

# Birch Elementary Newsletter

The vision for Birch Elementary is to create a diverse and welcoming neighborhood school-community, anchored by professionals, who meet all students' social, emotional, and academic needs in a safe and supportive environment.

Birch Elementary School

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Birch Elementary School Website

August 20, 2021

#### A Note from our Principal:



Dear Birch Families,

Welcome Back! It has been a wonderful first week back at school. We are so happy to get to start in-person this year! A big welcome to our new Kindergarten families-welcome to the Bulldog Family!

We are so happy to also welcome **Tanya Worrell** who is our new Special Education Teacher. Over the summer our numbers in kindergarten krept up and in August we were allocated funding for a third Kindergarten teacher and paraeducator. We are so pleased to welcome **Misty Flemming**, who is our newest Kindergarten Teacher!

# Please don't forget that Breakfast and Lunch are FREE for all students! No sign up required! This morning our students got delicious Moe's bagels, and fresh Colorado peaches. Yum! Be sure to encourage your student to try out school breakfast or lunch!

This coming week we will host Back to School Night at 6pm on

## **Important Dates:**

- Birch Back to School Night (virtual) Wednesday, August 25th 6:00 7:30 pm
- Preschool 1st Day of School: Monday, August 30th
- <u>Picture Day!!:</u> Tuesday, September 14th more info to coming in Friday Folders soon
- <u>Bulldog Jog:</u> Friday, September 24th Our biggest fundraiser!! look for more information coming soon

School Supplies- In lieu of having students bring in school supplies, we ask for \$40/student. Students must bring their own inexpensive headphones and a backpack. Please pay for supplies here or bring a check or cash into the office before school starts. Teachers use this money to buy supplies before school starts, so please pay today! If you need a scholarship for school supplies, please fill out the Meal Benefits application in the IC Parent Portal under More→ Meal Benefits. Do you need a backpack? We have many brand new backpacks donated generously by the *Impact on Education* foundation. Please let us know and we will get one for your student if buying a backpack is a hardship!

**School Hours:** Our school hours have changed! All BVSD elementary students start school at 7:50 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. On Wednesdays, school starts at 8:50 AM. **School releases at 2:50 PM each day**. Free childcare is available from 7:50-8:50 provided by our paraprofessionals in the cafeteria on Wednesday mornings on a drop-in basis.

#### SALVATION ARMY - FREE BACK TO SCHOOL HAIRCUTS

When: Saturday, August 28th Where: 1080 Birch St., Broomfield

**Time:** 1:00 - 4:30 pm

Cost: FREE

Elevate Salon Institute of Westminster will have their talented students and staff donating their time and skills to give each child the best look ever for the new

Wednesday evening. We hope you can join us. We will send links and more information out on Tuesday.

Have a great weekend!

Tanya

# **Birch PTO Website**

#### **Birch Bulldog Gear**

Are you ready to show off your Bulldog Pride? The PTO has new gear for the 2021-2022 school year. Proceeds from the sale of merchandise come back to Birch to support student activities like field trips, Friday Fun Nights, Movie Nights, Battle of the Books, and so much more! Funds also support our amazing teachers with supplies, meals/treats, and specials support!

Two different links to check out!!

**Birch Bulldog Gear** 

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# DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR OLD SHOES!

BIRCH ELEMENTARY PTO WANTS YOUR NEW, AND GENTLY WORN, USED SHOES FOR A BIG PROJECT!

A BOX IS LOCATED BY THE MAIN OFFICE. PLEASE TIE OR RUBBER BAND PAIRS TOGETHER

SHOES OF ALL SIZES/STYLES WELCOME!



QUESTIONS: PLEASE CONTACT BIRCHELEMENTARY.BEST@GMAIL.COM school year!



#### Opt-in to BVSD Text Messages today!

The benefits of BVSD text messages:

- Receive alerts during a crisis
- Receive important reminders

Emails can get buried in your inbox; text message alerts make sure you receive timely information from the district.

Text the word "Yes" to 67587 from your phone to opt into text messaging. bit.ly/Text-BVSD

### **BVSD** is Hiring!

We are still facing a significant shortage of bus drivers. If you are interested in driving or know someone that may be interested, please apply today so that we can continue to support our students who need transportation. The team is also in need of custodial, child care, and food services staff. See this email the district sent out with more information on these positions.

#### **Volunteers**

Per BVSD: Volunteers will not be allowed in schools due to the continuation of COVID 19. This will be re-evaluated in October and as the school year progresses.

#### Do you Shop at King Soopers?

Birch is a charitable organization registered with King Soopers Participating is so easy!

- Log into your King Soopers account at <u>Kingsoopers.com</u>
- Click on your profile
- Click on Community Rewards (left-hand side of the screen)
- Search for "Birch PTO" and Enroll
- Every time you shop you earn money for our school!

#### **Shop Online at Amazon?**

Birch is a charitable organization registered with AmazonSmile Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Birch.

Participating takes 3 easy steps...

- 1. Go to <a href="https://smile.amazon.com/">https://smile.amazon.com/</a> & sign in using your Amazon login
- 2. Select Birch Educational Support Team as your charitable organization (You only have to do this step once!)
- 3. Make purchases as you would on Amazon (AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.)

### Special Note from Mrs. Hazzard:

Original Works is back at Birch! This is a wonderful fundraiser for art class where your child's art can be printed on a variety of professionally made products. They make amazing gifts! We create a special artwork for this fundraiser during art class. Stay tuned for more details. Thanks for supporting art at Birch!

English Version Spanish Version

# 3rd Grade Mrs. Carter's Paper **Chain Challenge**











First Full Day of Kindergarten!!!





















