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PTO News

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

THINK SPRING!!

Upcoming Important Dates:

- April 2nd
Burger King night 4:30-7:30
- April 6-10th
No School, Spring Break
- April 17th
School Carnival 6-8:30
- April 21st
PTO Meeting 7:00 Media Center
(free childcare provided)
Nominations for new officers
- May 1st
Spotlight on the Arts
- May 7th
Domino's Pizza night
- May 19th
Ice Cream Social 5:00
PTO Meeting 7:00
- May 28th
Burger King night 4:30-7:30

These items are listed on the Birch Grove website on the PTO Calendar page.

THANK YOU CORNER!

We want to extend a thank you to all the **volunteers for "Seussical Jr"**

A special thank you to all the volunteers who made our *Seussical* production a big success.

Many parents worked back stage, attended rehearsals as chaperones, helped get the actors ready for each performance, donated snacks, and provided moral support!

We had special guests in attendance, Superintendent Susan Hintz and Asst Superintendent Dr. Kate Maguire.

Thank you parents for making it so special for our children!

GETTING READY FOR THE CARNIVAL

APRIL 17TH, 2009
6:00-8:30

There are a few new things this year. Thank you again to **Jodie Albrecht** for all her hard work.

TICKETS FOR FOOD, AUCTION, AND GAMES:

This year you will need tickets to purchase food, auction chances, and games. Each ticket will be 25 cents, 12 for \$5.00. Watch for the 'pre-sale' ticket & raffle envelopes to come home.

FOOD:

This year we will sell tacos in a bag (by Zantigo), hot dogs, churros, pretzels, popcorn, cotton candy, candy, water & pop.

NEW GAMES:

We are looking forward to new games this year: chopsticks walk, simbi, hunting the ring, and karaoke. Say goodbye to the milkcan ball toss, penny

toss and golf!

CARNIVAL AUCTION

This year we will try something new for our auction. You will purchase a ticket and put it in the bucket of the prize you'd like to win. Prize winners will be chosen at the conclusion of the evening. You can buy as many tickets as you want...more tickets = higher chance of winning a prize!

By now you should have received a list of 'Carnival Auction' theme items from your teacher.

Each year the teachers select a theme by grade. For example, 3rd grade is collecting donations for a "Scrapbook" themed basket.

The idea is that everyone donates a little something. All these items added up make a great prize and help raise money for our school.

So, next time you're out shopping, look for some good bargains to donate to our Carnival Auction. Hurry, we need these items by **March 27th!**

VOLUNTEERS

Every year we send out a flyer asking for volunteers. We can't do this carnival without the help of parents, teachers, and friends.

We split it up into 2 shifts so you can work some, play some!

Please watch the Wednesday envelope for the sign up sheet.

For more information:

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SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR DID GREAT

The final bookfair raised \$2800+ for our school! That's awesome.

We also sold popcorn this year. That alone, raised \$117. All the popcorn proceeds will be spent on new books for the media center.

Thank you to all the families that purchased and donated books to our classrooms. Those books will be part of each teacher's library and will be shared for years to come.

NEW & IMPROVED WEBSITE

Have you logged on to the Birch Grove website lately?

Well, you're in for a big surprise! There is a great video presentation by Principal Zastrow highlighting all the great things at our school.

All the same great information is still on the website, but it's definitely easier to navigate.

Take a moment to take a peak:
www.district279.org/elem/bg/