

Birch Island Team

Dear Birch Families:

We want to thank all of you who showed remarkable generosity toward the Birch family facing tragedy recently. On our end, the reaction of our students was of utmost respect and all understood how important it is to be supportive. We are proud of them.

We also want to congratulate the outstanding performers in our team that showed their talents in the latest edition of the school's Husky Howl last Friday. Birch was proudly represented by singers and dancers and the performances were a real treat.

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRCH



TONIGHT

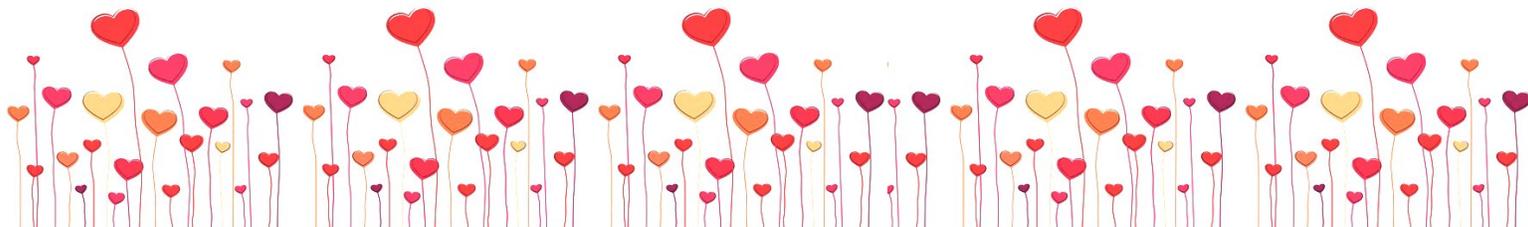
FAMILY ART NIGHT

Friday, February 9th 5:00 - 7:30 pm
Brunswick Jr. High Cafeteria

Free Arts & Crafts activities
\$3 Soup Only; \$5 Soup/Salad/Side

Silent Auction

Free event for all Brunswick students and their families
Snow date: February 13th



Andrew Kosak	Kelly Dorr	Christine Capobianco	Carrie Sullivan	Catherine Nein	Becky DeMars	Pete Stevens	Kari McCarthy	Tatiana Lera
Social Studies	Math	Science	Language Arts	Guidance	Special Education	Gifted & Talented	Art	World Languages
Advisor	Advisor	Advisor	Advisor	Counselor	Advisor	Advisor	Advisor	Advisor Team Leader



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Language Arts

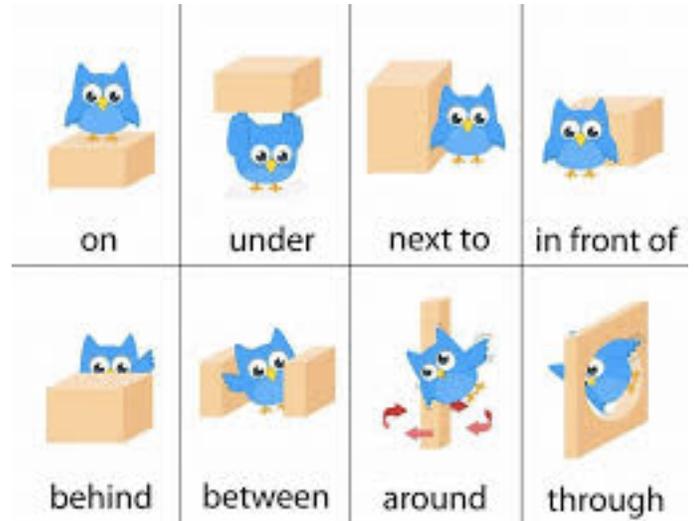
It's Fashion Week in LA! (Language Arts, not Los Angeles.)

Sensory details, vivid verbs and spicy adjectives are all the rage this year. Students are showcasing their descriptive writing skills as they create dazzling paragraphs describing their wacky fashion item. Birch will join Bailey Island for our official BJHS Fashion Show on Friday, February 16th where students will model both their crazy fashion item *and* their stunning writing. We look forward to seeing words pop off the page all year long!

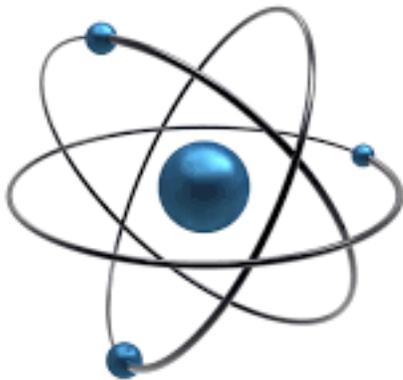
Mini-g Quiz: Prepositions, Thursday 2/15.



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Science



Birch students have successfully completed and competed in the STEM Olympics. With events such as podium building and speed skiing, Olympians were challenged with designing, building and graphing the results of each competition. Group members were then asked to reflect on their collaboration and innovation and discuss their country's successes and challenges. As we begin our chemistry unit, students will be activating their prior knowledge of chemistry and dive into the study of atoms, elements and their role in everyday life.



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Math

We just started working on circles in our geometry unit. Next week we'll figure out where pi comes from actually. If you have any empty cans around the house, send them in with your child so we can measure the circumference and the diameter to find out how close to pi we can get. We are just about ready to start the three-dimensional learning. Kids are starting to talk about the architecture project. Good things are worth waiting for these days. It will happen!



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Social Studies

This week and next, your child will be working on a short research project about different rulers of our five ancient civilizations. Students will work either in groups or individually to research a particular leader. Once they have read at least three articles about their monarch, they will create campaign materials (examples include posters, videos, interviews, glogsters, campaign ads) in order to persuade their classmates to vote for their particular ruler as "The Most Valuable" one in antiquity. The objectives for this project are for students to gain skills in conducting proper research, using persuasive speech or writing, speaking and listening well, and using rhetorical techniques to persuade others.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the rubric, please contact me at

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Students will continue to work on their civilization project for homework. They'll focus on the location of their civilization, its belief system or a timeline of significant events.



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