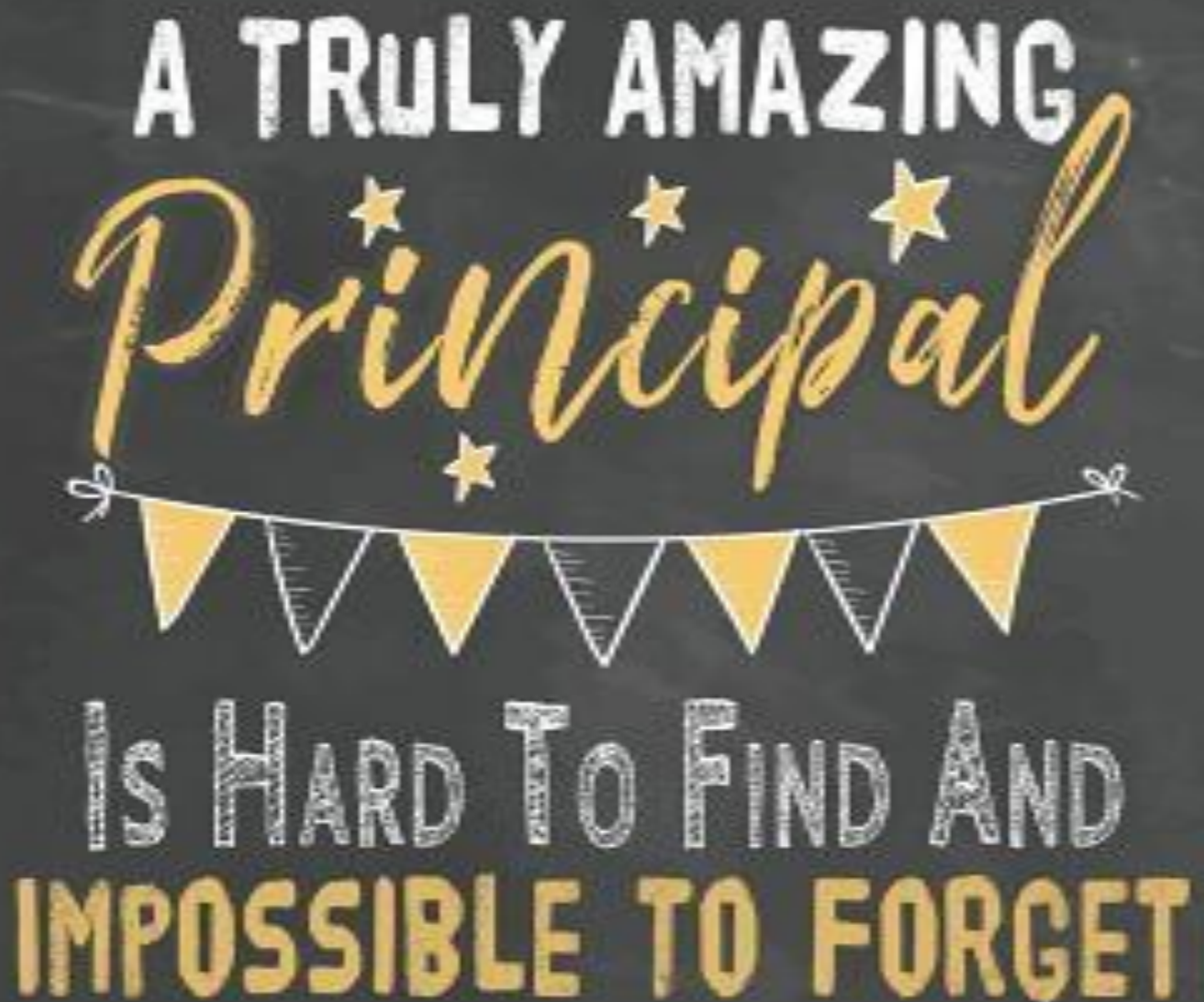
Friday May 8th:

By appointment only



Curbside Pickup

A TRULY AMAZING
Principal
IS HARD TO FIND AND
IMPOSSIBLE TO FORGET



Thank you, Mr. Thomas,
for everything you do!

Sincerely,
Birchwood Staff and Students



Parents, Guardians, Grandparents and Caring Adults,

It is hard to believe that May is here and the end of this school year is closing in fast on us. It certainly has been a strange year for all of us, mostly for our students and families. Although we would all love to be together to say goodbye, it just isn't possible, and staying safe and healthy comes first in all of our lives.

The Anchorage School District Website has tons of useful information available to students and parents. If you go to www.asdk12.org on the main page, at the top click on ASD Covid-19 Resources and Update here, it will take you to another page and on the left side click on Family Resources. That will open up several links, click on Physical/Mental Wellness. You will see a title "Finding Calm in the Storm" and then see the Virtual Calming Room, Brain Pop explaining Coronavirus and a book for children "Understanding Covid-19 DAP. Great resources with easy access for everyone.

