

Charter Chatter

Briarmeadow BRONCOS Newsletter

September 2, 2009

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Back-To-School Night

Thursday night, September 3, all parents & students are invited to attend Back-To-School Night. The fall PTO meeting will commence in the multipurpose room at 6:00 with a musical performance by BCS students! The PTO Board members will be introduced. From 7:00-8:00 p.m., parents will go to their child's class(es) and find out about the classroom expectations and procedures. This is a great time to get to know other parents in your child's class, meet their friends, and let your child(ren) be experts by giving you a tour.

Classes with at least 50% attendance at Back-To-School Night will earn a Casual Dress Day for next Tuesday, September 8th! Hope to see you here!

PTO Fundraising News!

- If you collected labels this summer in the "Cash for Trash" contest, please drop off all your labels (and include your name) in the white cube under the PTO bulletin board in the lobby. The deadline to turn them in will be EXTENDED to Friday, Sept. 4!! Make sure you get them turned in this week! The top winner will receive a \$20 Target gift card, and there are several other prizes to win!
- Nestle has cancelled their water label program this year. If you collected these labels over the summer, please go ahead and turn them in to be counted for the "Cash for Trash" contest. We'll save any gathered labels so far in case the program gets renewed in the future, but no need to continue saving them.
- If you buy groceries at Randall's, save your receipts for the 10% back to school program which runs through Sept. 15. Look for the yellow school bus signs throughout the store showing products that will earn 10% for our school. Then, drop off your receipts in the PTO mailbox at the front desk.
- Lots of double and triple box tops are printed on items for "back to school". Please watch for those when you shop!!
- Restaurant night at CiCi's is coming up on Sept. 17. More details next week!
- Check out the new PTO bulletin board in the school lobby for more details about all of our fundraising programs as well as PTO news and events!

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Important Numbers

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August /September Calendar of Events

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- 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 –
Free Dress, Look your Best!**
- 11th **Grandparent’s 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**

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

Parent Network – Informational Meeting about “happenings” at BCS

Absent Notes must be return in 3days to count as Excused

Important Forms

(See front desk if you need one of these)

1. **Internet Permission Form** - please complete and return to classroom teacher; required so student may use computers (required each school year)
2. **Media Release Form** - please complete and return to classroom teacher; there are times that HISD media will highlight activities at school and we need permission to include your child in these opportunities
3. **Lunch Application Form** - please complete and return; provides free/reduced meals for children; also provides funding for the school. This form is **required**. All students must return one.
4. **PK Application Form** - provided at Ice

Cream Social; EVERY PreK parent must complete one by September 8th

REMINDERS

**We need PreK and K parents to help with breakfast and 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*

**Dismissal will begin promptly at 3:15; no early check out between 2:45-3:15; plan accordingly for appointments - Middle School Students 3:30!*

**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.*

Sally Foster Gift-Wrap?

On Thursday evening, Mary Beth McColpin, PTO Volunteer Chair, will help kick off the PTO fundraiser for the year. It is always a favorite of the students because they get to sell beautiful gift-wrap and other items to family and friends and compete for some really great prizes. The gift-wrap is top quality and value packed! Students can even encourage out-of-town family to purchase online and get credit for those sales. This PTO fundraiser typically brings in close to \$10,000 in funds that are put directly into the classrooms for our children.

The students will have their KICKOFF meeting on Friday, September 4th.

Middle School News

Washington DC money is due by Friday, September 4th.

THANKS FOR CHOOSING BCS!

The Best School in HISD

The Leadership Team

Peter Heinze, Lisa Gayden, Rosa Woodfork, Susan Rafferty, Marilou Alcaraz & Les Zimmerman