



The Birchwood Banner

May 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



The school year has passed by quickly. We have seen a lot of changes and together we have overcome many obstacles. I am proud to work with a team that is so dedicated to serving all of the students in our Eagle River/Chugiak community. Next year we will continue to support the Eagle River Elementary School students who were displaced by the earthquake, as well as our ABC students. I look forward to an exciting 2019-2020 school year. However, we are all deserving of a break!

Enjoy the last few weeks of school. We have several fun events planned. The Mud Run is scheduled for 5:30PM on Friday May 17. The Red, White and Blue Assembly will be on Tuesday May 21 at 1:45PM, and the last day of school for student is Wednesday May 22. Have a great day and an enjoyable and restful summer break!



PTA News

We will be holding elections for new board members at our May 1st meeting. The meeting will be held in the library at 4:00 PM.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6th -10th. Be sure to show your teachers how special they are!!

The Mud Run has been rescheduled for May 17th. Be sure to send in your signed registration form and fee of \$5.00 per runner. There will be drawings for prizes at 5:00 and the run starts at 5:30. Thank you to Healthwise for water donations as well as Air Force friends and Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department.

Yearbooks will be distributed on May 20th. We still have a few left to sell. If you haven't ordered and would like to, send in \$20 cash or check made out to Birchwood PTA.

Outdoor Spring pictures will be May 20th. If you would like sibling or family photos, please come in before school begins at 8:30.



Notes from Nurse Beth

There have been students with spring colds/allergy symptoms lately. If your student has a very sore throat with a fever please have them checked. There have been some cases of strep throat at most of the ASD schools lately. If your student is ill (fever, vomiting, cough, congestion, runny nose or visibly ill) do not send your student to school to see the nurse. If you are concerned enough to have me see your student, they actually should see a doctor instead, or just stay home. I do my best to keep students at school healthy, I do need your help to keep them home when they are ill. The best deterrent to spreading germs is good hand washing & not touching your face with dirty hands. If you have questions please call, email or come see me.

As the school year winds down, I will be sending notices out for those students needing shots at the beginning of the next school year & letting parents know about medications that need to be picked up at the end of this school year.

If your student has a doctor's excuse for school &/or PE please let me know, as I document these notices in the health record. Also, let me know if shots or medications are updated or changed.

As always, let me know if there is anything I can do for you or your student's health here at school.

Nurse Beth

Birchwood Advisory Committee (BAC) News



BAC Elections: Please take a few moments to read through the candidate applications posted on the PTA/BAC bulletin board near the front entrance. Ballots with candidate names and voting due date will be sent home with your child's classroom mail. If you're still looking for an opportunity to serve, and missed the application deadline, please contact us at the following BAC email address: BWABCBAC@gmail.com There is still time to be included on the ballot. Applications are available on the bulletin board located on the right-hand side wall as you walk through the front doors, or in the BAC mailbox in the front office.

Next Meeting: The next BAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20th at 6:00pm in the library. Please email BWABCBAC@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.

BAC Members:

President: Kai Sims

Vice President: Dorothy Cadenas

Secretary: Beth Hastings

Erin Connolly

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Laura Frost

Ben Jackson

Brad Poston

Notes from Music



HOOTENANNY!!!!

It's that time of year again, time for the Hootenanny! Join us for an evening of old-fashioned fun! This year's Hootenanny will be May 15th at 6:00pm in the Gym and is a free event!! Feel free to dress up for a barn dance - dust off those straw hats and shake out those cowboy boots, break out your plaid shirts and come dance with the whole family. The dances will be taught during music class, so ask your student to teach you the dances so you're ready! This will be a fantastic community event. We will have a photo booth set up as well - each photo will include 4 poses and will be \$1 per person in the photo set. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Miss Hopper in the music room. See you on the 15th for the Hootenanny!

Here Comes FIELD DAY!



Birchwood ABC will hold our annual Field Day on the last day of school, **Wednesday May 22.**

Schedule for the day:

K - 1st RECESS 11:00-11:20 LUNCH 11:25-11:45
2nd-3rd RECESS 11:50-12:10 LUNCH 12:15-12:35
4th/5th/6th RECESS 12:40-1:00 LUNCH 1:05-1:25

	On the FIELD	At the ICE RINK
12:00-12:45		K-1st
12:45-1:30	K-1st	2 nd -3 rd
1:45-2:30	2 nd -3 rd	4 th -6 th
2:30-3:15	4 th -6 th	

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Every successful field day is only possible by having the best volunteers! Here's how you can help:

- Provide a healthy snack. A box of this or a tray of that (drop off on the morning of field day)
- Activity Leader! There will be many stations that will need your leadership or simple supervision of equipment. Your services would be needed from 11:30-3:30. There will be a Field Day permission slip that comes home in a couple weeks for you to sign up, or just email Mr. Olson!

WE DID IT!



Through the efforts of both the Birchwood ABC and Eagle River School community, we were able to reach and surpass our school goal for the Kids Heart Challenge! Our school raised:

\$5,994

By meeting our goal, we held a drawing for the participants to decide who would get to silly string the principals at a short assembly last Friday. A huge thank you to Natalie Nicholson and family for winning the top fund raiser award for the 2nd year in a row by raising \$1,240. Amazing!!

Proceeds go to the American Heart Association and our school receives a \$500 give back.

Student prizes were ordered after the event and should arrive in the next 3 weeks. And a final thank you to the Calcaterra family for adding in an additional prize for all participants.

Online registration is open!

Ends Aug. 23



Skip the lines, register online!

Is your child returning to ASD next year? If so, you can skip the lines and register online from the comfort of your home through Q ParentConnection.

April 29 – August 23

Login to Q ParentConnection: <https://parentconnect.asdk12.org>

Online registration is only available for students returning to the Anchorage School District. Please contact our office if you have questions or if you need assistance.



Please be sure to check the lost and found before the end of the year. Larger items such as coats, hats, and gloves are located in the cafeteria. Smaller items are kept in the office. We do have several pairs of glasses and sets of keys, so if your child is missing any of these items, please check with us.

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.

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.



May 1st—PTA Meeting @ 4 PM

May 3rd—Kindy Bee

May 6th -10th —Teacher Appreciation Week.

May 12th—Mother's Day

MAY 15th—Hootenanny @6PM

May 17th—Mud Run @5 PM

May 20th—BAC Meeting @ 6 PM

May 20th—Yearbook Distribution

May 20th—Outdoor Spring pictures

May 21st—Red White & Blue assembly @ 1:45

May 22nd—Field Day

May 22nd—Last day for students

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