

Birch Street Elementary School



Students Today ■ Leaders Tomorrow

Happy New Year!

It's a Happy New Year here at Birch St. Welcome back!
Here are a few tips for a stress free new year...

- ☆ **Replace making a New Year's resolution with a New Year reflection!** Have each family member speak about 1 or 2 accomplishments or goals they have reached this past year. For example a 5 year old may have just learned to read, your teenager may have learned to drive. Focus on the positive from the past instead of making promises to stop something in the future.
- ☆ **Commit to adding balance and good health to each and every day.** Sprinkle your life with moments of relaxation in the coming year by introducing your family to calming music and stress management techniques. Show your family that you care enough to schedule downtime, unwind, and take care of yourself. Set the tone for your family!



January 2012

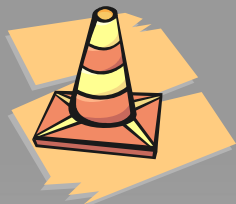
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BIRCH STREET MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Birch Street Elementary School to educate all students to their fullest potential. The school staff will use effective instructional techniques, assessments, and appropriate intervention to help each student achieve grade level expectations at their own rate of learning.

Monday Morning Meetings COVETED CONE AWARDS



- WEEK 1: Ms. Bridson – 2nd grade
- WEEK 2: Ms. Sexton – 2nd grade
- WEEK 3: Mrs. Sutton – Kdg.
- WEEK 4: Ms. Rodes – Kdg.
- WEEK 5: Mrs. Wodehouse – 1st grd.
- WEEK 6: Mrs. VanAlstine – Kdg.
- WEEK 7: Mrs. Reust – 2nd grade
- WEEK 8: Mr. Burkam – 1st grade
- WEEK 9: Mrs. Sutton – Kdg.
- WEEK 10: Mrs. Otto – Kdg.

*Denotes three time winner

**Denotes four time winner



A BIG THANK YOU...

to **Ginny Yost** and **Susan Guy** for
a wonderful Christmas concert!

*WE LOVE OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS!
Please let us know if you can help.*

Friendly Reminders

No early dismissals! We are asking that students not be picked up for early dismissals. **Please respect your children's education and their school day.** Dismissal instructions are given to the students at 2:50 in the afternoon. If it is after 2:45, we are asking that you wait until the regular dismissal at 3:05 to pick up your child unless there is an emergency.
Thank you.



Don't forget...
half days for students on
January 19th and 20th.
Dismissal is at 11:30.

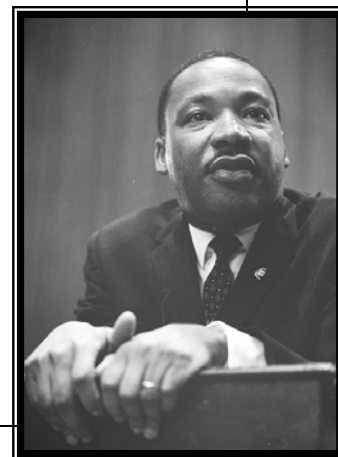
**Krispy Kreme order
forms are due Friday,
January 6th!
Orders will be
delivered
January 16th.**



What's happening in January?

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a United States federal holiday marking the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year, which is around the time of

King's birthday, January 15. King was the chief spokesman for nonviolent activism in the civil rights movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983.



Blazer News...

Doughnuts with Dad



Students, please join us in the Birch St. Cafeteria and enjoy Krispy Kreme Doughnuts with your dad or a special person on **January 17 & 18** starting at **7:45am**.

☆ January 17 – PreK, Kindergarten, and 1st grade

☆ January 18 – 2nd and 3rd grades

We hope to see you there!

A Musical Treat!

Third grade students were entertained by the high school music teacher and band director, Mr. Craig Chissus.

He introduced new instruments to the students and played familiar holiday tunes, in which the kids were invited to sing along! Thank you Mr. Chissus!



Book-a-Month

Your child has been receiving a book a month, courtesy of an ARRA grant received by the school! KPS family coaches helped select titles and are delivering the books to teachers each month. Your child will have 8 new books by the end of the school year!

Wondering what to do with old cell phones or pagers?

There are many ways to safely dispose of these items, but how about helping an **Orangutan conservation**? The Happy Hollow Park & Zoo in San Jose, California has raised over \$13,000 over several years to help protect our environment and benefit orangutan conservation. Send old cell phones and pagers to:



Happy Hollow
Cell Phone Recycle Program
1300 Senter Rd.
San Jose, CA 95112

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 3rd
School resumes

January 6th
Krispy Kreme orders are due

January 10th
Cash for Trash collection

January 16th
Krispy Kreme orders are delivered

January 17th
Donuts with Dad: PreK, Kdg, 1st

January 18th
Donuts with Dad: 2nd & 3rd

January 19th
Half Day for students

January 20th
Half Day for students

January 30th
PTO meeting at 3:30 in library

February 18th
Spring pictures



Hearing and Vision
January 23 – 27, 2012
Hearing: Kdg and 2nd
Vision: 1st and 3rd

For more specific information about your child's class, be sure to check out their classroom newsletter sent home by the teacher!