

J A N U A R Y 2 0 1 2

# Birchwood

Elementary School

## Outdoor Recess! Brr...

Please be sure to have your child dressed for cold weather. They will need hat, gloves, scarf, winter coat, boots and snow-pants (to play in the snow).



**Combination Classrooms:** There has been much discussion about the implementation of these classrooms in the elementary schools. Further information will be made available in the future.

### Save the Date!

**PTO Meeting  
January 11**

Please join us for our PTO meeting at 6:30p.m.

**Winter Concert  
January 19**

Come enjoy beautiful music with our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at 7p.m. High School auditorium

**BOE Meeting  
January 10th**

Budget Forum at 6:30 at VA auditorium

# Fourth Grade: Meet The Tribes!

The Birchwood fourth graders recently learned about The League of Five Nations. During the week of Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, parents were invited in to meet the various Iroquois tribes. The students were grouped by tribe and presented research findings through poster work, written jingles which were sung to the parents and an oral presentation. The members of each tribe were also responsible for making headbands and necklaces to identify themselves. All activities involved the group's ability to come to consensus in their decision making. This unit proved to be exciting for all!

