



## The Birchwood Banner

February 2022

*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



Birchwood Families,

Birchwood ABC ES is partnering again this year with the Association of Alaska School Boards to conduct the School Climate and Connectedness Survey ©, a statewide survey taken by students, staff, and families. This survey measures their perceptions of each school's climate including the engagement of students, staff, and families.

We value input from our families. You are an important partner as we work to continually improve each school's environment. The survey window is currently open. Each parent/guardian is asked to complete one survey prior to March 25. If you have more than one child attending this school, you only need to fill out one survey. Please use the following link to access the family survey:

<https://surveys.panoramaed.com/aasb/asdfamily>

During the month of March students and staff will also have the opportunity to provide their input. The Student Survey will be given to students in grades 3-6. Students will complete the survey online during the school day.

The student survey will ask questions such as how students feel about school rules, their perceptions of how students treat each other, their relationships with staff, social and emotional skills, and observed risk behaviors of other students at school and school events. There are different surveys for younger students (grades 3-5) and older students (grades 6-12).

All of these surveys are voluntary, anonymous, confidential, and do not ask questions about students' families. If you do not wish for your child to participate, please notify the school in writing.

More information on this survey is available through the following link:  
<https://www.asdk12.org/Page/4323>.

Results from this survey will be used to identify student, staff and family perceptions of school climate issues within our school. School staff use the results to inform their efforts to ensure schools are safe, supportive, and caring places for all students.

Thank you for your cooperation in this year's School Climate and Connectedness Survey©.

Sincerely,

Michael Thomas

Principal

Birchwood ABC ES

## **ASD COVID-19 Cases Information:**

ASD has updated the procedure for providing Covid-19 case information to families. The information is now available through the following ASD website link. <https://apps.asdk12.org/PTAC/>

## **Parent/Teacher Conferences:**

In-person parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for the week of February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please use the following information to schedule a meeting with your child(ren)'s teacher(s).

Online Conference Scheduler Information for Parents

The Conference Scheduler will be open and links available to parents on Tuesday, February 1st - Tuesday, February 15th.

Parents will be able to access the online conference scheduler in various ways:

· ASD home page/Families Tab/Learning Section · ASD home page via the web slider  
<https://www.asdk12.org/conferences>

· ASD Mobile App


· ParentConnection/Quick Links

Please contact your teacher or the school office with questions.



## DRESS UP DAYS





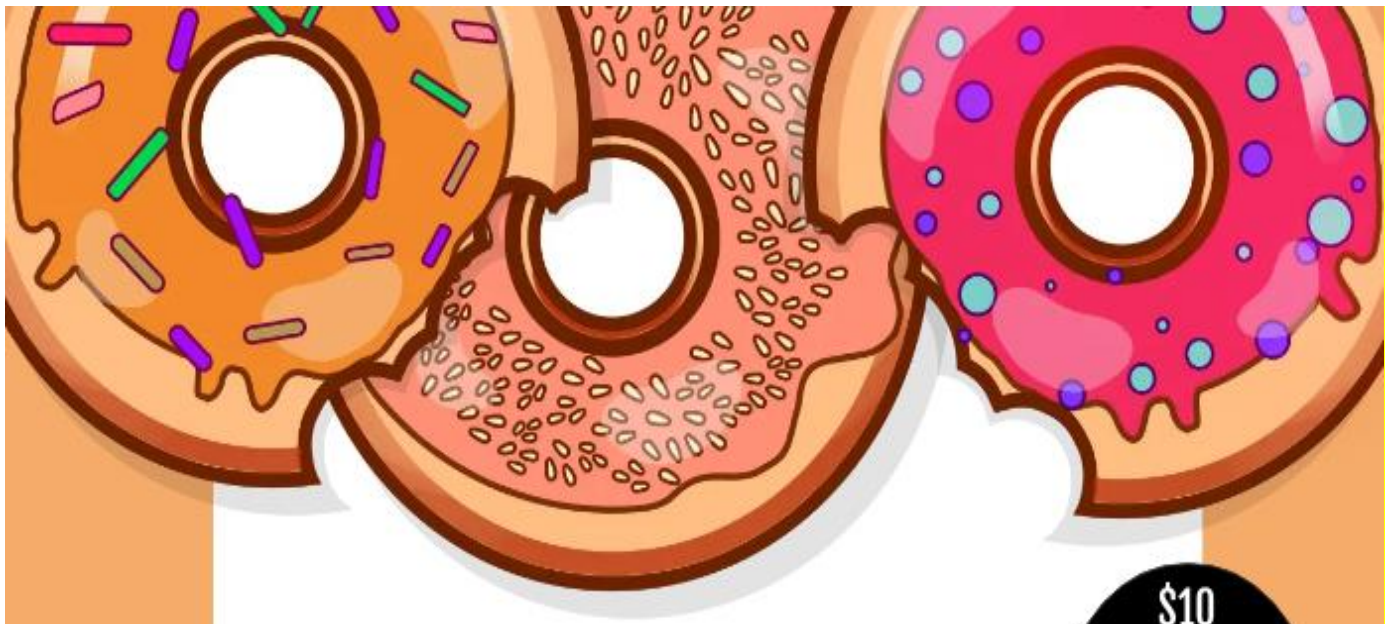
# BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY

