

Birchland Elementary PAC Newsletter

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Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday break and we are looking forward to what 2012 has to offer.

If you are looking for ways to connect with other Birchland families please come out to our next PAC meeting & meet other parents in a friendly and relaxed environment.

~Brittany & Cecilia~

Co-Chairs BPAC 2011-2012

2011/2012 BIRCHLAND PAC VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Parent Volunteer Coordinator -
Stella Goncalves

Special Lunches Coordinator -
Karen Faminoff

Book Fair Coordinators -
Karen Faminoff & Brittany Leavold

Fruit and Veggie Coordinator -
Suzanne Williamson

Recycling Coordinator -
Michelle Nikula

Theme Days Coordinators-
Suzanne Williamson & Kari Stewart

Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator -
Brittany Leavold

Library Coordinators-
Michelle Nikula & Cecilia Joinson

**Emergency Preparedness
Coordinator -**
Donna Luteyn

Hot Lunch Coordinator -
Cynthia Jacobs

Running Club Coordinator-
Jennifer Snider- *VACANT*

Newsletter Coordinator -
Cynthia Jacobs

More Positions Available!

You're Invited

The next meeting of the Birchland Parent Advisory Council will be held in the library on

January 24 @ 6pm

If you have a topic you'd like to add to the Agenda, please send the PAC an email by January 20th.

Family Photo Night

Family Photo Night was held November 16.

It was a picture perfect fundraiser!!

Matt Kennedy generously donated 50% of his sitting fees back to Birchland Elementary!!

Photos were taken by:

mattkennedy
photos

We are hoping to offer a Family Photo Special again in the Spring.

BPAC Executive 2011-12

Co-Chairs-

Brittany Leavold & Cecilia Joinson

Vice Chair- Jamie Hendley

Treasurer- Donna Luteyn

Secretary- Michelle Nikula

DPAC Rep- Kari Stewart

SPC Reps-

Cecilia Joinson & Michelle Nikula

Contact us via email-

birchlandpac2011@hotmail.com

Dates to Remember

- January 18 - Crazy toque or Hat day!!
- January 24 - PAC Meeting 6pm
- January 25 - Hot Lunch Day! -Pizza Hut
- January 27 - Pro D Day
- February 10 - Jump Rope for Heart Assembly 9:15
- February 10-15 - Book Fair!
- February 17 - Pro D Day
- February 24- Jump Rope for Heart Event! 9-12
- February 29- Anti-Bullying Day



Hot Lunch Program!!



*Our next BPAC Hot lunch is coming up on **January 25***

*The order form will be sent home with your child on **Friday Jan. 13** and all orders are due by **Jan. 20**. Lunch will be provided by Pizza Hut!*

Thank you to Cynthia Jacobs, Cecilia Joinson, Jennifer Snider, Donna Gillis and Alison Habeteler for volunteering your time with the November Hot Lunch!!

Volunteer Spotlight

A big thank you to Div. 3 & 8 parent Lisa Munro for your outstanding volunteer efforts. Lisa has helped with numerous fundraisers so far this year including Entertainment Books, Book Fair and the Bake Sale. She is always going the extra mile for our Birchland kids and is a welcome addition to the BPAC meetings!

Upcoming Fundraisers!

Hot Lunch Day- Pizza Hut Day is coming on January 25! If you can help at lunch that day please email the PAC!

Book Fair- Come visit the Book fair from February 10-15. Cash, Debit, Cheques and Charge will be accepted!

Anti-Bullying Day- We will be selling pink cupcakes for Anti-Bullying Day on February 29!

Have a fundraising idea? Want to help with the fundraisers mentioned above? Join us at our next meeting or pop us an email!

FOOD BANK DONATIONS:

Thank you and Congratulations to the grade 4 and 5 students in Mr. Cummings class who had the heaviest food donations for our Holiday Food Bank Drive! The PAC is delighted to award your class the pizza lunch prize!

We would also like to recognize the students in Mrs. Kopf's class for their donations! We hope you enjoyed your Timbits!

Jump Rope for Heart Volunteers Needed! Starting February 10th the Birchland Students will begin supporting and fundraising for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. On February 24th, we will be having a morning of skipping and even some basketball to promote healthy hearts. The classrooms will be split up into two groups, and will spend one hour at various skipping stations set up throughout the gym and hopefully outside! This event requires approximately 6-10 volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Brittany at

birchlandpac2011@htomail.com



For more information on how you can be a heart hero- Please visit www.jumpropeforheart.ca



The running club wrapped up just prior to the winter break. Thank you to Ms. Snider for organizing the Fall Running Club and thank you to all the other parents that helped out too!!

Running club will be back in the Spring, and we are looking for a new volunteer to organize! If you would like to help, please contact the PAC!

If you are still in need of a permission form, be sure to pick one up in the office.

The November Book Fair was a huge success! Thank you to the many volunteers who helped out! From our profit, we were able to donate an average of \$60 of books to each classroom!

Our Hawaiian Luau Book Fair will be held February 10-15!

Thank You to Karen Faminoff for organizing our Book fairs!



Did you know?

That we have an account at the Biggar Bottle Depot? Contribute to our fundraising efforts by letting the cashier know you'd like to donate your total to Birchland Elementary PRIOR to them counting you return! Every bit counts!

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We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions to enrich the learning and experiences of the Birchland Students! If you cannot attend our meetings, but still wish to share, please return this form in your child's planner or drop off to the PAC box in the office

PAC Comments/Suggestions

Parent Name: _____
Contact # _____

Email Address _____
Child's Name _____