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PTO News

Parent Teacher Organization...we're all members!

Welcome Back!

Upcoming Important Dates:

- September 11th:
Happenings Book orders due
- September 16th:
-Market Day orders due
-All School Picnic 5:30-7:00
-Orchestra Mtg 6:30-7:15
-PTO Meeting 7:15-8:15pm
Media Center. Free child care provided.
- September 22nd:
Market Day order pickup
- September 25th:
Late Start Day
- October 7,9, & 13th:
Scholastic Bookfair in the Media Center, 4:30-8:30
- October 21st:
PTO Meeting 7:00
- November 21st:
Turkey Bingo!

Thank you to our Chairpeople

We want to extend a thank you to **Karon Tollefson** and **Lori Noland**.

Karen is in charge of this year's Happenings Book fundraiser. She did a great job of having everything organized for the Open House. Remember, \$15 from each book sale goes to our school. Hurry, orders and money must be turned in tomorrow.

Lori is in charge of this year's brand new Market Day fundraiser. Instead of selling gift wrap this year, we opted for trying this monthly grocery order option. Hurry, first order is due by the 16th!

Thank you to both of you for giving your time so our school can be a better place!

GET INVOLVED

Welcome to Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts. We're all excited for a new year.

We'd like to introduce ourselves, we are the volunteer Board members of the PTO:

LeAnne Tieman, President
Lori Swedeen, VP
Scott Noland, Treasurer
Janean Huser, Secretary
Lisa Monson, Teacher Rep

It is our mission to bring our families together. We organize fun events (with the help of many other volunteers), we help raise money for the betterment of our school, and we are there to give support to our teachers, students and community.

As you may have guessed, we can't do this alone! We need your involvement to make Birch Grove an even better place to learn and grow.

We are planning a new approach to our events: **Team Volunteering**. Instead of having one or two people in charge of the entire event, we want teams of people to work together. This will make it easier for everyone.

Think about joining one of our teams. Let us know if you're interested:

- Come to our PTO Meetings (3rd Tue. of each month)
- Email us at birchgrovepto@yahoo.com
- Email or call the Volunteer Coord, Pam Gangestad (see below)

EASY MONEY

We collect the following all year long. Just send them to school and our Student Council will do the rest!

- General Mills Box Tops
- Used Ink Cartridges
- Kemps Give'Em Five
- Used Cell Phones
- Campbell Soup Labels.

Visit the Birch Grove website, click on the PTO tab and see what's happening!



Using this Search Engine will raise money for Birch Grove's PTO!

TURKEY BINGO IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Back by popular demand...Turkey Bingo is on **November 21st!** Save the date.

We always have a terrific turnout for this event. We have food available, great prizes are awarded, and we give away about a dozen turkeys!!

As you know, this doesn't happen by itself. We currently have one Chairperson, Katy Marcotte, who has done this for a number of years.

She needs your help!!

Ideally we could use 2-3 additional people to help with finding prizes and coor-

dinating the kitchen/food.

On the day of the event, we will ask for volunteers to help sell food, tickets, etc.

This is always really fun for our families and the kids love coloring all the turkeys that are displayed in the hallways.

This event helps raise a couple thousand dollars for our school!

If you can help, please contact the volunteer coordinator:

Pam Gangestad 763-561-1374
or

gangestadp@district279.org

