

Charter Chatter

Briar Meadow BRONCOS Newsletter

August 26, 2009

Issue # 1

Morning Reading

Morning Reading time is from 7:30-7:55 a.m. We strongly suggest that all children attend Morning Reading. This will also cut down on being TARDY. The Cafeteria is opened at 7:15 a.m. to allow enough time for students to eat and then go to Morning Reading. **Parents and students are asked to please wait in the cafeteria until 7:30 a.m. before proceeding to their reading areas. PRE-K and KINDER must remain in the CAFETERIA until the teacher arrives for them.**

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| 2 nd Grade | Cluster "A" |
| 1 st Grade | Cluster "C" |
| 3 rd and 4 th Graders | Library |
| 5 th and 6 th Graders | Music Room |
| 7 th and 8 th Graders | Cluster "E" |

As homework for every student, parents are asked to read to or with them every evening.

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Important Numbers

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Car Tag Registration

At the Ice Cream Social last Saturday, the PTO worked hard to get as many parents as possible registered to use the Car Tag system for afternoon dismissal. NO pick up will be permitted in the carpool lane WITHOUT an official BCS car tag hanging from your mirror. Registration forms may be picked up at the front desk, completed and returned. Your car tags will be sent home with your child in his/her backpack within a few days of completing your registration.

REMEMBER: Without a car tag, you will be required to park and walk inside during afternoon dismissal time.

How Does After School Carpool Lane Work?

Some "tricks" to success in the carpool lane:

- Make sure your child knows his/her number – MUST have Cartag
- Arrive at 3:05 for Kinder – 4th Grade
- Arrive at 3:30 for 5th – 8th Grade
- Go to the rear of the school at Blue-over hang
- Remain in your car
- Encourage your child to watch for your car and notify an ADULT to walk them to you...never walk to the car alone
- For Kindergarten students, it may be easier to park and walk in for a few weeks
- NEVER leave a child inside your parked car to come inside...NO EXCEPTIONS

August /September Calendar of Events

August:

- 27th Principal's Network
- 27th SDMC - Election
- 31st Sally Foster Fundraiser Kickoff
Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m. (PK-8)

September:

- 3rd Open House/PTO General Meeting
6:00 p.m.
- 3rd Girl Scout Troop Meeting
- 7th School Holiday – Labor Day
- 8th Picture Day – Individual Pictures –
Dress Code Only
- 11th Grandparents Day 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 11th 8th Grade Fundraiser
- 16th Girl Scout Rally – Leader Michelle
Rodriguez
- 18th Peace Day Celebration - Picnic
- 23rd PROGRESS REPORTS
- 24th Parent Network – 8:30 a.m.
- 24th SDMC
- 28th Fall Holiday – No School
- 30th Parent to College

Important Forms

(See front desk if you need one of these)

1. **Lunch Application Form** - sent home the first day; please complete and return; **REQUIRED FOR EVERY STUDENT**
2. **2009-10 Enrollment Information** - forms given out at Ice Cream Social and sent home Monday; every student needs to have a completed form returned by September 11th
3. **Code of Conduct** - handbook describing the HISD behavior expectations and disciplinary actions; sign single page acknowledgment
4. **Rainy Day Transportation** – Alternate transportation for your child.

REMINDERS:

Parent Commitments

1. Read/Work with your child every night.
2. Sign Report to Parents and attend conferences
3. Attend School Activities
4. Absent letter if you child misses school. After 5 unexcused absences you will be asked to attend zoned school
5. Be on time to school - 7:30. After 10 times being tardy you will be asked to attend your zoned school.
6. Pick your child up on time by 3:35
7. Volunteer at one PTO Function.

PHONE NUMBERS & ADDRESSES MUST BE UPDATED.

SDMC - Faculty, Administration, PTO reps, business, and community membership

**We need Pre-K and K parents to bring their children to the cafeteria in the morning and to help with lunch.*

**Morning Reading begins at 7:30; instruction begins at 7:55; please arrive as close to 7:30 a.m. as possible to avoid tardiness. PK and K remain in cafeteria until 7:45*

**Dismissal will begin promptly at 3:15; no early check out between 2:45-3:15; plan accordingly for appointments*

**ALL children may eat a FREE breakfast!*

**Your child's teacher is the BEST and FIRST person to talk with about your concerns since they spend 7 hours together.*

THANKS FOR CHOOSING BCS!

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