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MARCH 1ST







STUDENT COUNCIL / ART CLASS

\$10  
FOR 8  
GLAZED  
DONUTS

# DONUT FUNDRAISER

ORDER ONLINE(Parent Connect), CASH, OR  
CHECK NOW TILL FEBRUARY 4TH

HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR A NEW MURAL AT OUR SCHOOL DONUTS WILL BE  
DELIVERED TO THE STUDENTS ON FEBRUARY 8TH.

GRIZZLY DONUTS



"If donuts aren't your thing, please consider donating towards our new school mural. We are \$500 away from our goal.

If we meet our goal students will have the opportunity to chat with the select local artist while they are in residence painting."



## Grizzly Donut Order Form

Do you have a sweet tooth? Student Council & Art Class are raising funds for a new school mural. ***Order now till Feb 4th.***

**Pre-order is \$10 & includes 8 glazed donuts in each box.**

Orders can be placed online in the parent portal, by cash or checks made out to "Birchwood Elementary". Please fill this form out with a printed receipt for online purchase, cash, or check and return it to Mrs. Turner or the front office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teachers Name \_\_\_\_\_

I PAID WITH    Check ☐    Cash ☐    Online ☐

PLEASE ORDER \_\_\_\_\_ BOXES of fresh baked and glazed donuts.

**Donuts will be made fresh and delivered on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>.**



BIRCHWOOD ABC PRESENTS

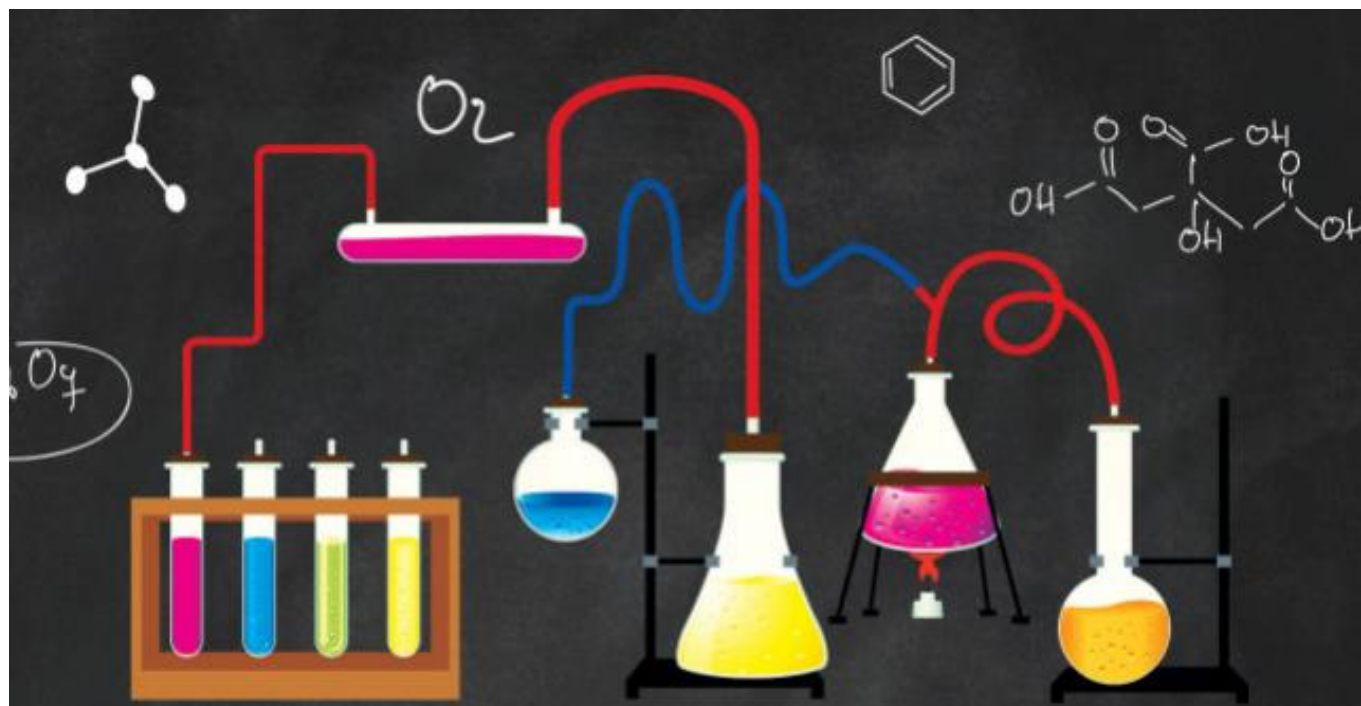
# SPELLING BEE

## COMPETITION



@ BIRCHWOOD ABC  
Feb 16th  
9:30 am  
2ND-6TH GRADE





Join us for Birchwood ABC's

# SCIENCE FAIR

MARCH 1ST - JUDGING DAY

MARCH 2ND - PARENT NIGHT  
5:00PM-7:00PM



The State Science Fair will be virtual this year. If you would like to have your student compete please visit the website below for more information

