

Grandfriends at Birchwood School

Grades 5-8

Students in grades 5–8 have the opportunity to participate in our *Grandfriends at Birchwood School* program again this year. The program will explore the many riches we have within the Birchwood community by giving grandparents the chance to come into the school and share something with students. If grandparents are unable to make it, grandfriends are welcome instead (neighbor, family friend, etc.). Unlike the K–4 Grandfriends Day, this program allows grandfriends to visit Birchwood on a day of their choosing, prearranged with the homeroom teacher. Grandfriends may choose to present to one homeroom or more, depending on their comfort level (grades 5–8).

The *Grandfriends at Birchwood School* presentation may be as simple as coming in for a 10 or 15 minute question–and–answer session at the beginning or end of the day to help students learn about a career, a culture, one’s family history, or one’s native country. Some grandfriends may want to bring in a treat or even provide a special lunch. Grandfriends may also consider reading aloud a favorite story or sharing anything else that would be beneficial to the students (more ideas can be found on the attached form). You can do a little or a lot, depending on your time and energy level, but we would love to welcome you into our community, and by doing so, expand these young students' horizons.

Please have a grandfriend complete the attached sheet for a time that best suits his or her schedule, and return the form to your child’s homeroom teacher. We would be delighted if every family were able to participate. We have so much to learn from one another.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss an idea, please contact your child's homeroom teacher. Thank you for your consideration.

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Grandfriend' s Name:

Student' s Name:

Student' s Homeroom Teacher:

This is the best way to contact me (phone number and/or email):

_____ I can come almost any time. Please contact me to set up a time for my visit.

_____ I would like to visit during the week of _____.
Please contact me to set up a time for my visit. OR

_____ I would like to visit on this day of the week _____.
Please contact me to set up a time for my visit.

Brief description of what you would like to share with the class (ethnic lunch, treat, pictures, short talk, question and answer session, craft, game, career information, character lesson, read aloud, your own creative idea, etc.).

Please also indicate if you would like to present to your grandchild' s class only or to multiple classes.