With that being said, I have enjoyed my year at Birchwood ABC getting to know students, parents and staff. Birchwood ABC has many assets which include students who work very hard, volunteers who are dedicated to helping students in various ways and fundraising, and staff who do what it takes to get the job done, who have gone above and beyond since March 16th.

If you have any concerns about your child, please feel free to email at any time. I am always available. My email address is victory_tina@asdk12.org.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in August.

Wishing you well,

Tina Victory

School Counselor

Birchwood ABC, Fire Lake, Homestead

News from PE...

Thank You Birchwood



Total dollars raised: \$4,436.88
Top Fund Raiser: Natalie Nicholson



On behalf of the American Heart Association, thank you very much for your school's donation of \$4,436.88 from your school's recent Kids Heart Challenge (KHC) event. Your efforts make a tremendous impact and help millions of Americans through increased awareness of cardiovascular disease, lifesaving scientific research and critically needed education efforts. **GIFTS** should be available for pickup with your students' belongings.

2020 TALENT SHOW

How to Participate:

- Pick your talent.... What can you do that's AMAZING-yo-yo, archery, gymnastics, drones, card castles... Endless possibilities!
- PRACTICE!
- Record your talent or the process on video! Edit it if you like. Photos of a finished product would also be great if that makes more sense!
- SUBMIT to Mr. Olson at olson_kirk@asdk12.org
- All entries due by **May 5th!**

Families will receive an email with information on how to view the virtual talent show.

Healthy Futures

FINAL MONTH!

Thank you to those of you able to participate in Healthy Futures this year.

April Activity Logs submissions are due by

May 5th. Online submissions can be done on PE google classroom or through the link here.

<https://sites.google.com/a/asdk12.net/birchwood-abc-pe/e-learning?authuser=0>

Grand prize drawing will be done Friday, May 8th. Students name is entered for each month of participation. I will call the winner to find out their choice of prize.



Month: _____

Physical Activity Log

Student name _____

Teacher _____

Signature _____

Be active **60 minutes** or more at least **15 days** per month. Write down your activity or color in the boxes for the days you are physically active for at least 60 minutes. **Get Out and Play, Every Day!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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www.healthyfuturesak.org

Notes from Nurse Beth

I hope you all have a good summer. I have a couple of links that may be of help & interest in keeping you all healthy this summer.

[Click to view. Henry Handwash song.](#)

Remember:

- 1) Wash your hands frequently. Before eating, after using toilet, after playing outside, after going to church, school, or store, or sneezing/coughing in your hand.
- 2) Please use a tissue or elbow if you sneeze or cough instead of using your hands. Then wash your hands if using a tissue or coughing/sneezing in your hands.
- 3) Wash your hands with soap and water. Sing ABC song or Happy Birthday twice.
- 4) Never put a finger in your eyes, nose, or mouth.

Clean hands are happy hands!

Be safe and healthy! Have fun! See you next school year!

Nurse Beth



Birchwood ABC is now on Facebook! Please be sure to follow and like our **OFFICIAL** Facebook page. This will be just one of many ways for Birchwood's staff, parents and students to stay connected! You can find our **OFFICIAL** page at www.facebook.com/BWABC123. We would love for you to share all the ways that you and your students are staying engaged, by posting pictures and videos to our page.

Any student in the 3rd through 6th grade for the 2020-2021 school year is welcome to join Battle of the Books. If you want to have fun with your peers through friendly competition and read great books, think about joining. The following reading lists are the tentative titles for the 2020-2021 school year. More information will come in the fall."

3rd & 4th Grade Battle of the Books 2020-2021



The included list of books is the tentative Battle of the Books list for the 2020-2021 school year. If you're interested in being on a Battle of the Books team, you can start reading these books right away. The more we read Battle of the Books titles, the stronger our teams will be.

HAPPY READING

Tentative 2020-2021 List

"Bee the Change"
by James Preller

"Bob"
by Wendy Mass

"Boy Called Bat"
by Elana Arnold

"Douggee: The Playful Pup Who Became a Sled Dog Hero"
by Pam Flowers

"Dying to Meet You"
by Kate Klise

"EllRay Jakes is Not a Chicken!"
by Sally Warner

"Stargazing"
by Jen Wang

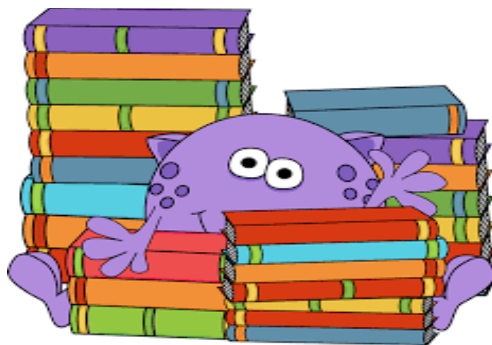
"Turtle in Paradise"
by Jennifer L. Holm

"Water Horse"
by Dick King-Smith

"Wild Robot"
by Peter Brown

"March of the Mini Beasts"
by Ada Hopper

"Moo"
by Sharon Creech



5th & 6th Grade Battle of the Books 2020-2021

The included list of books is the tentative Battle of the Books list for the 2020-2021 school year. If you're interested in being on a Battle of the Books team, you can start reading these books right away. The more we read Battle of the Books titles, the stronger our teams will be.