<https://alaskasciencefair.org/students/elementary-project-information/>



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## February PE NEWS

Visit the **PE Website** for detailed information on what to expect from PE at Birchwood ABC. This includes curriculum, grading and extracurricular activities. Link here-> [PE Website](#)

### Thank You!

To **Dave Doucet** for the days and hours spent getting us a sheet of ice to skate on. Mother Nature is making things interesting and is currently winning the battle. We'll see if we can salvage anything for families to use on the weekends or afterschool. If possible, there will be a couple scheduled days for recess skating when supervision is available. Students will need to bring a helmet from home as they are required during school skating activities. There are no helmets to borrow, but there are a few skates!

### A Second Thank You!

To the handful of parents who were willing and able to assist with our skiing and snowshoeing! This is one of the most well-liked units in PE and your assistance was able to give extra minutes towards the student experience, which is a BIG deal.



## Spring Healthy Futures Challenge

Healthy Futures Challenge is back for February-April. Students should begin activity logs for February. Logs are available at school for student p/up, printed from this newsletter or make your own activity log to complete. To submit, students record 15 days of the month in which they are active for 60+ minutes. Visit [healthyfuturesak.org](http://healthyfuturesak.org) for more info. Feb Logs **Due: March 3rd**



### XC Ski After School Club

We will be offering an opportunity for beginning skiers in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> to get a little extra time on the skis. Enrollment will be limited. **A limited number of registration forms** will be available in the MEDIA RACK outside the front office on Friday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### Dates/Times-

- Wed Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:45
- Thur Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:45
- **Thur Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 12:30-4:00**
- Wed Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 3:30-4:45
- Thur Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:45
- *Inservice day field trip, ski to Beach Lake Trails*

Skiing parent volunteers welcome/needed and would also secure a spot in the club.

## KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

## Birchwood ABC, Take the Challenge TODAY!



Dear Families -

The **American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge** program is kicking off on February 7!

Help your child get a jump start by downloading the **FREE Kids Heart Challenge App** for [Apple](#) or [Android](#) or visiting <http://www2.heart.org/goto/birchwoodABC>.

When registering, your child will choose a heart healthy challenge to ***Be Active or Be Kind*** and earn a **FREE Road Warrior Wristband!** Our goal is to have 100% of our students register online and take the Challenge!

This year, the KHC Explorers are going on a ROAD TRIP! [CLICK HERE](#) to jump on board and experience the road trip across the U.S. through daily activities for physical health, mental wellbeing and tips to help others with special hearts! Let's have fun and save lives!

Students will be watching a "kick-off" video during class very soon that will answer some questions and pump up our fundraiser. The Kids Heart Challenge Website should answer most questions, but please email Mr. Olson for school specific questions/concerns.

**February 25: Donations due**

**SCHOOL GOAL: \$1000**

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 odor 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](http://www.healthyfuturesak.org)





- 2021-2022 Yearbooks are available for preorder. The cost is only \$12 before February 28<sup>th</sup>, then price will go up to \$15. Visit the link below to get yours ordered today!



[https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/YBStore/YearbookStoreMain.asp?yearbook\\_id=46092](https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/YBStore/YearbookStoreMain.asp?yearbook_id=46092)

- We will be hosting another Great AK Pizza Company Customer Appreciation Day. BWABC will receive a portion of the \$5 pizza sales on Tuesday **February 22, 2022**. Grab some tasty pizza for dinner while supporting our school!



*Each month Birchwood ABC focuses on a different character trait.*

## February's Character Trait

Honesty: Fairness and straightforwardness of conduct, adherence to the facts.



Birchwood ABC is 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](https://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.



## Birchwood ABC Elementary

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*Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Sports Day*  
*Feb 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Conference*  
*Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Spelling Bee*  
*Feb 18<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> No School*  
*Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Popcorn Friday*  
*Mar 1<sup>st</sup> Book Character Dress-Up Day*  
*Mar 1<sup>st</sup> Science Fair*  
*Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Night Science Fair*

*Mar 4<sup>th</sup> No School Grade Reporting day*  
*Mar 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Spring Break*  
*Mar 17<sup>th</sup> BAC Meeting*  
*Mar 18<sup>th</sup> RWB Assembly*  
*Mar 24<sup>th</sup> Future/Out of the World Dress up day*  
*Mar 25<sup>th</sup> Popcorn Friday*  
*Mar 30<sup>th</sup> Muffins with Mom*

**Thank you to our School Business Partner!!!**



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