

Charter Chatter

Briar Meadow BRONCOS Newsletter

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Fifth Graders Go to Camp Cullen

The fifth graders will have the opportunity to go to Camp Cullen on April 19th to the 22nd. This is a wonderful chance for students to experience the Outdoor Education Center. For the past thirty years, the Houston Independent School District has operated two Outdoor Education Centers near Trinity, Texas. Every week during the school year, approximately 350 fifth grade students have the unique opportunity to participate in the program over a four-day, three-night period. The two Centers, Camp Cullen and Camp Olympia are each privately owned but leased by HISD during the school year. The Centers function as HISD schools with a full staff of teachers and counselors (nurses also). While in attendance, students participate in numerous interdisciplinary co-curricular activities designed to teach them about the outdoors and the life it supports. This is a free program for our fifth grade students so don't pass up on this great opportunity!

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Important Numbers
Phone (713) 458-5500 Fax (713) 458-5506

School Safety:

How Everyone Can Help

The Briar Meadow Faculty & Staff want all parents to know that our school is an extremely safe environment. Emergency Preparedness Plans include those for several types of weather emergencies, Shelter-in-Place emergencies, as well as those involving unauthorized persons entering the school campus. The Safety Committee, Grade and Department Chairs meet to discuss ways to keep our students safe.

The design of our school is purposely set up to allow entry ONLY at the front doors. The ability to lock the lobby off to restrict access to classrooms adds even more safety. After 7:55 a.m. the door closest to the front desk is the only way to access our lobby. We also have cameras at every exit/entry door, every parking area and throughout the entire school. Please be reminded that you can help by signing in and wearing a name badge if you plan to leave the lobby area. Finally, all parents MUST leave through the FRONT DOORS. Thank you.

Middle School Carwash:

FRIDAY 1:00 P.M.

Immediately Following Carpool
In BCS Carpool Lane

Getting your car washed will
help send our 8th graders to
Washington D.C.

September Calendar of Events

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- 16th Girl Scout Rally – Leader Michelle Rodriguez**
- 17th CiCi's BCS Night**
- 18th Peace Day Celebration – Picnic
8th Car Wash**
- 23rd PROGRESS REPORTS**
- 24th Parent Network – 8:30 a.m.**
- 24th SDMC**
- 28th Fall Holiday – No School**
- 30th Parent to College**

- Please drop your child off in morning reading or in the cafeteria. If you plan to stay with your child you must do so in the lobby area. Please do not sit with your child in morning reading. This is a big “sorry” but we just don’t have enough room for everyone.
- Kindergarten parents you must meet in the cafeteria or stay in the lobby. Please do not stand outside the kinder area because it gets very congested and students and staff can not move up and down the hallway.

PLEASE READ: All Parents

We continue to have parents pulling up in front of the school to drop students off and or not moving all the way around at carpool. Please review the following rules:

- Parents letting their children enter through the front doors – you **MUST PARK** and walk them inside! Even you early Birds.
- Students arriving between 7:15-7:55a.m. may be **DROPPED OFF** in the carpool lane under the **BLUE OVERHANG....OR....the parent may PARK and WALK child inside.** For the Early Birds - car lane is opened at 7:15.
- The **PARKING** in the front lot is reserved for teachers and guest.
- Pre-kindergarten parents have reserved parking in the back parking lot to allow easy access to the Pre-K pick-up area.
- If you arrive **AFTER** the carpool lane closes at 7:55 a.m., all parents **MUST** park in the front and sign your child’s name in the Tardy Book. (PARK and WALK child inside.) No exceptions.

Once Inside

- Try to limit your time inside the building during the morning hours. We just don’t have enough parking for everyone and parents and staff are being forced to park in the driveway. (Not Safe)

PEACE DAY PICNIC

Come Celebrate the Day as We Visualize World Peace.

You May Join Your Child and Have a Picnic Lunch

Sack Lunches will be Available in the Cafeteria

Other Food Items will be on Sale by the Art Room

Pizza - \$2.00

Candy \$0.50

Water \$1.00

Briar Meadow Night at CiCi's Pizza!

We hope all students, families, teachers, and staff will join us at CiCi's on Thursday, September 17th, to enjoy some pizza with your friends and help raise money for the school! See the attached flyer for details. Invite your friends and neighbors, too!

THANKS FOR CHOOSING BCS!

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The Leadership Team

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