HAPPY READING

Tentative 2020-2021 List

“Amal Unbound”
by Aisha Saeed

“Bud, Not Buddy”
by Christopher Paul Curtis

“Dactyl Hill Squad”
by Daniel Jose Older

“Enginerds”
by Jarrett Lerner

“Front Desk”
by Kelly Lang

“Guts”
by Raina Telgemeier

“Out of My Mind”
by Sharon Draper

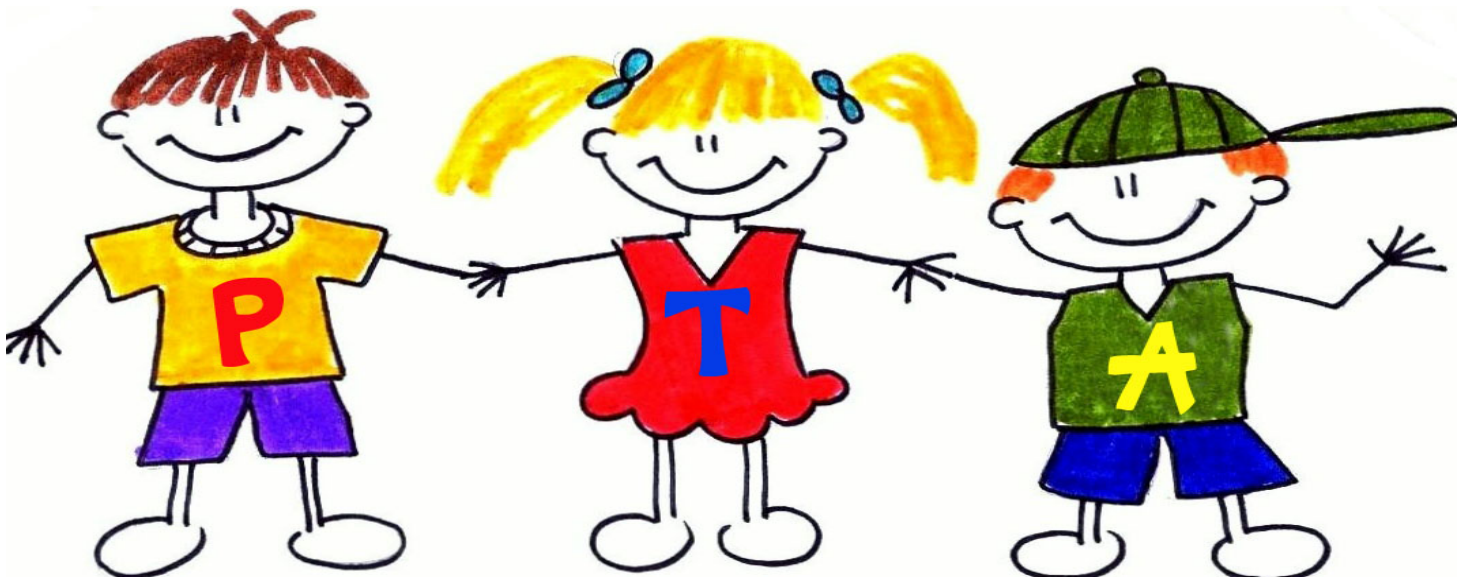
“Parker Inheritance”
by Varian Johnson

“Screaming Staircase”
by Jonathan Stroud

“Skeleton Tree”
by Iain Lawrence

“Thing About Jellyfish”
by Ali Benjamin

“What is the Women’s Rights Movement?”
by Deborah Hopkinson



PTA wishes all families a safe and healthy summer! As you are basking in the sunshine and thinking of ways you can be more involved, keep in mind that PTA has a Vice President and Secretary position open for next school year! We NEED help to make events happen. If more information is needed please email birchwoodpta@gmail.com.



Birchwood Advisory Committee (BAC) News:

Next Meeting: The next BAC meeting is scheduled for May 20th at 6:00 PM via zoom. Please email bacb Birchwood@gmail.com with any questions or curriculum matters you'd like to discuss or address.

Did you know: You do not need to be a BAC member to attend monthly meetings. Anyone interested in curriculum proposals, philosophy matters, or school academic policies are welcome and encouraged to attend. We want to hear from the parent/guardian body so that we may better represent you and our students.

The BAC is a committee of parents or guardians of BWABC students organized to advise, consult, and assist the school's administrative staff on matters relating to the curriculum.

Each month Birchwood ABC focuses on a different character trait.

May's Character Trait

Perseverance: Steady persistence in a course of action, a purpose, a state, etc.; especially in spite of difficulties, obstacles, or discouragement.

Thank you to our School Business Partner!!



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