



Birch Grove Community School & Community Service Weekly Newsletter

May 25, 2023

Dates to Remember:

- Friday, May 26 ~ Field Trip: Mini-Golf and Beach in Grand Marais
Monday, May 29 ~ No School, Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 30 ~ Tickets To Treasure Drawing
Tuesday, May 30 ~ Saplings Year End Celebration from 10:00-11:00
Wednesday, May 31 ~ Earth Day Clean Up
Thursday, June 1 ~ Field Trip: Black Beach & Swimming at AmericInn
Friday, June 2 ~ Last Day of School ½ Day: K-5 Graduation Celebration is at
10:30 and Early Release at 12:00
Saturday, June 10 ~ Gala for the Grove ~ *The Roaring 20's!*
Monday, June 12 ~ First Day of Campsite Kids & Summer Saplings

Mission Statement:

Birch Grove Community School will promote academic excellence utilizing our unique natural setting to prepare students to become socially and environmentally responsible, self-directed, life-long learners.

From Ms. Diane Blanchette:

*Director, Birch Grove Community School
Lead Coordinator, Birch Grove Community Service*

The end of the school year can get busy and exciting with lots of special events and activities that don't follow our regular schedule. Please be sure that your child is getting enough sleep so that they can successfully navigate these special year end days.

The annual Wolf Ridge trip wrapped up on Friday with the return of 2/5 in the afternoon. It was great to hear all about the trip from excited students that shared their favorite part of the trip or what they had learned. You can see pictures from the trip on the school Facebook page.

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The Saplings end of year celebration is on Tuesday of next week at 10:00. We hope that family members are able to make it and have a great time. Thank you for sending your Sapling to us this school year! Be sure to check with Jessica Klemmer to ensure that your summer spot or your school year Sapling spot for next school year is secure, if you have not done so already. Both the school year and the summer program are popular and usually have waiting lists. We appreciate all of the positive recommendations that our families give to others that are searching for a program for their 3-5 year old children. Many thanks for your support!



The K-5 Graduation Celebration is on Friday, June 2, the last day of school! The event starts at 10:30 outside by the playground end of the building. In the event of rain, it will be held in the school gym. This is a half day of school with buses leaving at 12:00. Parents/family may take students home with them when they leave the event, but please be sure to let your child's classroom teacher know before doing so. Also be sure to take all of your student's year end display home with you - there are some incredible pieces that you are going to want to keep!



Campsite Kids and Summer Saplings start on Monday, June 12. We look forward to a spectacular summer! If you have any questions about the programs, please email birchgrove@boreal.org



The Gala for the Grove, a spirited fundraiser for Birch Grove Community School, is semi-formal and held in the Lakeside Ballroom at Surfside in Tofte. The theme this year is The Roaring 20's! Think bootleggers, speakeasies, The Great Gatsby and flapper dresses. Dress for the Roaring 20's or not, the choice is yours!

5:00 Champagne Social

Appetizers and champagne will be served. You can purchase tickets for items in the raffle drawing and browse live auction items to see what may catch your fancy. A cash bar is available all evening.

6:00 Dinner and Wine

Each dinner choice will include two glasses of red or white wine. Fine dinner choices are listed below. The raffle drawing will take place during the latter part of dinner.

7:00 Live Auction

Entertaining auctioneers will auction off special items live.

Music and Dancing To Follow



Menu for the Evening:

A house salad with maple-Dijon dressing, dinner roll, seasonal vegetables, mashed potatoes, and a choice of:

* Filet Mignon with a red wine reduction or

*Seared salmon with a Lingonberry glaze or

*Stuffed bell pepper with tofu

Desserts from the Coho Café will be available during the live auction.

To get your tickets go to:

<https://www.birchgroveschool.com/Gala-for-the-Grove>

or call 218-663-0170



Picture of the Week!

