



The Birchwood Banner

October 2019

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

Principal's Corner



It has been a mild fall, but we know that won't last forever. The snow and cold will soon be upon us. Please remember that students will be outside in all types of weather, during line up before school, at

recess, and after school while waiting for the bus. According to ASD policy students are expected to go outside for recess until the temperature, including the wind chill, reaches -10 degrees F. Therefore, please make sure that your child or children are properly equipped. Please see below for the necessary winter gear for each grade level:

- K-3 Winter coat, hat or hood, gloves or mittens, snow pants and winter boots.
- 4-6 Winter coat, hat or hood, gloves or mittens and winter boots.

Other things to consider:

- A hoody is not considered suitable for outdoor winter activities.
- A physician's note is necessary to exclude a student from participating in outdoor activities.

Thank you for helping us ensure that your child is safe, healthy and able to enjoy recess. Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Additional information regarding the dress code can be found on the school website.

Thank you,
Mr. Thomas



Dear Birchwood Families,

You may or may not be aware that YMCA is offering school age childcare before and after school hours. We still have a number of open spots for care. If you are interested, please feel free to inquire in the MPR, before or after school, with Ms. Erika or call 223-7628. We also offer care during in-service and snow days. However, due to low attendance, we may not be able to provide these services this year. If you are interested in possibly using our care, please inquire with Ms. Erika.



FLU SHOTS



Join us for a **NO COST** flu shot clinic at:

Birchwood ABC Elementary
Wednesday - Dec 4th
2:00pm - 5:00pm

- Open to anyone ages 6 months and older.
- No insurance required.
- Parent or guardian consent required for ages 17 and under.
- Contact the school nurse with any questions.



Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences are October 23 and 24th. Come meet with your student's teacher and discuss the education of your child and find out how they are doing in class. On October 7th, all parents will have access to the conference scheduler through Parent Connection. Students are dismissed these days at 12:30pm.

PTA News

Jog-A-Thon Event, Friday, October 4th

Help support our PTA during the Jog-A-Thon.
Get pledges for your chance to win some awesome prizes!!
Come support the students and cheer them on!

Jog Times:

K-1st: 10:00am – 11:00am

4th-6th: 11:30am- 12:30pm

2nd-3rd: 1:00pm – 2:00pm



Beach Lake Cross-Country Running Jamboree





Birchwood Advisory Committee (BAC) News:

Next Meeting: The next BAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17th at 6:00 PM in the library. Please email bacbirchwood@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. One student from each class will receive an award for demonstrating this trait, which will be presented at the quarterly Red, White, & Blue Assembly.

October's Character Trait

Self-Discipline: Training and control of oneself and one's conduct, usually for personal improvement.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October



4th- Jog-A-Thon Event



15th- Jog-A-Thon pledges due

17th- Picture retakes

17th- BAC Meeting (6PM-Library)

18th- Grade reporting day. End of first quarter. No school.

23rd & 24th- Parent/teacher conferences. Dismissal for students 12:30pm.

25th- State released professional day- No school.

31st- Popcorn Friday

November

1st- Red/White/Blue Assembly

4th thru 8th- Book Fair

11th- State released professional day. -No School

21st- BAC Meeting

22nd- Popcorn Friday

28th & 29th- Thanksgiving Holiday- No School

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