



# 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 720-561-8800

[Birch Elementary School Website](#)

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## A Note from our School Counselor:



Dear Bulldogs,

I am so happy to be starting my 5th year at Birch. It has been so nice to see your students and have a "normal" start to the year. This year we are very excited to have a counseling intern for the fall. Monique Fredericks is in her final year at Adams State University and is at Birch Tuesday afternoon and Thursday.

This year I will continue to see K-4 students weekly in the classroom using our Second Step curriculum. For 5th grade we will be using the Sources of Strength curriculum. Last year all elementary schools were given the Sources curriculum. 5th grade will be using Sources of Strength so we can prepare them with the same language and information they will be getting in middle school next year as 6th graders.

If you have any questions about the Sources curriculum or need support for you student please reach me at 720-561-8824 or [tiffany.kerr@bvdsd.org](mailto:tiffany.kerr@bvdsd.org)

Tiffany

## BIG PAWS AUGUST WINNERS!

One Big PAWS winner is selected by their classroom teacher each month. Students are selected because they exemplify PAWS (good citizenship) behavior at Birch. Congratulations students!



Ben Lustgarten  
Ellie Stoneburner  
Ava Shapiro  
Tinlee Trujillo  
Steven Nguyen  
Wes Tomchuck  
Nico Encino

Elliott Hazzard  
Sophia Plaia  
Sophia Burris  
Jensen Robinson  
Harper Jeffries  
Audrina Zanella  
Miles Vigil

[Birch PTO Website](#)

## 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 school year!



### 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](#)

[Birch Bulldog Gear](#)

## 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

## Important Dates:

- **Preschool 1st Day of School:** Monday, August 30th
- **No School:** Monday, September 6th - Labor Day
- **Picture Day!!:** Tuesday, September 14th - more info to coming in Friday Folders soon
- **Dinner Night Out:** Wednesday, September 15th, Cosmos Pizza
- **Spirit Week,** Monday, September 20th - September 24th (see below for more info)
- **Bulldog Jog:** Friday, September 24th - Our biggest fundraiser!! - look for more information coming soon

### **Spirit Week: September 20th - September 24th**

- Monday:** Crazy Hair Day  
**Tuesday:** Sports Day (wear your favorite team colors or shirt)  
**Wednesday:** Pajama Day  
**Thursday:** Birch Spirit Day (wear your Birch Spirit Gear or Blue & White)  
**Friday:** Bulldog Jog - Wear your grade colors
- Preschool - Light Blue
  - Kindergarten - Orange
  - 1st Grade - Yellow
  - 2nd Grade - Royal Blue
  - 3rd Grade - Red
  - 4th Grade - Green
  - 5th Grade - Black

### **As a reminder, BVSD's illness protocol is as follows:**

If your student is experiencing any of the following symptoms they must stay home:

Major Symptoms	Minor Symptoms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Fever (100.4 or above)</li><li>● Cough</li><li>● Chills or feeling feverish</li><li>● Loss of taste or smell</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Runny nose or Congestion</li><li>● Sore Throat</li><li>● Headache</li><li>● Muscle / Body aches or pain</li><li>● Diarrhea</li><li>● Vomiting / Nausea</li><li>● Feeling extremely tired</li></ul>

- If a student is experiencing any other COVID-like symptom (minor symptoms) that last longer than 48 hrs they must have a negative PCR COVID test to return to school or they will need to stay home for 10 days.
- Testing is available through BVSD and COVID Check Colorado throughout the district - see the schedule [here](#).

Additional information on symptoms and when it's ok to return after an illness can be found here: [CDPHE How Sick is Too Sick?](#)

PAIRS TOGETHER

SHOES OF ALL SIZES/STYLES  
WELCOME!



QUESTIONS: PLEASE CONTACT  
BIRCHELEMENTARY.BEST@GMAIL.COM

If you have questions about returning to school after an illness, please contact our school's health office.

**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. 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!

**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](#)

**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](http://bit.ly/Text-BVSD)

**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 [Kingsoopers.com](http://Kingsoopers.com)
- 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 <https://smile.amazon.com/> & 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.)