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Please have your child read (or be read to) a minimum of 20-30 minutes per day/night. If there is one thing that you can do at home that has a huge positive impact on your child's academic growth, this is it! Happy reading!



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

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Website: www.birchgroveschool.com

School Spirit Store Coupon Link: <https://www.logosoftwear.com/coupons.php>

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From Ms. Alayna Carrier and Ms. Ari Summerfield
Sapling Teachers, Birch Grove Community Service

This week our focus in the Saplings room was SPIDERS. Saplings created a spider web craft with popsicle sticks and yarn, as well as a pipe cleaner spider. Look for them to come home in backpacks – they turned out great!

During outside time, we found out that a few different spiders like the sandbox as much as we do! Also while outside, the Saplings created their own spider game. The spiders were the taggers and the runners were the flies. If a Sapling got tagged by a spider, they got stuck in the web and had to spin around until another fly tagged them free! Watching this reminded us how creative and imaginative the Saplings are. Pretend play is so important at this age. Watching them work together to create this game was a wonderful experience.



Of course, to round out the spider theme, we made sure to sing the Itsy Bitsy Spider, a tune everyone knows so well! Follow this link, and it will take you to the song!

[ITSY BITSY SPIDER - Song for Children - YouTube](#)

The Saplings end of year celebration is next week on Tuesday, June 30 starting at 10:00. We hope that we will see all of our Sapling families there. If you have questions, please email us at the addresses below or you can call 218-663-0170.

Have a great weekend!

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From Ms. Sara Knottski
K & 1st Grade Elementary Teacher

It has been a busy week in K/1. We worked on finishing a few end-of-the-year projects. K/1 did a multi-medium drawing of a tulip, a book about our school year, and a yearbook-type project. Look for these beautiful pieces of work during the graduation celebration next week and make sure to take your child’s work home with you at the end of the event! We also filled our week with various fun end-of-the-year activities. We spent time at the campsite, played inside, celebrated a birthday, and are going on a field trip tomorrow!

Next Tuesday the 30th, will be the last day to turn in reading logs for tickets.

The ticks have been bad this year and we are spending a lot of time outside and in the woods. Please be sure to check your child for ticks when they get home!

Have a great Memorial Day weekend!

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**From Ms. Sara Silence**

*2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Elementary Teacher*

This week we have been finishing up everything we have! The kids are enjoying extra time for our favorite games and have presented all our Piggy Stories to the class. We will have these on display in some way at the graduation celebration.

Next week we will continue to finish up work as we clean out lockers and desks. Please continue to send a backpack with your child each day as we clean things out slowly.

Logins for online platforms will be sent in end of year paperwork, but will remain universal by signing into your child's Google account.

Any reading logs should be brought back by Tuesday.

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From Mr. Jeff Hoffman

4th & 5th Grade Elementary Teacher

No newsletter last week, so a little bit of catching up to do first. I am very proud of how well the class did on their last round of MAP testing for the year. Every student in the class made and exceeded their goals for both reading and math! Great job everyone!

We had a great time at Wolf Ridge and the students learned many interesting things. All the staff was pleased with how well the students behaved. Overall students enjoyed the trip, had some fun, and did some learning along the way, making the trip a success in my book! With Wolf Ridge done, we are now in the process of wrapping up the school year. Some last bits of review in math and working on finishing our class read aloud book, *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus*.

The 4/5 classroom had a visit from Cook County to discuss invasive species on Tuesday. Students learned about how invasive species can impact native species, how they spread, and what areas are the most impacted. County staff even brought some preserved samples of water born invasive species, for students to take a look at. We appreciated the presentation.

Next week is the last week of school. We have a very busy week planned with some special events and getting the classroom ready for summer. I have been trying to slowly start sending home some items over the past couple of weeks to help students not have a super heavy backpack on the last day. Academically, anything we do next week will be more along the lines of review games, and other things that will not be put in the gradebook.

Please remember to check for any library books that may still be at home, so those can be turned in.

Have a wonderful week! Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

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