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## The Birchwood Banner

### October 2021

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*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



Last week reminded us that winter is on the way. 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 when waiting for the bus or a ride. According to ASD policy students are expected to go outside for recess to a chill factor of -10 degrees. Therefore, please make sure that your child or children are properly equipped. Please see below for the expected 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.



Parent Teacher Conferences will be held the week of October 18<sup>th</sup> based on teacher's availability. On October 4<sup>th</sup> you can use the link below to sign up for a conference. School will be dismissed on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 pm. Students will have a lunch period before being dismissed. There will be no school on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

<https://apps.asdk12.org/ConferenceScheduling/StudentScheduleStartExt.aspx>

# RED, White, and Blue

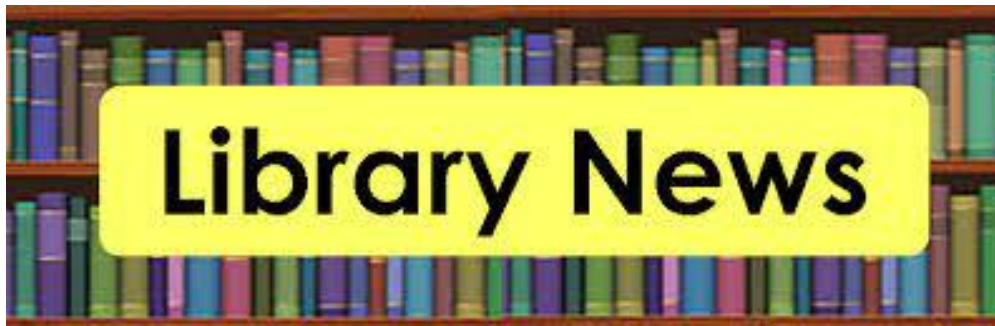
 Award Winners: 

## September Character Trait Awards:

**Respect:** A regard for or appreciation of the worth or value of someone or something.

**The Red, White & Blue Assembly will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm, parents are welcome. Per ASD policy masks are required at all times in the building.**

<b>Ms. Banner:</b>	Elizabeth Bryant	<b>Mrs. Motton:</b>	Sawyer Lenichek
<b>Mrs. Heinz:</b>	Olivia McMillian	<b>Mrs. Dennis:</b>	Preston Doucet
<b>Mrs. Means:</b>	Sydney Cook	<b>Mrs. Jacobs:</b>	Landon Whitesell
<b>Mrs. Lambert:</b>	James Morris	<b>Mrs. Barker:</b>	Lita Brewington
<b>Mrs. Boothe:</b>	Alana Sanchez	<b>Mrs. Jones:</b>	Paul Nelson



## **We now have a Lego wall in our library!**

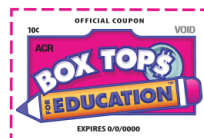
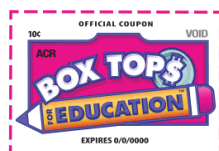
I hope to be able to use this with all classes as both a creative makerspace area and even a reward at times. We have been gifted some Legos to use with the Lego wall, but I'm still looking for more so that creations will not need to be taken apart immediately to use with the next class. If you have any Legos at home that you are willing to part with, please consider donating them to the library. You can also help us get more Legos through Donors Choose by donating using this link [https://www.donorschoose.org/project/makerspace-madness-with-legos/5866841/?utm\\_source=dc&utm\\_medium=directlink&utm\\_campaign=teacherhub&utm\\_term=teacher\\_3096051&rf=directlink-dc-2021-09-teacherhub-teacher\\_3096051&challengeid=20638988](https://www.donorschoose.org/project/makerspace-madness-with-legos/5866841/?utm_source=dc&utm_medium=directlink&utm_campaign=teacherhub&utm_term=teacher_3096051&rf=directlink-dc-2021-09-teacherhub-teacher_3096051&challengeid=20638988)

Follow me on Instagram @MsTintheLibrary where I will be posting fun activities that students do with me. Visit now to see our Dot Day creations from the week of September 13 as well as a picture of our Lego wall.

Finally, if your child has been working on our "fall" into Reading book Bingo this quarter, don't forget those are due on October 14. (All students may participate.) Students may pick up new papers from me if needed. I will be holding a drawing from papers submitted for the grand prize winner on October 15.

Happy Reading,  
Ms. Tyson





Hello Birchwood ABC Families and Friends!

Box Tops For Education is up and running again this year in the Music Room with two fabulous ways to earn: physical and digital Box Tops! Not only are there lots of products that have Box Tops on the package, now you can scan your receipt into the Box Tops app and it will do the work for you! Here's how it works:

- Buy participating products.
- Bring physical Box Tops to the Music Room and use the Box Tops mobile app to scan your store receipt.
- The app identifies eligible products and automatically adds Box Tops to your designated school's earnings online.
- Even if you're shopping online or doing grocery pickup, you can still submit your digital or email receipt and earn Box Tops. Twice a year, our school gets a check!

\*\*I've discovered that there's another way to scan digital/online receipts instead of emailing them in to BTFE - take a screenshot of your receipt, share it to another device (computer, laptop, another phone, etc), then open the BTFE app on your phone and scan the receipt from the other device like you would a physical receipt!\*\* If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch! I'm happy to help answer questions, talk you through processing online/digital receipts, tech questions, etc.

Your earnings may seem small, but they really do add up. The more people that participate, the bigger the impact we can make. Little by little, we can help make a big difference!

Thank you!  
Caitlin Hopper

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# 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. The link below takes you directly to Mr. Olson's webpage through the school website

<https://sites.google.com/a/asdk12.net/birchwood-abc-pe/home>

## GYM SHOES!

As students begin changing into boots, please remember to slip those shoes into backpacks for PE if your child does not already have a pair here.

