

### The Birchwood Banner — March 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



### **School Climate and Connectedness Survey**

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

### **MASK UPDATE**

Effective Monday, February 28, 2022, the Anchorage School District will no longer require employees, students, or visitors to wear masks while in District schools or facilities.

Masks are optional and the use of them is the choice of families and individuals. Birchwood ABC still has masks available in the office for use by those who choose to utilize them.

ASD follows CDC guidance, staff and students returning from isolation following a positive COVID diagnosis or choosing to guarantine will wear a mask day 6-10.

#### **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. <a href="https://apps.asdk12.org/PTAC/">https://apps.asdk12.org/PTAC/</a>



2022 - 2023

**New Student** 

# Parent & Student Information Night

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Join Counselors, Teachers, and Administrators

Introduction to MLMS

What to Expect in Middle School

**How to Stay Connected** 

Coyote Pride - Get Involved!

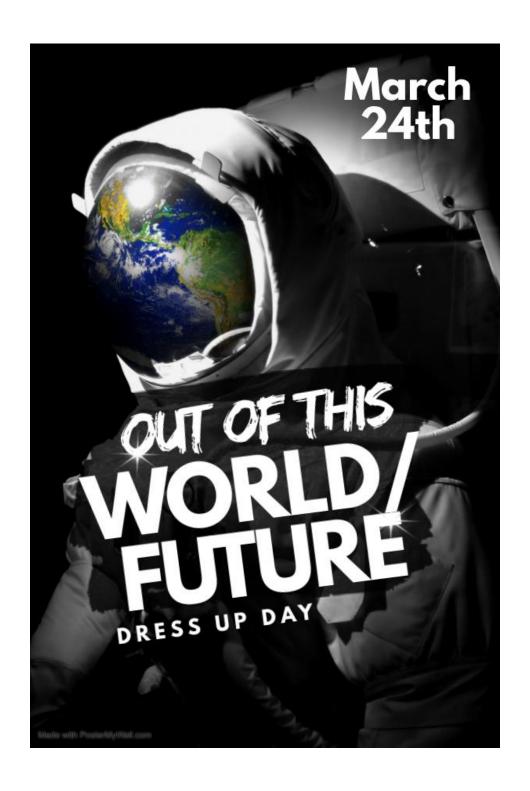
Enrollment Packets will be Available





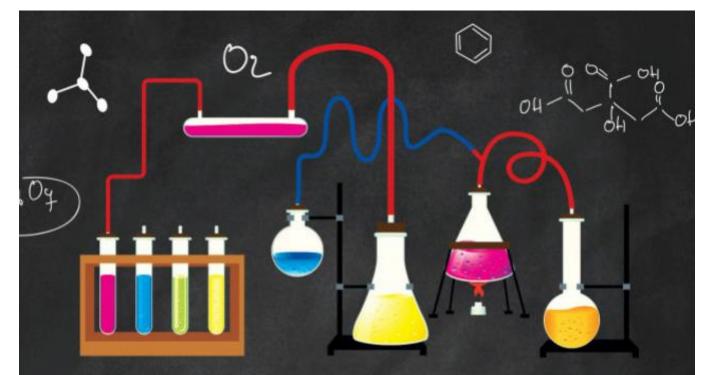


### **DRESS UP DAYS**









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/





### PE NEWS MARCH



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-> <u>PE Website</u>

### **Badminton Club**

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to participate in an afterschool badminton club. The primary focus of this club will be to prepare participants to participate in the State Badminton Championships being held at Chugiak High School on Saturday, April 2, 2022. This is a "doubles" competition. Your child needs a partner to compete. We can match them up in club if numbers work out. Registration numbers will be limited, so I will need to move quickly with registration after spring break.

### 3:30-4:45

Club Dates-Tuesday, March 15 Wednesday, March 16 Tuesday, March 22 Wednesday, March 23 Tuesday, March 29

## Another **BIG** Thank You!

To all the parents/volunteers that were able to assist with this year's XC skiing during PE and our

### **Healthy Futures**

February Activity Logs are due NOW! I need them before spring break! The Spring Healthy Futures Challenge continues for March. Students in 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade receive extra credit towards their achievement grades for completing activity logs for *any* month during a quarter. All students receive a small prize from Healthy Futures for submitting activity logs during "challenge" months.

### **Congratulations!**



To all 21 Birchwood ABC athletes who participated in the Virtual State Junior Native Youth Olympics. Results are in for both the Kneel Jump and Alaskan High Kick. A special shout out to Isabelle Ranger who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state at the Kneel Jump. More results to come and hopefully more medal winners!



Month:	:		Physical Activity Log
Student name			Be active 60 minutes or more at least 15 days per month. Write down your activity or odor in the boxes
Teacher			for the days you are physically active for at least
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March 30th

8:00 - 8:50 am

enjoy a
morning of
muffins, fruit
and juice with
your mom or
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in the MPR

Please line up for school outside when you are done with breakfast

Brought to you by Birchwood ABC PTA

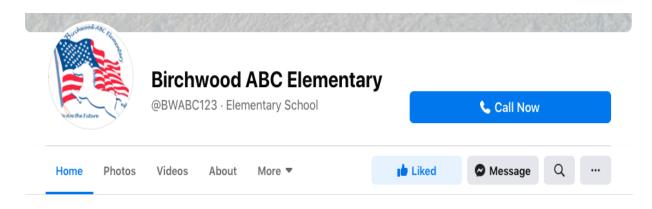
Each month Birchwood ABC focuses on a different character trait.

### March's Character Trait

Diligence: Constant and earnest effort to accomplish what is undertaken



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 <a href="www.facebook.com/BWABC123">www.facebook.com/BWABC123</a>. 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.





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 Apr 6<sup>th</sup> Neon Day Apr 20<sup>th</sup> Beach Day Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> Jog-A-Thon Pledges Apr 29<sup>th</sup> Popcorn Friday



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