

***“Same Birchwood School: just better and stronger!”***

**Find out about the Birchwood/Hawken Merger**

Tuesday, October 11

**7:30 – 8:30 a.m.** Coffee and donut celebration with Mr. and Mrs. Debelak and other members of the Birchwood leadership team. This is a historic event for our school and we welcome anyone who wants to join us in this celebration. We will gather in the resource room and we will offer before school care for your children. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Community Meeting (see below).

**8:30 – 9 a.m.** Mr. and Mrs. Debelak will announce the merger to the sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. The purpose is to provide a general understanding of the merger and to assure the children that “***Birchwood will stay the same; just better and stronger.***” A sing-a-long will follow. Any parents interested in joining us for this celebration are welcome.

**2:30 – 3:30 p.m.** Light snacks and another chance to celebrate with us. Also if you have any urgent questions that need to be answered before Wednesday night, Mr. and Mrs. Debelak will be available. This time will be in the resource room.

Wednesday, October 12

**Community Meeting with Birchwood and Hawken Leadership**

**7 – 9 p.m.** There will be a joint presentation by both schools explaining the reasons and purposes of the merger. **Scott Looney, Hawken Head of School, Charles Debelak, Birchwood Head of School, as well as board members from each school will be in attendance. Childcare will be provided. NO HOMEWORK TONIGHT. This meeting will take place in Fogarty Hall. Please park in the north lot and enter through the Fogarty Hall entrance.**

Thursday, October 13

**7:30 – 10 a.m.** Q&A with Mr. and Mrs. Debelak in the resource room. Thirty minute appointments can be scheduled through Mrs. Bixler in the main office at 216-251-2321.

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Monday, October 17

**7 – 8:30 p.m.** Meeting with parents of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to explain the impact of this merger on Birchwood graduates and their selection of high school.

Tuesday, October 18

**8:15 – 9:15 a.m.** Mr. & Mrs. Debelak meet with Class Communication Leaders (others are welcome) to discuss any lingering questions and continue planning for the International Festival and Auction. For, after all, we are still the “***Same Birchwood School: just better and stronger!***”

***We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.***