

Birchwood ABC PTA Newsletter

HELLO PARENTS,

October was a busy month! Thank you to all that attended or participated in the Fundraiser, Book Fair, Trunk or Treat, and the Echo Fall Festival. Congrats to the following families who have won a gift card by participating in the fundraiser: O'Loughlin, Pickett, Bankowski, Myers, Hastings, Warren, Fitzgerald, Flournoy, Clark, Burg, Justice, Freimuth, Quick, Gill, Joens, Green, Shontz, Pierre, Ketron, and Jackson.



Nov. 17th - Popcorn Friday & Family Fun Night
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Movie: Cars 3

Preorder your meal!

\$5 per person

Meal Includes Hot Dog, Chips, & Drink

(Cash or Check Only. Make checks payable to BWABC PTA)



At A Glance

Upcoming Events

Dec. 11-15 - Holiday Market

15th - Popcorn Friday & Family Fun Night

Email Your PTA @ birchwoodpta@gmail.com

Your membership, donations, and fundraiser participation is important to help fund upcoming assemblies, field trips, science and art supplies, technology and more for our kids this year. Thank you to all who have already purchased PTA memberships, spirit wear, and to Anneliese Cooper for sponsoring popcorn Friday! Have a wonderful November -
Your PTA Board

BAC NEWS

BAC Vacancy: The BAC is a committee of parents or guardians of BWABC students organized for the purpose of advising, consulting, and assisting the school's administrative staff on matters relating to the curriculum. If you'd like to join this committee, please fill out an Application to Seat Appointment form (located in the BAC mailbox in the front office) and return it to that mailbox, or the black PTA/BAC mailbox in the hallway near the entrance of the building. Applications are due by Wednesday, November 15th. The applications will be reviewed and voting for the appointment will take place at the BAC meeting on November 20th.

Social Studies Proposed Curriculum Change: A proposal to change the social studies curriculum has been submitted to the BAC. The proposed curriculum change would affect fourth-sixth grade only.

Examples of current and proposed Social Studies curriculum are available for your review in the library. Please consider looking at the materials and submitting feedback or recommendations. The materials will be available for your review until Wednesday, November 15th; voting on the proposal will take place at the meeting on Monday, November 20th.

Birchwood ABC Philosophy Q&A: Members of the Birchwood Advisory Committee (BAC) will be hosting a Q & A session on Tuesday, November 7th at 6:00pm, in the library. We invite new and returning parents and guardians to come learn more about the Birchwood ABC philosophy, ask questions, and share information and discussion in an informal setting.

Next Meeting: The next BAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 20th at 6:00pm in the library. Please email bwabcbac@yahoo.com with any questions or curriculum matters you'd like to discuss or address.

BAC Members:

President: Kai Sims

Vice President: Kae Quick

Secretary: Beth Hastings

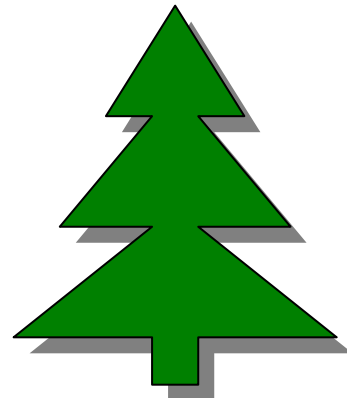
Bobbi Mason

Kristyne Montero

Brad Poston

Jodie Yoschak

*Items are still needed for the Holiday Market.
Please contact Kae Quick, VP of BAC.*



BIRCHWOOD ABC LIBRARY



Questions, concerns, or Suggestions!
Please contact me with any questions or concerns!

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<http://tinyurl.com/hjuh8jp>



Birchwood ABC Read-A-Thon 2.0

Our second annual Birchwood ABC Read-A-Thon will run from November 13th-November 17th. Based on the feedback we received last year, we've streamlined the event and hope it will be less confusing as a result!

Students in all grades are welcome to participate. Read-a-Thoners will have sponsors pledge either a flat amount or a per minute read amount and then record the number of minutes they read each day. Once the Read-a-Thon is over they will collect pledges and turn them in. Even emerging readers can rack up reading minutes by spending time enjoying picture books on their own or a read-a-loud with a family member or friend.

Pledge sheets will be coming home this week. We will kick off the event at school with a 20 minute "Drop Everything and Read" on Monday the 13th.

Pledge forms and all collected money will be due on the November 27th.

Prizes will be awarded thusly:

- * Any student raising \$10 or more will be entered to win a Kindle and will be invited to help select a book to be included in our next library book order.
- * Any student who raises over \$100 will be invited to a Makerspace party in the library.
- * The students who rank in the top 10 of earners will win one of our fabulous prizes such as a \$50 gift card for Bear Tooth / Moose's Tooth or Gift Certificate for Coldstone Creamery.