



Birch Twig

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

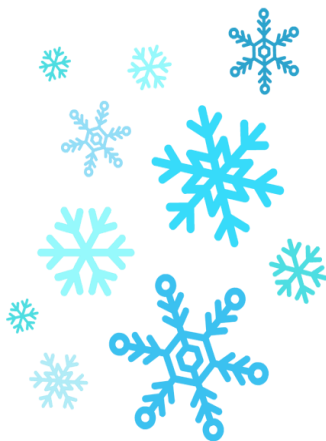
You belong in PTA! ... Spread the word!! The number one reason to join the PTA is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help our school. It is easy to sign up! Simply go to [BIRCH LANE PTA](#). *Remember:* You must be a PTA member to chair, co-chair, or work on committees and attend PTA events.

– Chris Zlatniski, ckoveos@hotmail.com

PTA REMIND APP

Never miss another fun PTA or building event! Sign up to receive text notifications and get up-to-date reminders.. Please send a text to **81010** and then enter the code below for your child's grade. You can join multiple grades for multiple students, but keep in mind that you will receive multiple copies of each message sent school-wide.

- Birch Lane PTA K 2019-20 @birchptak
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- Birch Lane PTA 2nd 2019-20 @birchpta02
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- Birch Lane PTA 4th 2019-20 @birchpta4
- Birch Lane PTA 5th 2019-20 @birchpta5



FINDING THOSE TOPS!

Send in your clipped Box Tops and receipts with your child's name and teacher to the Box Tops bin in the lobby. When you scan your receipt, you can add your child's name by clicking on the star button. Please continue to clip and scan during the vacation and share the Box Tops App with your friends and family. Thank you for collecting over \$500.00 for Birch Lane. Happy Holidays!

-The Box Top Committee,
birchlaneboxtops@gmail.com



SEPTA NEWS

The Nov 20th SEPTA meeting was very informative. During this meeting Maria Fusco discussed the benefits of yoga for not only special needs students but for everyone.

The guest speaker Amy McCoy, the Long Island author of the book ***Big Little Sister*** and parent of a child with special needs has been rescheduled for 1/15/2020. There will be a Special Education Workshop “Navigating the Front Door Process”, Tuesday, 12/3/2019 at 7 p.m. at the McKenna Senior Center. For more information and to RSVP please visit the SEPTA website. Dr. McCaw will be presenting information at the BOE meeting on 12/5 at 8 p.m. All members of SEPTA are encouraged to attend to show their support.

The next SEPTA meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2020. Everyone is encouraged to visit the SEPTA website to keep up to date with all SEPTA information about upcoming events, meetings, and fundraising including District Calendars, Massapequa Tumblers and Massapequa Reusable Tote Bags.

The website is [MASSAPEQUA SEPTA LINK](#).



REFLECTIONS

Thank you to all the students who participated in Reflections this year! We had a great turn out and some truly incredible entries. We will be announcing the winners early February. A school celebration for all students who submitted entries will be held on Feb. 10, 2019 at 9:45 a.m.



BLOOD DRIVE

This year's Birch Lane Blood Drive will be held on Monday, December 9th from 3:15 pm to 9:15 pm in the cafeteria. All donors will receive a McDonald's coupon for a free large sandwich or salad. Our goal this year is 60 pints of blood. Your donation could help save up to three lives! Please come out and support this important cause. Any questions, please contact Gayle Famiglietti at 516-398-6043



STAFF LUNCHEON

The Birch Lane Elementary annual Staff Luncheon is Tuesday, Dec. 17th. Please donate a dessert for the Staff. Drop off desserts at the front desk by 9:30am or contact Heather Callahan to arrange for a different time.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 BOE Meeting Holiday Fair	6 Holiday Fair	7
8	9 Blood Drive Holiday Fair	10 Holiday Fair	11 Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal	12 Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal	13 Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal	14
15	16	17 Teachers Luncheon	18	19	20	21
22 Hanukkah Begins	23 Holiday Recess No School →	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30 Holiday Recess No School →	31 New Years Eve				

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- January 1- New Years Day- No School
- January 2- School Resumes
- January 2- Board of Ed meeting at 8 p.m.
- January 15- STEAM Family Fun/Book Fair
- January 16- Board of Ed meeting at 8 p.m.
- January 20- Martin Luther King Jr. Day- No School
- January 21 - Birch Lane PTA General Meeting 6:45p



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