

— The Birchwood Banner —— May 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





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 the Birchwood ABC Elementary School Community.

We have several fun events planned for the end of the school year. Jog-A-Thon is scheduled for Friday May 6. The Red, White and Blue Assembly will be on Wednesday May 18 at 1:45PM. The last day of school for students is Thursday May 19.

We look forward to an exciting 2022-2023 school year. However, we are all deserving of a break! Have a great last few weeks of school and an enjoyable and restful summer break!

Dress Code Update:

- Students no longer need to bring winter gear to school.
- Open toed shoes are not permitted, this includes but is not limited to:
 - o Flip-Flops
 - Sandals
 - Thongs
- Socks must be worn with shoes.
- Sleeveless shirts or clothing that exposes the midriff are not permitted.
- Students are allowed to wear shorts beginning on May 2.
 - Shorts must be
 - loose fitting
 - be no more than 1 inch above the knee
 - athletic shorts must have a draw sting around the waist

Thank you for supporting our dress code. Enjoy the warm weather!

Sincerely,

Michael Thomas Principal Birchwood ABC Elementary School

Online Registration for Returning ASD Students

- Online Registration for fall opens on Monday **April 25** and it is required for returning students
- Use the following link to log in and register your student: ParentConnect
- If you need your PIN and a new password, please visit the Login Reminder Page
- If you have moved, upload a new proof of residency via ParentConnect Documents tab
- If your student will be leaving the district next school year, please email Arvelo_Rachel@asdk12.org
- Schools and parents may request records through ScribOrder Student Records Request
- You can register upcoming kindergartners on July 15th https://www.asdk12.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=3297



Our Student Council Sock Drive was a huge success. Over 350 pairs of socks were donated by the generous families of Birchwood ABC. The socks were gratefully accepted by the Brother Francis Shelter and Clare House. (Brother Francis serves men and women in Anchorage that are experiencing homelessness. Clare house provides emergency shelter for women and children.) A big thank you goes out to our amazing school community.



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE



BRING IN YOUR OLD SPIRIT WEAR

IS YOUR SPIRIT WEAR TO SMALL?

DONATE IT TO THE SCHOOL AND GIVE IT
A SECOND LIFE IN A NEW SET OF HANDS.

Each donation will recieve a small token of appreciation from Student Council.

Please follow your teachers instuctions on where to donate your shirt.



PE NEWS MAY



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

Final Events to know for this school year...

- ☐ **April 29**th (*last week*) Orienteering competition at Chugiak High, Mrs. Dennis's and Mrs. Motton's classes
- ☐ May 12th Kids Don't Float, all 5th/6th graders from Mrs. Barker and Ms. Jacobs
- ☐ **May 19**th FIELD DAY- 1-3pm more info in this newsletter!

Badminton Club

The thrill of victory and the agony defeat. Our badminton club participated in the Alaska State Badminton Championship at the beginning of April. We had 16 athletes divide up into 8 doubles teams. Competition was fierce and four of our teams qualified for the championship bracket. Two of our teams were one win away from the championship game. Two participants from each school received medals for their accomplishments for the day.



Sportsmanship Award- Ella B., Big Hitter Award- Simeon D.

Healthy Futures

April Activity Logs are the final log of the year and are due by May 4th. Students in 4th-6th 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. Students who completed all Activity Logs for the Fall and Spring Challenge will be entered into a drawing for the Healthy Future Grand Prize! Winner will be announced the first week of May.

That's a Wrap!

ASD rotates a bike trailer for schools who wish to offer this experience. Birchwood ABC has participated in this, and we also were able to get the class set of Razor scooters for the first time for our primary students. The trailer is limited to just 2 weeks of use, and did we have great weather to finish out the unit!



Ms. Banner's Kindergarten class

Field Day 2022 is Coming!

The Birchwood ABC Field Day will be **May 19**[™] (last day of school) from **1:00pm-3:00pm** for all students. Activities will range from carnival type games, partner and team competitions, individual challenges and areas for free play and snack.

What your child needs-

- A water bottle with name on it
- Comfortable clothing for all weather
- Safe shoes for running and maneuvering

optional possibly extra clothes in a plastic bag. (no backpacks on the last day) Most students don't bring extras, but there will be a few stations where students could get wet (not soaked).

We need HELP!

Volunteers-

Every successful field day is blessed with a bounty of volunteers! Please visit this link-<u>SignUpGeniusVOLUNTEER</u> to choose a slot by Friday, May 13th. If all slots are filled, please feel free to join us anyway!

*Please coordinate with your child's teacher if you would like to travel along with and assist with their class.

Food-

In the past, parents have brought in a variety of healthy snacks and drinks. I would like to continue this tradition as food is also a key to any celebration. We will set up food and drink areas in front of the school on the blacktop. **Finger foods and disposable drinks**. More descriptions on the sign-up page @ <u>SignUpGeniusSNACK</u>

What to expect

Students will spend one hour at a **Carnival Zone** on the blacktop where their class will partake in games, food or "free choice". They will have a small bag given to them to carry their water bottle, token prizes they may have won, or miscellaneous items. The other hour will be spent in the **Olympic Zone** on the field where students will participate in competitions / races for a chance to take home a **1st Place** ribbon.



