



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.

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[Birch Elementary School Website](#)

September 10, 2021

A Note from our Principal:



Dear Birch Families,

Hopefully many of you have noticed that we are taking steps to secure crossing guards at both the intersection of 10th and Birch and the Birch street crossing by the bike rack. BVSD officials, the City of Broomfield Traffic Control, Broomfield Police, and Birch staff met to design a safe way to cross the intersections. A group of volunteers and staff then met Landon Hilliard, who is the BVSD Safe Routes to School trainer for the district. He trained us all on how to safely work as a crossing guard, being sure to not direct traffic, but to safely get students across the streets. **We are actively seeking new volunteers for crossing guard positions** both in the morning from 735-750AM and in the afternoon from 2:45-3:00 PM. If you can spare a few minutes of your time each week to help get our students safely to and from school we would greatly appreciate it! Please email Ms. Kerr at tiffany.kerr@bvsd.org to sign up! Training provided!

Important Dates:

- **Picture Day!!:** Tuesday, September 14th - [Information for Ordering Online](#)
- **Dinner Night Out:** Wednesday, September 15th, [Cosmos Pizza](#)
- **Broomfield Days Parade:** Saturday, September 18th - 9:00 am
- **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

Dog Owners

Please note that pets are not allowed on school grounds when students are on campus due to allergies and the unpredictability of animals. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe by leaving your dog at home while dropping off/picking up your student.

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

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Tanya



Birch Little Library- Did you know Birch has a Little Library with access to free books for parents and students located to the right of the main entrance to the school? Families are encouraged to look through the selection and take books home that are of interest, as well as donate any books from their home that are no longer used and elementary school age appropriate. We are currently in need of chapter books to be donated for students in the upper grades. Thanks for helping support literacy in our community!

CU Wizards

(In-person & ZOOM!)

“The Games of Drones!”

CU Aerospace Engineering
Professor Brian Argrow

**When? Saturday, September 25,
2021**

Time: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Where? CU Boulder – Duane
Physics G1B30 & via ZOOM!

Aerospace Engineering Professor Brian Argrow, presents a show illuminating unmanned aircraft design. Students will explore concepts related to flight aerodynamics; drag, lift, and thrust by constructing their very own origami paper airplanes. Learn how

Did someone say Pizza Party???

That's right!! The class that has the highest number of participants at the Broomfield Days Parade will win a pizza party!! Broomfield Days Parade is scheduled for Saturday, September 18. We will be in spot 21 on the south side of Midway Blvd, just west of Spader. When you arrive, stop at the table by the float to check in. Please be sure to meet us by 9 am to help show your support and earn your class a pizza party 🍕



‘Lil Cheer Clinic

Ages Kindergarten - 6th grade
Hosted by Broomfield High School

[Please see attached flyer](#)

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 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.

to fly drones that are useful to gather useful scientific data that informs scientific teams about atmospheric dynamics, storm meteorology, clouds, climate change & more.

For over three decades, CU Wizards, a team of distinguished CU professors, have presented free, educational monthly programs for children grades K-8 and families interested in learning about STEM.

This year please join us either in-person or via live Zoom broadcasts.

For 2021-2022 schedule & ZOOM LINK TO SHOW, please visit:

www.colorado.edu/cuwizards

CU Wizards shows are **FREE**.

www.colorado.edu/cuwizards

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](#)

- **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.

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

If your child is experiencing fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or chills (major symptoms) that last longer than 24 hrs they must have a negative PCR COVID test to return to school or they will need to stay home for 10 days.

If your child is experiencing any other 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](#). Parents MUST report a positive test result to the school.

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

Enfermedad

Como recordatorio, el protocolo de enfermedad del BVSD es el siguiente:

Si un estudiante tiene fiebre, tos, pérdida del sentido del gusto u olfato o escalofríos (síntomas graves) que persisten por más de 24 horas, tiene que haber recibido una prueba negativa de COVID tipo PCR para poder regresar a la escuela. De otra manera, tendrá que quedarse en casa durante 10 días.

Si un estudiante tiene cualquier otro síntoma (síntomas menores) que persiste por más de 48 horas, tiene que haber recibido una prueba negativa de COVID tipo PCR para poder regresar a la escuela. De otra manera, tendrá que quedarse en casa durante 10 días.

El BVSD y COVID Check Colorado ofrecen pruebas en varios sitios dentro del distrito. Siga [este enlace](#) para ver el horario. Si tiene preguntas sobre el regreso a la escuela después de una enfermedad, comuníquese con la oficina de salud de nuestra escuela.

New Bullying Reporting process

Last school year the Board of Education updated its policies around bullying, and investigating complaints around bullying (See Policy [JDHB](#) / [JDHB-E](#)). To make the reporting process as easy as possible for victims of bullying, the district has created a single form to make a bullying report.

[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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Once submitted, the school principal will be notified of your submission and will promptly begin to investigate the complaint. Parents/guardians can then expect to receive a report of this investigation. [You can make a bullying report using the form on the Help for Students page which is also linked at the top of our school website.](#) Paper copies will also be available in our/ your school's front office.

Nuevo proceso para reportar intimidación o acoso escolar (bullying)

El año pasado el Consejo de Educación actualizó sus políticas sobre el acoso o intimidación escolar y la investigación de reportes de incidentes de intimidación o acoso escolar (refiérase a la Política [JDHB / JDHB-E](#)). Para hacer que el proceso sea lo más fácil posible para las víctimas, el distrito creó un formulario único para reportar incidentes de acoso o intimidación escolar.

Después de completarla, el director de la escuela será notificado del reporte e inmediatamente comenzará una investigación del incidente. Los padres y tutores legales recibirán un informe sobre la investigación. [Use el formulario en la página de Ayuda para los estudiantes para completar un reporte sobre un incidente de acoso o intimidación escolar. El documento también está disponible sobre el encabezado de nuestro sitio web.](#) También hay copias impresas en las oficinas principales de las escuelas.

Hablemos sobre la educación

[Este es el décimo episodio de Hablemos sobre la educación](#) "Bienvenidos al año escolar 2021-2022." Hablamos del regreso al cole, inscripciones para preescolar, la página web del BVSD, y otros recursos secretos del BVSD.

BIRTHDAY PARTY TREATS

One way that Birch students show respect for others is by treating each other with sensitivity, including during happy events such as birthdays. On their birthday (or half birthday-for summer dates) Birch celebrates students by announcing their birthday and inviting them to the office for a small prize. To protect learning time, individual birthdays are not celebrated in classrooms.

Birthday party treats or special deliveries for individual students are not allowed in classrooms. Birch also discourages students from bringing gifts to school. If a child receives a birthday delivery, the item will be kept in the office until the end of the day when the child can take the item home. Distribution of party invitations is not allowed at school. We encourage you to utilize our online student directory at [Help at Schools](#) to assist with invitations.