



Birch Grove Community School & Community Service Newsletter

May 20, 2022

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, May 26 Field Trip for K-5 to Duluth – Duluth Aquarium and
Defy Trampoline Park!

Monday, May 30 No School – Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 1 Saplings Year End Celebration 9:00-11:00

**Thursday, June 2 Last Day of School ½ Day: Graduation Celebration is at 10:30 and
Early Release at 12:00**

Mission Statement:

Birch Grove Community School will promote academic excellence utilizing our unique natural setting allowing students to reach their potential, preparing them to become socially and environmentally responsible, self-directed, lifelong learners.

From Ms. Diane Blanchette:

School Director, Birch Grove Community School

Lead Coordinator, Birch Grove Community Service

We are heading toward the end of the school year quickly, and much activity is taking place here at Birch Grove. Be sure to check the Dates To Remember above.

The Gala for the Grove ~ *Masquerade* was a success! \$23,300 was raised! Listed below are the sponsors and donators to the event. Please be sure to thank them if you come into contact with the business or individual – **let them know that we appreciate their support!** Thank you also to all that attended and took part in the raffle or bid on items – we appreciate your support as well! Many thanks to Sarena Nelson, coordinator of the event, Sarah Somnis, who assisted, and Craig Horak, live auctioneer!

2022 GALA VENUE & STAFF: Sufside/Bluefin! Thank you so much and thank you to the wonderful staff that prepped, cooked, and served! You were all wonderful!

2022 GALA SPONSORS: \$1,000 Sponsors: Cascade Vacation Rentals, Craig Horak & Ellen Andersen, Grand Marais State Bank, Lisa Hemp, Tofte General Store! \$500 Sponsors: Bluefin Bay, Cook County Whole Foods Co-op, John & Marvel Godin, John & Nancy Koloski, Jon & Shirley Heinzen, Evan & Nancy Andersen! \$250 Sponsors: Roger & Jeanne Kegler, Sarena Nelson & Sam Crowley, Spencer & Judy Motschenbacher, Matt & Jenny Kartes, North Shore Federal Credit Union, Lutsen Liquor Store, Cleveland Cliffs, Dennis & Anna Krevechenko, Tofte Holiday! Other Amount: \$150 Grand Marais Family Dentistry!

2022 GALA DONATORS: AmericInn-Tofte, AmericInn-Silver Bay. Angry Trout, Arrowhead Electric, Joynes Ben Franklin, Beth's Fudge & Gifts, The Big Lake, Charles VanDoren Trucking, Cooter's Auto Repair, Cook County YMCA, Crosby Bakery, Fika Coffee, Fisherman's Daughter, Hannah Palma Ceramics, Hedstrom's Lumber, Tofte Holiday, Isak Hansen's and Sons, Lutsen Liquors, North House Folk School, Lake Superior Trading, Laura Muus Photography, Lutsen Mountains, Evan & Nancy Andersen, North Country Cottages, North Lake Wellness, North Shore Outdoors, Sarah Somnis, Sam Crowley, Sawtooth Outfitters, Schroeder Baking Company, Sivertsons Gallery, Sugar Beach, Superior National Golf Course, Tofte Liquors & Tofte General Store, True North, Waters Edge Trading Company, The Wilder Shop, Mary Schleip, Allison Packard, Moguls Grill & Tap Room, Johnson's Food & North Shore Neighbor, and Bruce Johnson Photography!



K-5 Field Trip: Thursday, May 26 to the Duluth Aquarium and Defy trampoline park. Transportation is tricky to arrange for a trip like this, so be sure to review the information below. We appreciate families changing up their schedules a bit for this special day. Waivers will also need to be signed for participation at the trampoline park and students are not allowed to partake unless there is a signed waiver. Paperwork was sent home. Also, students will all need to wear "grip" socks (sticky type nubs on the bottom of the sock foot) in order to participate. Please send a pair with your child on this day – if you have extra, PLEASE send these along so that those that don't have them can borrow them for the day. I have heard that you can purchase grip socks there, but that they are very expensive. Please send extra if you are able – we want everyone to be able to play!

