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Birchwood Intermediate

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Dates to Remember

Oct. 26	Grade 7 Off Grounds For Lunch
Oct. 26	Deadline to get Yearbook Special
Oct 29-Nov 2	Spirit Week
Nov. 6	School Dance 7:00-9:00
Nov. 7	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Nov 8 & 9	PEITF – No Classes
Nov. 12	Remembrance Day (Sunday, Nov 11) – No Classes
Nov. 14	Take Your Kid to Work Day – Grade 9 students
Nov. 17	Picture Re-takes
Nov. 22	Parent Teacher Interviews – 3:00 – 7:00 pm
Nov. 23	Parent Teacher Interviews – 9:00 – 3:00 pm – No Classes
Nov. 26	Professional Learning Day – No Classes



Terry Fox / Fall Social / Orange Shirt Day

Birchwood's Annual Terry Fox Run/Walk was held on Thursday, September 27th. It was a great day and fun was had by all students and staff. Students enjoyed French fries from the truck and freezies after the walk. Many thanks to all who helped to make this event a great success. We also wore orange shirts to raise awareness of the history of residential schools for the Indigenous people and honour the thousands of survivors of residential schools.



Spirit Week October 29 – Nov 2

Monday – Sweater Weather
Tuesday – Twin Day
Wednesday – Halloween
Thursday – Inside out / Backwards / Mismatch Day
Friday – Jersey Day

SAS

Parents the information you can get from school when your email address is added to SAS is invaluable. You can check your child's marks, absenteeism, and receive mass e-mails. If you haven't already done so, please send your email address in with your child or call the school at 902-368-6870.

Student Fees

Thank you to all students who have paid their Student Fee (\$35 for each student or \$45 for family). For any student who hasn't paid, please pay in the office or online at:
<https://birchwood.payschoolfees.net/admin/?sid=&un=0> These fees are now overdue. Please pay this week.

Athletic Fees

Thank you to all athletes who have paid their athletic fee (\$30 for team sport, \$10 for individual sports). For anyone who hasn't paid, please pay your coach or online at:
<https://birchwood.payschoolfees.net/admin/?sid=&un=0> Fees for all fall sports are now overdue. Please pay this week.

Grade 9 Ottawa Trip

Any Grade 9 students going on the Ottawa trip in February, the second payment of \$300 is due Monday, November 5th. You can pay at the office or online at:

<https://birchwood.payschoolfees.net/admin/?sid=&un=0>

GSA Club

GSA is a student run club for members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies. The group aims to provide a safe, supportive environment for members to meet, support each other, discuss LGBTQ+ related topics and advocate for the community. This club is open to any student or staff at Birchwood Intermediate School who are interested in joining. Please speak to Mrs. Forbes or Mrs. Munn if you have questions about the group.

School Dance

The Leadership Team has planned our first school dance for the year. It will be Tuesday, November 6th from 7:00-9:00 in the Cafeteria. Admission is \$5.00 - pay at the door. DJ has been booked.

Grade 7 Parents

Birchwood Grade 7 students have permission to go off grounds once a month starting in October. If you do not wish your child to go off grounds, please have that discussion with your child. October 26th will be the first off grounds date and then November 30. The dates will be noted in each month's newsletter and posted on Birchwood's website.

Breakfast Program



Breakfast for Learning

Our school's nutrition program is proudly funded by Breakfast for Learning. Thanks to their support, we are able to offer our students a healthy meal or snack during the school day.

For more information, please visit breakfastforlearning.ca.

Future Goals

The after school program is Future Goals. It runs **on Monday and Tuesdays from 2:45 – 4:30 pm**. A light snack or supper will be provided. The focus of the group is financial and educational literacy. The group will also have fun activities such as movie night, bowling, games etc. All are welcome. This is a free program.

Coaches Corner

Soccer

Good luck to AA Girls soccer, playing for Bronze on Thurs, Oct 25.

Congrats to the A Girls, A Boys & AA Boys soccer teams on their season. Thank you to the coaches who volunteered their time after school!

Good luck to our graduating players next year at Charlottetown Rural and Colonel Gray

Hockey Academy

Hi everyone, thank you for participating in this years NHL hockey pool. Also, thank you for your patience as it takes some time to input all the picks into the data base. Below is the login information needed to view the nightly standings. Once logged in, you must "**CLAIM**" your team. This allows you to receive emails/updates through the office pools website. Please pass this info along to anyone that is involved in the pool.

The link below should log you into the pool automatically

[Hockey Academy Hockey Pool](#)

Login Info:

officepools.com

Log in as guest

Pool Name: **BirchwoodHockeyAcademy2018_19**

Guest Password: **cobras**

X-Country

Congrats to all our cross country runners who represented Birchwood at the PEISAA Provincials at Mill River on Oct. 22.