### 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Skill Assessments

The Anchorage School District requires skill assessments of students in grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>. That means these students will receive 2 grades in PE, one for effort and one for achievement which is the skill grade. Most are physical skill assessments related to throwing, volleying, foot dribble playing defense etc. Students who show an understanding of the skill and try their best at this skill receive a satisfactory grade for that skill. A higher grade would require the student to be able to perform that skill with some success.

To assist students who may not possess some of the physical skills, an personal/social behavior or knowledge based assessment is given each quarter which is also a part of the ASD PE curriculum.

**\*BONUS\*** 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students receive an additional grade for submitting Healthy Future Activity Log. If completed correctly, it's an extra "O" in the grade book! *There is no penalty for not submitting.*

## September Healthy Futures Activity Logs **DUE by Oct. 5th**

Click [HERE](#) for an October activity log. Make your own activity log is always accepted if you cannot or would rather not print. New activity logs are available at school as well!

For more information about Healthy Futures, visit [healthyfuturesak.org](http://healthyfuturesak.org).







**What:** ASD is working with Beacon OHSS to provide Covid testing to the ASD community.

**Who:** Testing is available to symptomatic and close contact, staff, students, and household members.

**How:** Testing sites are "walk-up" with no appointment needed. Please be prepared to be outside.

**When:** Testing sites are open Monday–Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Why:** ASD wants a safe and healthy school environment for children.

### Testing Locations:

#### Abbott Loop Elementary

8427 Lake Otis Pkwy, Anchorage, AK 99507

This site is next to the playground.

#### Chester Valley Elementary School

1751 Patterson St, Anchorage, AK 99504

This site is next to the bus drop off area.

#### Chugiak High School

16525 S. Birchwood Loop Rd.  
Chugiak, AK 99567

This site is to the back of the building in the staff parking lot.

#### North Star Elementary School

605 W Fireweed Ln, Anchorage, AK 99503

This site is on the back side of the building.

#### Russian Jack Elementary School

4300 E 20th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99508

This site is next to the bus drop off area.

#### William Tyson Elementary School

2801 Richmond Ave, Anchorage, AK 99508

This site is on the back side of the building.

Scan this QR code  
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# Free! HEY KIDS!! Come Join Us at

Learn new and exciting songs, verses and lessons each year.



**Good News Club is** an exciting, fun-filled hour once a week.

It includes:

- \* Dynamic Bible Lessons
- \* Creative Learning Activities
- \* Inspiring Missionary Stories
- \* Meaningful Songs
- \* Life-Changing Scripture Memory

## Your child will learn:

- \* Respect for Authority
- \* Moral Values
- \* Character Qualities
- \* Biblical Principles

## Who teaches the club?

Specially **trained** Christians concerned for the spiritual well-being of your child teach the club. All club workers are screened as required by CEF's child protection policy to ensure your child's **safety**.

**Sponsored by:** Child Evangelism Fellowship of Alaska Anchorage Area (907)333-3353 Kim  
Teachers: Sarah Jensen (907) 863-4010  
Elaina Bryant (907) 350-6735

**Time:** After school 3:35-4:45

**Date:** Every Monday starting Oct 4—only on full days of school

**Place:** Birchwood Elem Room 13

**Who can attend?** All boys and girls ages 5-12, regardless of religious background. Parents are welcome to attend with child.

The United States Constitution requires schools to respect the right of all external organizations to distribute flyers to students at school if the school permits any such organization to distribute flyers. Accordingly, the school cannot discriminate among groups wishing to distribute flyers at school and does not endorse the content of any flyer distributed at school. The school encourages parents to assist their children in making choices appropriate for them. This is not an activity of the school or the School District.

\* The Anchorage School District does not endorse these materials or the viewpoints expressed in them.\*

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## Registration Form

Please return form to Birchwood Elem Room 13 the 1<sup>st</sup> day attending  
\_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) is allowed to attend the Good News Club every Monday  
after school until 4:45.

Parent /Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent print name \_\_\_\_\_

Check here to show how your child will get home **on club day**.

- ☐ My child will be picked up by \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ My child will walk home.
- ☐ My child goes to the school's extended day/after-school program.

I hereby assign and grant to CEF Inc., its subsidiaries the unqualified right to ownership, use and proceeds of all photographs of my child for advertising and promotional purposes.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILD'S INFORMATION Birchwood Elementary School** Homeroom teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one: M / F Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Is at least one parent in the military?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dad's work/cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mom's work/cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's allergies (peanuts, chocolate, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Church (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

These people (include phone numbers) are allowed to pick up my child if I'm not able: (include name and phone number)

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_



**THANK YOU** for supporting our Fall fundraiser. Please share the word with family and friends. Deadline to order is October 8th.

**PTA meeting Thursday October, 28th 6:00 pm in the school library. Update on the start of the school year and plans for the winter.**

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

## October's Character Trait

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



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](http://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.



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# dates to Remember

*Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Student Election*

*Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Hat Day*

*Oct 15<sup>th</sup> State released professional  
development day*

*Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Dress Alaskan Day*

*Oct 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Parent/Teacher  
conference days*

*Oct 21<sup>st</sup> BAC Meeting*

*Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> State released professional  
development day*

*Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Great Alaska Pizza PTA Fundraiser*

*Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Picture Retakes*

*Oct 28<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting*

*Oct 29<sup>th</sup> Popcorn Friday*

*Oct 29<sup>th</sup> Red, White and Blue Assembly*

*Nov 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Book Fair*

*Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Super Hero or Villain Day*

*Nov 11<sup>th</sup> In-Service Day*

*Nov 18<sup>th</sup> BAC Meeting*

*Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Popcorn Friday*

*Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Camouflage Day*

*Nov 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Break*

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