

Birch Twig

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SECOND TIME'S A CHARM!

Photographers will be back at Birch Lane for picture re-take day on Nov. 14. If you want your child's photo taken again please send back your original photos in your child's backpack. Please keep your class photo, though. Have any questions? --Contact Crissy Mullooly at cmcc3@optonline.net.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

It's not too late to join the PTA! It's easy to sign up. Simply go to the Birch Lane PTA website (birchlanepta.net) and click on the Membership tab to sign up. Remember: You must be a PTA member to chair, co-chair, or work on committees and attend PTA events. --Jennifer Rose, birchlanepتامembership@gmail.com



COME TO THE FALL FUNDRAISER

Join us Nov. 7 at the Elk's Club on Veterans Blvd. from 6:30 to 9:30 for an evening of fun! We will do decorative wreath-making, host a trivia contest, and have a basket raffle auction. Cheese platters and cookie platters will be available for purchase, and there will be a cash bar. Any questions? Contact birchlanemembership@gmail.com for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: GIVE BLOOD

The annual Birch Lane blood drive is coming up on Monday, Dec. 10. Please put the date on the calendar. Your donation can help save up to three lives this coming holiday season. Information will come home in backpacks soon.



YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT...

Our first contest is underway! Collecting Box Tops for Education is an easy, no-cost way to raise money for our PTA. Every Box Top earns \$.10 for the PTA and your child will receive a raffle ticket for every 25 Box Tops he or she submits. The raffle will be drawn once a month for fun prizes. Want to get started? Check your pantry for products that have Box Tops labels, cut neatly along the dotted lines, and submit them in an envelope or plastic bag. Place in the Box Tops Minion bin in the Birch Lane lobby. And don't forget to check out the Box Tops website and bonus app! You can find sweepstakes and deals to earn extra Box Tops for our school at: boxtops4education.com. --The Box Top Committee, birchlaneboxtops@gmail.com



SEPTA NEWS

Our next SEPTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Mckenna Senior Center. The center is located at 210 Spruce St., Massapequa Park. Our guest speaker will be Alissa Morris from Parent to Parent. She will be assisting parents in organizing their child's IEPs and related documentation. On Thursday, Nov. 8 SEPTA will be hosting a Movie Event at Seaford Cinemas featuring the movie, *The Grinch*. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7:00 p.m. Finally, Massapequa reusable tote bags and district calendars are still on sale. Flyers are located in the main office if you are interested. We look forward to seeing you and your child soon! --Amanda Varelakis, 631-605-4455



LET YOUR CHILD SHINE WITH REFLECTIONS!

It's time for the National PTA Reflections Art Program! Reflections encourages students to create art for fun and recognition in the following categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Photography, Visual Arts and Music Composition. This year's theme is Heroes Around Me. Get your little artist thinking and watch backpacks for further details! Entry drop off is Nov. 5 from 6 until 7:30 and Nov. 8 between 4 and 5. Questions? Ask a committee member or go to nyspta.org/home/programs/reflections -- Jen Curran 516-306-1180



IS YOUR LIST READY?

The Holiday Fair is happening soon! It will take place on Monday, Nov. 26 through Thursday, Nov. 29. Watch out for forms coming home in backpacks soon! -- Holiday Fair Committee: Crissy Mullooly, Kira Malla, and Sue McEvoy



NEWS FROM NYS PTA

School safety is important to everyone, which is why our National PTA president Jim Accomando will be leading a webinar discussion about this topic on Monday, Nov. 5 at 8 p.m. The webinar, called *School Safety: Mobilizing for a Change*, will focus on ways we, as parents and educators, can take actions to make our school a safer and more supportive place. To attend the webinar please register in advance at bit.ly/2ywpCwg

