

Charter Chatter

Briar Meadow BRONCOS Newsletter

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Sally Foster Gift-Wrap?

Sally Foster is our one large fundraiser for the school year. Ms. Mary Beth McColpin, the PTO representative, and Mr. Heinze, the principal, kicked off the program with a promise from every student. They promised to sell at least one item, return all monies and envelope at the end of the fundraiser which runs from September 4th through Friday, September 25th. 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.

Attendance and Tardiness

The HISD policy states that students with 10 or more absences (excused OR unexcused) for the year may be required to attend summer school to make up those instructional days lost to absences. For an absence to be excused, a note must be given to your child's teacher within three days. If you have five or more unexcused absences you will be asked to attend your zoned school the following school year. Briar Meadow is a School of Choice. Tardiness also significantly affects the learning of your child AND the other students in your child's classroom. Notes will be sent out at the end of November notifying any parents of excessive absences or tardiness that MAY result in violation of the BCS Parent Commitment Form required for continued enrollment at our school. The school opens its door at 7:15 a.m. for breakfast and then we ask that all students be here at 7:30 a.m. for morning reading. Those who continue to have excessive absences and/or are tardy after written notification will be asked to attend their zoned school. Briar Meadow is a "choice" school and not a "zoned" school. Students and parents who do not comply with the Parent Commitment Form will be asked to attend their zoned school.

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Important Numbers

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

- 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

Cub Scouts - Briarmeadow

All 1st through 5th grade boys interested in Cub Scouts are invited to attend Pack 641's first meeting on September 14 at 7:00 at Chapelwood United Methodist Church, 11140 Greenbay St., Houston. For more information, see www.cspack641.org or email Lance Stodghill at lance@stodghillpc.com.

Girl Scout Rally

San Jacinto Area Girl Scouts will be signing up new members on September 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the BCS foyer. The Girl Scout program is open to all girls from kindergarten through 8th grade. The coordinator Michelle Rodriguez is very excited to participate in this year's rally and wants lots of girls to come out for all of the excitement. If you would like your daughter to participate in scouting, please plan to join this event.

Middle School News

Thursday will be our first reward day for students who exemplified GOOD BEHAVIOR. Students will be watching Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and they may purchase treats. All monies will go to our Washington Trip.

THANKS FOR CHOOSING BCS!

The Best School in HISD

The Leadership Team

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