Results

Bantam girls - Brooke Walsh 4th

Bantam Girls Team 2nd (Brooke Walsh, Akari MacViar, Bella Doyle, Marley MacGillivray-McCourt, Ella MacDougall)

Bantam Boys - Will Landry 3rd, Luke MacKenzie 7th

Intermediate Boys - Divym Khubar 3rd

Intermediate Girls - Alea Kirkham 5th

Thanks to the coaches who volunteered their time.

Wrestling

Practices will begin in early November for boys and girls grades 7-9.

Baseball

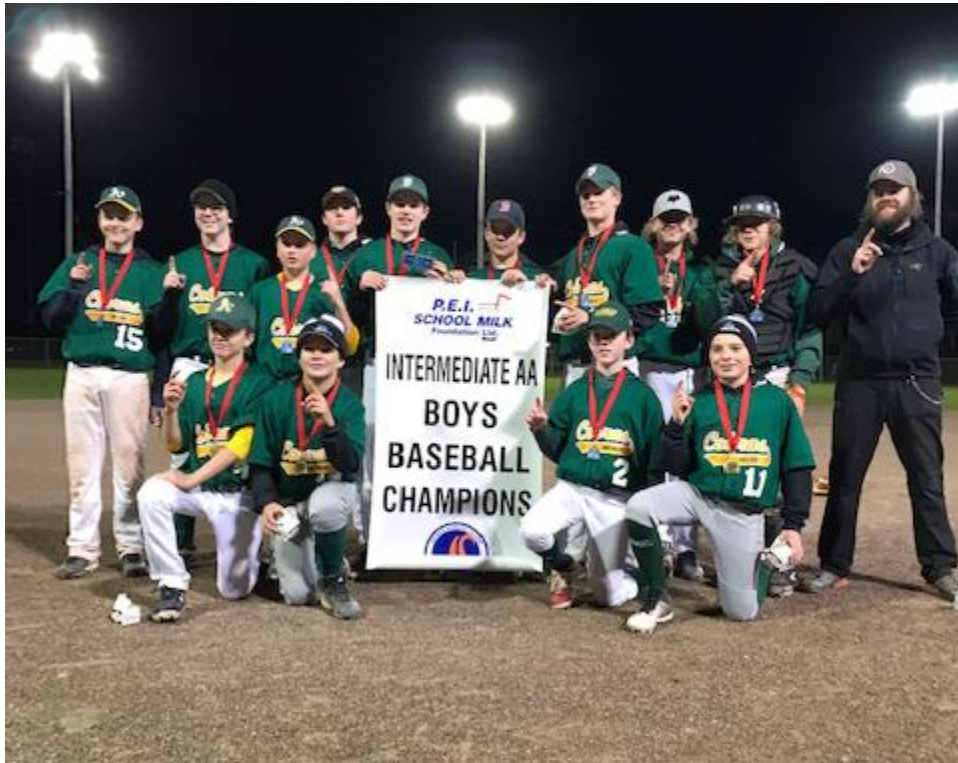
Congratulations to Birchwood's boys Baseball team on their spectacular undefeated season, and for capturing the provincial banner in boys Intermediate 'AA' Baseball.

The boys went 5-0 in their regular season, outscoring their opposition 32-12. The boys defeated Montague 6-3; Queen Charlotte 6-3; East Whitshire 9-0; Stonepark 5-4; and Summerside 6-2. Each victory featured dominant pitching performances by the team's two starting pitchers, tight defence on the field, and timely hitting at the plate. There were no holes in the lineup, and each hitter proved to be a tough out for the opposition.

The team's starting pitching was arguably its greatest strength. Sam Worth went 4-0, striking out 58 over 27.2 innings and Ethan Smith went 3-0, striking out 44 over 19 innings of work. Finishing in first place during the regular assured the boys of home-field advantage in the provincial playoffs.

The boys played two stellar games in the playoffs, and proved to be too much for the opposition to handle. They defeated Queen Charlotte in the semi-finals by a score of 8-1, and Summerside in the finals by a score of 10-1. They finished the season 7-0 with a 50-14 run differential.

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of our provincial championship team, is how they played game in and game out. As the season went on, the team got better. The tougher the opponent was, the harder the boys played to earn the 'W'. One need only look at the scores as definitive proof. Game in and game out they played hard, played for each other, and most important of all, they had a heck of a fun time while doing it.



Library News

Every Wednesday afternoon there will be free tutoring available in the library hosted by the Colonel Gray IB students. Students must sign up in the library before staying. This is a great opportunity for our Birchwood students.