Grizzly Donuts Exhibition - Now until May 9th Donut Artists

Mylie Calcaterra – Raspberry Supreme with Shaped Sprinkles

Micah Active – The Galaxy

Rebecca Best – Donut Dream

Jersey Mansfield – Skye Donut

Evelyn Syria – Hawaiian Pina Colada

Kailynn Sloan - Cream Filled Wonderfulness

Abigail Cage – Donut Weather

Seth Philbrick – Cherry Filling with Sprinkles

Henry Thomas – The Chocolate Dog

Gage Brezenski - Spring Cold Donut

Cooper Cage – Sea Water

Grace Clark - Dinosaur Donut

Elijah Delacruz – Pumpkin Pie Explosion

Kaiden Smith- Astro Donut (Their out of this world)

Lucy Hawks - The Custard Bird

Leah McLeod – Fizzle Berry Pop

Landon Whitesell - The Fat Lime Explosion

Isabelle Ranger – Chocolate Rainbow Donut

Claire Curtis – The Donut!!!





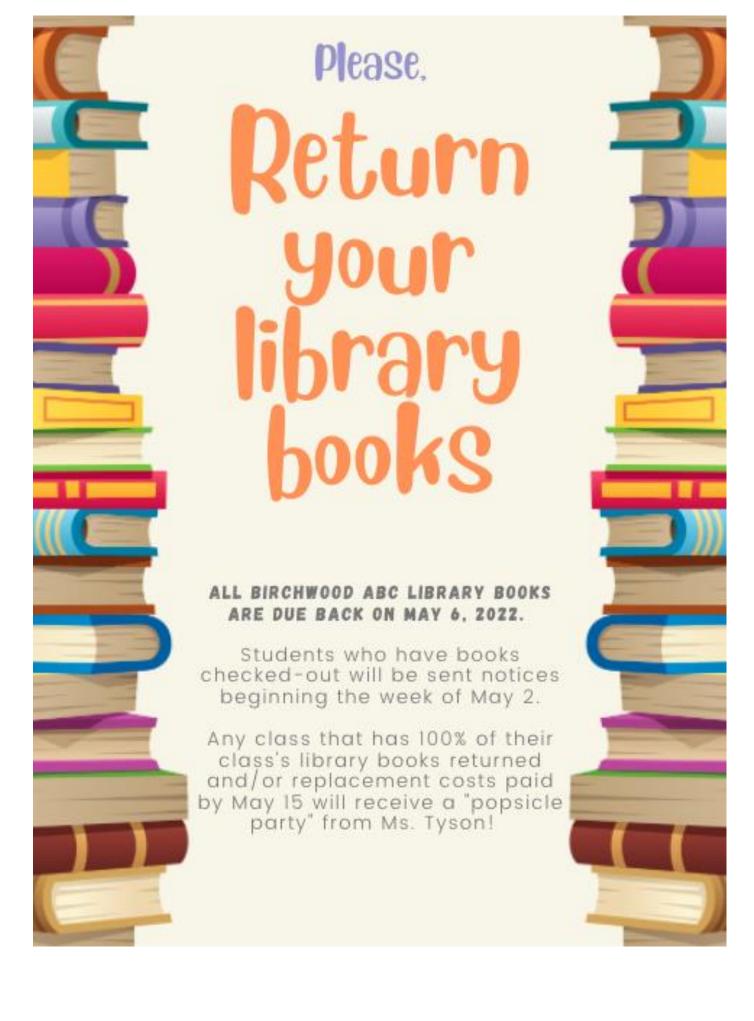


BIRCHWOOD ABC'S

Salmon Fry

Release

We will be releasing our salmon fry at Mirror Lake on Friday, May 6th at 5:30 pm All students and families are welcome. Kindergarten and 1st grade will have priorty with the "release"





Jog a Thon Pledges going on now. Sign-up online at www.99pledges.com/fund/birchwoodSTRONGppp/addme for a chance to win prizes and parties in return for supporting our school! Jog a Thon event held Friday, May 6th! Volunteers are welcome to help count laps and simply encourage our students to run their best. Sign up at Birchwood.ptm: Jog a Thon (signupgenius.com)

PTA ELECTION MEETING

Wednesday, May 4th 6:00 p.m. in the school library

ALL are welcome to attend the last meeting of the year. Bring ideas PTA can consider for next year's event line up.



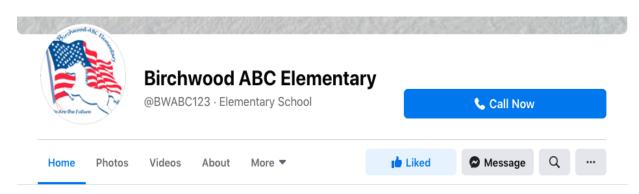
Each month Birchwood ABC focuses on a different character trait.

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.



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. 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.





May 2nd- 6th Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4th Star Wars Day

May 4th PTA Meeting/Elections

May 6th Jog-A-Thon

May 6th Kindy Roundup

May 6th Salmon Release

May 9th Choir/ Band concert

May 10th BAC Meeting

May 11th Beach Day

May 13th Kindy Bee

May 16th Movie Day

May 17th Spring Pictures

May 18th Red, White and Blue Assembly

May 19th Field Day

May 19th Sixth Grade Graduation

May 19th Last Day of School

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