AM Transportation:

- Cook County: students board the bus in the am as normal. Please be on time. We will leave from BGCS at 8:20 after a bathroom break.
- Lake County bus will be making only one stop for all Lake County students! Please get your child to the Mary Mac stop between 8:45 and 9:00am. Please be sure to have your child use the bathroom! The bus leaves at 9:00. Please be on time.

PM Transportation:

- The Lake County bus will make only one stop for all Lake County students! We intend to drop off at the Mary Mac at 3:50ish.

- The Cook County bus will make a stop at BGCS at 4:20ish. All West End students (Schroeder, Tofte, Lutsen) should be picked up at the school at this time.
- The Cook County bus will continue on to Grand Marais to the Community Center. ALL Grand Marais students should be picked up here at 5:00ish.

Saplings Families! Because of the above K-5 field trip, there will be no hot lunch and there will be no transportation provided to or from Birch Grove on this day for Saplings coming on the Lake County bus. For Cook County, there will only be transportation available in the morning, there will be NO transportation available in the afternoon. Please remember to pack a cold lunch. We appreciate your understanding of these arrangements so that K-5 can have a special day!

**** Please note that the last day of K-5 school and Saplings is on Thursday, June 2. The end date was moved some time ago due to a snow day. Students are released early this day! Buses leave at 12:00. The K-5 Graduation Celebration is at 10:30.**



We are adding to our **AWESOME TEAM!**

If you know someone who is also AWESOME and think that they might like a position here at Birch Grove, please refer them to our website for our job openings.

*New! Adding 1 Paraprofessional for 22-23. Join our 3 returning Paraprofessionals!

*School Cook (PT) ~ We need nutritious, yummy meals in 22-23!

<https://www.birchgroveschool.com/Employment-Opportunities>

Picture of the Week



One of the joys of living up North -
Every Friday is "Flannel Friday" at Birch Grove! Join us!



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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From Ms. Alayna Carrier and Ms. Mari Maldonado

Sapling Teachers, Birch Grove Community Service

This week our theme was worms and our focus was letter "Ww". We learned about a worm's life cycle and had some fun worm crafts! The Saplings made their own edible dirt and worm cup made with chocolate pudding, crushed chocolate cereal and gummy worms! We also learned about what composting is and how worms can help a compost, then we created our own! The Saplings helped to dig dirt for it. We have been putting a few leftovers or dropped on the floor veggies and fruits inside it. We also took time to get in the woods and dig for worms to put in the compost.

For letter "Ww", we read a book with words and pictures that start with the letter. We also worked on 2 worksheets and sounded out words that start with "Ww".

Have a great weekend!

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From Ms. Sara Knottski

K & 1 Grade Elementary Teacher

K/1 helped plant trees at the school on Monday. Each child got to take home a sapling. We worked on several art projects this week. We will have a beautiful end of the year project that will get displayed during graduation. The older students were gone this week for Wolf Ridge. K/1 had the school to themselves! We used that opportunity to have extra playtime and spend time outside.

We are finishing up our math unit for the year. We are discussing numbers up to 100 and adding and subtracting tens. We played a few different games like mystery pictures and bingo. In language arts, we are continuing to practice reading and writing.

We only have a few weeks left of school for the students to earn tickets for tickets to treasure. Be sure to have your child continue to read and record it on the reading log! All library books need to be returned by next week. Notes were sent home on Friday for those who still have books checked out.

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**From Ms. Sara Silence**

*2nd & 3rd Grade Elementary Teacher*

2/3 is currently at Wolf Ridge having a great time on the annual trip!

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From Ms. Heidi Helgesen

4th & 5th Grade Elementary Teacher

4/5 is currently at Wolf Ridge having a great time on the annual trip!

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