



# 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](#)

September 3, 2021

## Mrs. Hohensee, Music Information

*Here is a link for students and families to learn and sing at home the Birch Bulldog Song. The link will ask you to make a copy; that way you will have a personal copy to have at home. Enjoy and sing your hearts out to show your Birch Bulldog school spirit!*

[Birch Bulldog Song](#)

## 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](#)

[Birch PTO Website](#)

## Birch Bulldog Gear

Are you ready to show off your

## Important Dates:

- **No School:** Monday, September 6th - Labor Day
- **Picture Day!!:** Tuesday, September 14th - info to coming today in Friday Folders / [Information for Ordering Online](#)
- **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
- **Birch Field Day:** Friday, October 1st

## 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

**Who let the dogs out...That's right Birch Bulldogs, the Broomfield Days Parade** is right around the corner and our opportunity to show Broomfield how much pride we have for our amazing school! Join us in the parade, Saturday, September 18th. More information To come as we get closer to the date!!

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 PAIRS TOGETHER

SHOES OF ALL SIZES/STYLES WELCOME!



QUESTIONS: PLEASE CONTACT [IRCHELEMENTARY.BEST@GMAIL.COM](mailto:IRCHELEMENTARY.BEST@GMAIL.COM)

**Dinner Night Out** is a monthly tradition at Birch Elementary where we partner with a local restaurant that gives a portion of their proceeds back to Birch with every purchase made by a Birch family! We are kicking off this school year's Dinner Night Out program with Cosmo's Pizza, a Birch Family Owned Restaurant, on Wednesday September 15th! Cosmo's will be giving 20% of their proceeds back to Birch. The restaurant is located at 520 W South Boulder Road in Lafayette (720-598-5123). Orders are welcomed from 11am to midnight. A reminder flier will be sent home with students the Friday before this fun event.

**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!

## 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"

**REMINDER: BIRCH TRAFFIC PATTERNS:** Birch traffic patterns are in place to be sure that our kids remain safe. We work closely with the Broomfield Police Department to ensure that the proper patterns are followed. Cars approaching Birch going Southbound will drop off in the Circle Drive. Cars approaching Birch going Northbound will NOT make a left turn into the Circle Drive. You may drop off on the sidewalk across the street (perhaps as far

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.)

north as Salvation Army) and children can walk down and cross at the crosswalk.

- PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR when dropping off your child. Your child should exit from the passenger side of the car. It is very dangerous to have students exit on the driver's side. Consider this a "High Five and Go" moment! We will have a staff member or volunteer there to help assist getting your student out of the car.
- If you're in the Circle Drive, you MUST TURN LEFT both in the morning and afternoon. NO right turn out of the Circle Drive.
- WALKERS MUST USE CROSSWALKS! Please don't cross anywhere else!
- Students should be dropped off at school at 7:40. They enter the building at 7:45, and school STARTS at 7:50. Late start Wednesday's school starts at 8:50. School dismisses at 2:50pm everyday.
- The Birch parking lot is for **staff only**. Please park on the street if you need to enter the building.
- We are a neighborhood school and we need to be good neighbors - ***please do not block or park in driveways.***
- When the weather is nice please consider walking or biking to school.

### 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.

### **Greetings 5th Grade Families,**

This week and next, your child will have had the chance to try out all the options for instruments to play in 5th Grade Instrumental Music. The next step is getting instruments into their hands! While families are certainly welcome and encouraged to rent an instrument from local BVSD-approved vendors, we do have a stock of instruments available at our district warehouse.

If you would like to borrow an instrument from BVSD, please read the information below and complete the linked form by Wednesday, Sep. 8 to best ensure your child can get an instrument from our supply. *If you already own an instrument or intend to rent through an approved vendor, you can disregard this message.*

*If you are renting a string instrument Mrs. King will size your child during our first string meeting. If you request a district instrument for strings, most students will need a 3/4 size violin, a 13" viola, or a 3/4 size cello. Band instruments (flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone) all come in one size and do not require sizing.*

We begin playing instruments in class the week of Sep. 20. We're excited to begin soon!

Mr. Ryan Laney, Band - [ryan.laney@bvsd.org](mailto:ryan.laney@bvsd.org)

Mrs. Cheri King, Orchestra - [cheri.king@bvsd.org](mailto:cheri.king@bvsd.org)

Please fill out this [2021/22 5th grade instrument rental agreement form](#) to agree to the BVSD rental terms and to reserve your 5th grade instrument.

- You have until September 8th, 2021 to complete this form. After that, the form will be closed.
- Your teacher will reach out to you if we need to make changes or if there is some reason we can not provide an instrument. Otherwise, your student will receive their instrument by September 20, 2021.
- If you have any questions about your instrument please email your teacher.
- If you are anticipating needing waived fees and would like to fill out the Free and Reduced program form now please visit <https://food.bvsd.org/meals-nutrition/free-reduced-meals> for instructions to complete your form.

Favor de llenar el [contrato de alquiler de instrumentos musicales de BVSD](#) para aceptar las condiciones de alquiler y reservar su instrumento de 5to grado.

- Tiene hasta el 8 de Septiembre de 2021 para completar el contrato. Después de eso, se cerrará.
- Su maestra/o lo contactará si necesita hacer cualquier cambio, o si por cualquier razón no se puede alquilar un instrumento. Si su maestro/a no se comunica con usted su estudiante debe recibir su instrumento el 20 de Septiembre de 2021.
- Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre su instrumento, favor de comunicarse con su maestro/a.
- Si anticipa que necesitará que se le exente el pago y desea completar el formulario del programa de almuerzo gratuito y reducido ahora, visite <https://food.bvsd.org/meals-nutrition/free-reduced-meals> para obtener instrucciones.