

BIRCHLAND BUZZ



BPAC; Birchland Elementary Newsletter



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.

We have some fun and exciting events and fundraisers happening in the next little while.

If you are not yet following, we would love for you to come follow along on our Facebook page @ "Birchland PAC" and become part of the school community.

How can you be apart of your Birchland School Community? Weather it be sharing an idea about a fundraiser, Volunteering your time or just connecting with some parents within the school community.

Community is much more than belonging to something: it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter.



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READING CLUB

Build a love of reading and give back to the classroom!

SHOP THE DIGI-FLYERS

Just keep Reading..

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Our November Scholastic Book fair raised \$670.00, which is awesome.

Thank You to everyone who shopped at the fair and volunteered.

You don't need to wait for our next Book Fair, you can order anytime during the year through the Scholastic Reading club.

"Everyone is a reader...

Some just haven't found their favourite book yet."

Online Order

If you would like to shop from home you can go to our Scholastic Reading Club at:

<https://classroomessential.s.scholastic.ca/>

Use Class code **RC730436**

These orders will be shipped directly to your home.



Before the holidays...

PAC was very excited to provide gingerbread cookies and all the decorations to every student again this year as part of school festivities before the winter break. Thank you to all the staff for helping students with this messy but fun activity.



If you have an idea for a fundraiser we would love to hear it.

Email us @ birchlandparentadvisorycouncil@gmail.com

or

send us a FB message on our FB group, Birchland Pac.



PAC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our PAC has a few vacant positions...

In June 2023 the PAC President, Vice-President and Secretary terms all end.

We would love for more parents to get involved now so that they can better understand what the PAC does and how it runs to help the transition to a new PAC president.

If these positions are not filled by next September then the PAC cannot operate which means no hot lunch/treat days, no movie nights or book fairs, no extra classroom funds for learning resources, no funds to support field trips, no school wide activities like gingerbread cookies.

Our next PAC meeting is on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00pm via Zoom. We would love for all parents or guardians to attend.



Important Dates

PAC meeting @ 7 pm via
Zoom
Jan 10th, 2023

Winter Dance
Friday, January 27th @ 6:30

Pro D Day
(No School)
Jan 30th, 2023

Early dismissal
Feb 16th, 2023

BC Family Day
(No School)
Feb 20th, 2023

Pink Shirt Day
Feb 23rd, 2023

Pro D Day
(No School)
Feb 24th, 2023



Fundraisers!!!



Winter Dance!

Birchland PAC will be hosting our first Winter Dance on Friday, January 27th in the gym from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Admission is \$1 per person and parents/guardians are required to stay as this is not a school supervised event. We will have tables and chairs in the hallway for those that would like to take a break from the music, lights and fun of a giant dance party. Everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite winter colors. Concession will be open including popcorn, hot chocolate and festive cookies. Volunteers are needed to help run concession throughout the evening. If you are able to volunteer please go to <https://signup.com/go/FnkrMTp>.



50/50 Raffle



We will be selling tickets to our 50/50 raffle (\$10 cash per ticket) and drawing the winning number at the dance.

More Details on the Raffle...

50/50 Winter Raffle Board: Need some extra cash to pay off Christmas bills or to treat yourself to some extra family-fun activities? You could win up to \$500 by purchasing #s on our 50/50 Winter Raffle Board. Each # on the board costs \$10, if your # is drawn on Friday, January 27th at the Winter Dance you could win up to \$500. Tickets will be sold on select dates before and after school (Posted on Facebook), at the Winter dance and online through:

www.Munchalunch.com/schools/birchland.

All proceeds from this fundraiser go towards the Gr. 5 leaving celebrations.

Gr. 5 Committee

Gr. 5 students have received their 2023 hoodies and will be sporting them. Our focus now is raising funds & planning some special year-end celebrations. Parent volunteers are needed to help sell raffle tickets before and after school during January. If you have ideas to share, would like to help with fundraising or planning then please contact us at:

birchlandparentadvisorycouncil@gmail.com



Munch A Lunch

Hot Lunch Program

January 16 – Boston Pizza

January 23 – TimBits

February 13 – Hot Dogs

February 27 – Smoothies

March 6 – Taco del Mar

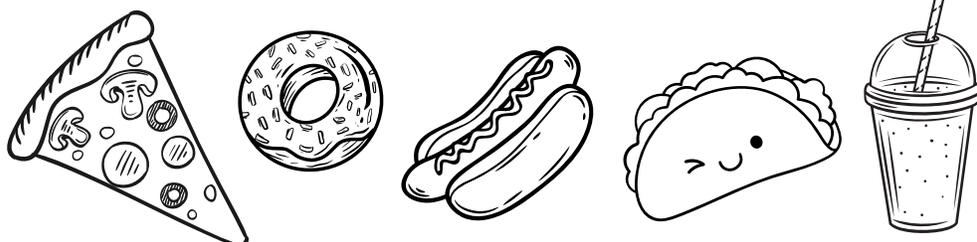


Hot Lunch ordering is open until Friday, January 6th for the January to March session, April to June ordering will open before Spring Break. Go online to:

www.munchalunch.com/schools/birchland to make an account and order.

You can pay on Munch-a-lunch by credit card or send an e-transfer to birchlandpactreasurer@gmail.com (please include your order # and student's name in the comment section)

Please note if your child is absent on a lunch/treat day, you are welcome to come and pick up their order on that day from 1-2:45 pm only. Please call the office at 604-941-3428 or email birchland@sd43.bc.ca to arrange pick up.



HOW TO REGISTER:

1) Go to the school's login page :<https://munchalunch.com/schools/Birchland/>

2) Click the “**Register Here**” button (as shown below). The system will guide you through

3) After adding your children, click the green “**Order Lunch!**” button to order

4) Next time, just click the “**Login Here**” button to access your account.

Consistent with previous years, there are **NO REFUNDS** as this is a PAC fundraiser.

We appreciate your support for our hot lunch program as the funds go towards general fundraising within the school.

Follow us on Facebook for Hot Lunch updates and other exciting BPAC News!