



# Families Helping Families

Families Helping Families is a Birchwood Elementary School network connecting families' needs to resources in our school community such as:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clothing, shoes &amp; backpacks</li> <li>• personal care/hygiene items</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• household items like beds &amp; bedding</li> <li>• toys &amp; games</li> </ul> |
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Please see below for more information on how to request or contribute needed items:

## For Families In Need of Items

- If your family or a family you know has a need, please email Birchwood Elementary School Counselor, Anna Harrison at [anna.harrison@bellingshamschools.org](mailto:anna.harrison@bellingshamschools.org) or call 360-676-6456.
- The privacy of families and individuals is important and all names and other identifying information is kept strictly confidential.
- Need(s) will be posted anonymously to our Families Helping Families email list and collected items will be distributed to families.

## For Families Looking to Contribute Items

- If you'd like to contribute new or gently used items for families, email Amigos de Birchwood Volunteer Coordinator, Katie Luerkens at [kaflsruerkens@gmail.com](mailto:kaflsruerkens@gmail.com) or call 360-676-6456 to be added to the Families Helping Families email list / network.
- Families Helping Families will periodically email a list of anonymous needs to the network, and items can be delivered to Anna Harrison's office inside Birchwood Elementary School.
- For additional ways to volunteer or be involved in Families Helping Families or Amigos de Birchwood, please contact Katie at [kaflsruerkens@gmail.com](mailto:kaflsruerkens@gmail.com) or call 360-676-6456.



### Hygiene Drive for the Family Resource Center Happening Now!

Birchwood Elementary School is also participating in the Hygiene Drive for the Family Resource Center. We are collecting personal care items for families across the district. Examples of needed personal care items include:



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toilet paper</li> <li>• Diapers &amp; wipes</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laundry detergent</li> <li>• Dishwashing soap</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-5T socks &amp; underwear</li> <li>• Pull-ups for preschoolers</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full-size shampoo / conditioner &amp; deodorant</li> </ul> |
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**A Hygiene Drive box is located in the hallway outside the Birchwood school office for collection.**

**FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE HYGIENE DRIVE OR FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER, CALL 360-676-6456.**

