



Dear Birch Lane Families,

The Birch Lane PTA and Montessori Parent Advisory Committee are excited to announce a special "Make a Plate" fundraiser! Make a Plate is a fun way to create a personalized 10" melamine plate with your child/children's drawing and raise money at the same time. All your children can participate, and you can order as many plates as you want to for each design. Your kids will love eating on their plate and these also make perfect holiday gifts for relatives and grandparents!

The process is simple:

- Have your child draw a picture inside the circle on the paper template. (Leave a ¼" margin)
- Complete the information at the bottom of the template. Additional templates can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/BLEplate2021>
- Decide how many plates you want made with each drawing (1 template per drawing).
- **Each 10" melamine plate is \$16.**
- Return completed template(s) **AND** payment to your child's teacher by **Wednesday, November 17.**
- Pay via check, cash, Venmo: [dmef-birchlane](#) or PayPal: [dmef.birchlane@gmail.com](mailto:dmef.birchlane@gmail.com) (**NOTE: All proceeds will be split between PTA and MPAC**)

The template is attached to this email so you can print as many copies as you need. Your child's teacher will also have templates if needed. Finished plates will be delivered to classrooms between December 6 and 10.

Please read and follow the **FAQ sheet attached.** All proceeds benefit the PTA and MPAC. If you have questions e-mail Brian Pakpour at [brian@pakpourbanks.com](mailto:brian@pakpourbanks.com) (mobile: 530-574-6648).

Thank you for your support and happy drawing!

## MAKE A PLATE FAQ's

### What kind of art supplies can my child use?

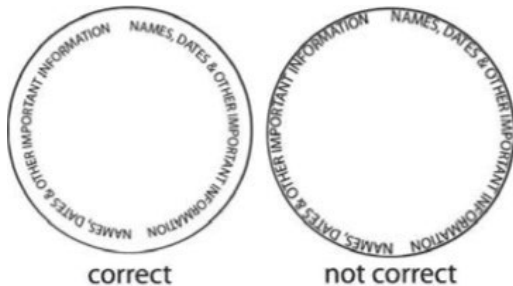
Your child can use markers, pens, pencil, crayons but **NO glitter**. (Glitter does not translate as glitter once printed and tends to show as a greyish dirty color.)

### Will colors on the plate match the artwork exactly?

Some variations should be expected due to the product material. Try to use bright colors avoid too many dark colors.

### Can we use the entire space inside the circle template for drawing?

NO. **YOU MUST KEEP A ¼" MARGIN** with the edge of the circle template to avoid having any portion of it cut off during printing. Anything outside of the circle template will not be printed on the plate.



### Does my child's name need to be part of the drawing?

It is not necessary - but seeing the child's first name and year on the artwork is a great way to personalize the artwork, as well as see your child's talent grow year by year. It will also ensure we can identify and match artwork to the correct child once the plates are delivered.

### Can all my kids make a plate even if they don't go to Birch Lane?

YES! Just print or photocopy extra templates. You need 1 template per design. A link to the template can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/BLEplate2021>.

### Can I order more than 1 plate for each drawing?

YES! You can order as many plates as you want to for each design. Keep one for your child and give some as gifts!

### How do I care for my plate?

Hand washing is recommended. Bleach-enhanced detergents and very hot water may cause fading. Tableware can be used, but do not use sharp utensils or cut on the image surface. Do not use products in the microwave or oven.

### Is the plate BPA free?

The plates are bisphenol (BPA) free, food safe and very durable.



Make A Gift®  
Template

Make sure your entire artwork is at least 1/4" inside the circle and AWAY from the border. Anything on or outside the border will be cut off in the production process.

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Fill out the info below and **return it to the teacher by Nov. 17**. Payments by check or cash **MUST be attached**. If paying by Venmo or Paypal, make sure to write "[child's name] MAKE A PLATE FUNDRAISER" in the notes.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade / Class: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of plates: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$16.00 = Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payment (circle): Check / Cash / Paypal / Venmo

Venmo: dmef-birchlane

Paypal: dmef.birchlane@gmail.com