



## Principal's Corner

We are getting busy!

- Love a Picture Book Month starts February 1. Get your reading engines warmed up—how about we reach 50,000 books this year!
- Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be at Sly Park Jan. 30-Feb. 2 and that is an exciting week, folks!
- Thanks PTA for your support in making Sly Park a yearly adventure!
- Kinder registration is February 14 (Valentine's Day) and kinder tours start Jan. 30. (Sign-ups are online for incoming Eagle families!)
- We have 2 three-day weekends (Feb 12 and 19—no school)
- So much going on... Fly High Eagles!

**Principal Knight**

### February is Love a Picture Book Month

In 2010, an article in the New York Times (NYT) dismissed the benefits of reading picture books. In reply, Ms. Sundstrom made a 15-foot-long scroll entitled, "We Love to Read!", had it signed by 388 Birch Lane kids, staff, and parents, and sent it to the NYT. The NYT editor issued a response saying it was (and remains to this day) his very favorite comment "letter" ever received. See the letter and scroll here: <http://www.nytimes.com/letterscroll> and <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/14/opinion/114scroll.html>

All month the number of books read is tracked, and the tally is displayed in the library. An evening celebration of reading for all Birch Lane families will be on **March 7 at Love a Picture Book Night**. Volunteers are needed all month during school hours. Email Ms. Sundstrom [lsundstrom@djud.net](mailto:lsundstrom@djud.net) to help.

### Love A Picture Book Night 2017



## CALENDAR



- ❖ Sat. 2/3. Dunloe Brewing Co. (4-8 p.m.) Montessori Fundraiser.
- ❖ Tues., 2/6. Kindergarten Information Night (7-8 p.m.)
- ❖ Wed., 2/7. PTA Meeting (7-8 p.m.)
- ❖ Thurs., 2/8. Montessori Information Night (7-8 p.m.)
- ❖ Mon., 2/12. Lincoln's Birthday (no school)
- ❖ Tues., 2/13. Math Night (K-6) (6:30-7:30 p.m.)\*\*
- ❖ Wed., 2/14. Kindergarten Registration
- ❖ Mon., 2/19. Presidents' Day (no school)
- ❖ Wed., 2/21. Family Fun Dinner Fundraiser: Dos Coyotes (5-9 p.m.)
- ❖ Sat., 3/3. Birch-Chella Auction & Music Festival, Odd Fellows Hall (5-9 p.m.)
- ❖ Wed., 3/7. Love a Picture Book Family Night (time to be announced later)
- ❖ Wed., 3/14. PTA Meeting (7-8 p.m.)
- ❖ Thurs., 3/15. Variety Show Auditions
- ❖ Sat., 3/17. Garden Work Party
- ❖ Wed., 3/21. Family Fun Dinner Fundraiser: Woodstock's Pizza (5-8 p.m.)
- ❖ Mon., 3/19-Fri., 3/23. Spring Conference Week and Book Fair\*\* (1:30 dismissal)
- ❖ Mon., 3/19-Fri., 3/23. Missoula Children's Theater Production
- ❖ Mon., 3/26-Fri. 3/30. Spring Break (no school)

PTA calendar is online at [birchlaneppta.org](http://birchlaneppta.org)

\*\* Event is volunteer-run and can't happen without your help! To volunteer, please email the PTA at [birchlaneppta@gmail.com](mailto:birchlaneppta@gmail.com)





## Birch-Chella Auction & Music Festival

**TICKETS - ON SALE NOW!**

### PURCHASE ONLINE:

<https://blepta.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2018BirchChellaMusicFestAuction/TicketsRegistration/tabid/933334/Default.aspx>

### PRICES

- Advanced Entrance - \$20 (purchased on or before February 23)
- Wrist Band Add-On - \$10 (for alcoholic beverages)
- Volunteer Entrance - \$10 (for volunteers that donate at least 10 hours of their time)
- Teachers, Para Educators, and Birch Lane Staff – **FREE!** (but please sign up for a ticket)

### DONATIONS

- Please let us know what you will donate here: <https://blepta.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2018BirchChellaMusicFestAuction/WhatCanIDonate/tabid/933430/Default.aspx>

### We need...

- Big ticket auction items, like weekend getaway accommodations, event tickets, etc.
- Gift certificates and special deals from local businesses
- Items made or events planned by you, like handcrafted jewelry, dinner parties, etc.
- Drinks – wine, beer, seltzer water, and soda

### VOLUNTEERS

- We need LOTS of volunteers. Contact Mary Jean Allarey at [mjpalarey@yahoo.com](mailto:mjpalarey@yahoo.com). You can help...
  - Planning the event
  - Preparing food for the event
  - Helping the night of the event, including decorating

**Birch-Chella Auction & Music Festival**  
**Odd Fellows Hall**  
**Downtown Davis, 415 2nd St.**  
**March 3, 5 to 9 PM**  
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## Student Council News

Friday, February 2 is Sport Day. Wear a jersey to represent your favorite athletic team!



### The Variety Show is around the corner!

Auditions are on Thursday, March 15, from 2:35-4:30. The Variety Show will be held on Friday, April 13. There will be two performances—one show during the day at a student assembly, and a second show for the parents from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Please continue to use Amazon Smile <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7400575> and your Nugget scrip card to help raise money for the school!





## Garden Update



- ❖ Last quarter, 17 classes planted six 25-foot rows of winter veggies on the student farm.
- ❖ This quarter, classes will be harvesting cauliflower, broccoli, and lettuce, making hummus and salad dressing, and tasting the delicious, fresh vegetables.
- ❖ We recently purchased indoor seed starting materials thanks to a generous grant from Davis Farm to School, and we were also awarded a grant from the Honeybee Conservancy, which will be sending us mason and leafcutter bees—and everything we need to care for them.



**Look for more information in the spring!**

To Volunteer in the Garden, contact Jenn Rogge,  
Garden Coordinator, at [birchlanegardens@gmail.com](mailto:birchlanegardens@gmail.com)

**FLU INFORMATION.** Influenza (flu) cases on the rise. Signs and symptoms include fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, and fatigue. Here are simple steps to prevent the spread of influenza:

- CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. There is still time to get your flu shot! For more info on flu: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/index.html>
- Wash hands frequently – Wash hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand rub. Be sure to wash hands after using a tissue.
- Stay home when sick - Individuals who are sick with flu symptoms should stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medicines, such as Tylenol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes – cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow.
- Avoid touching eyes, mouth, or nose.
- Try to avoid close contact with individuals who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects often.

Karla Mahoney – School Nurse

## Save the Date!

# SPRING CARNIVAL



**Saturday,  
May 5  
11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

A colorful background for a carnival poster featuring abstract shapes, suns, stars, and balloons in shades of blue, orange, pink, and yellow.

**School Carnival**  
Saturday May 5 - 11 to 3 pm

Water slide, carnival games and prizes, bucket splash, magic show, pie-eating contest, tug-of-war, chicken dance, classroom games, shaved ice, hot dogs, snacks, and much more!

Wrist bands for games will be on sale for \$5 next to the office the day of the carnival.

A red and white striped circus tent with a red flag on top.A booth for a darts game with a sign that says "DARTS GAME" and a person standing next to it.