



BACK TO SCHOOL!



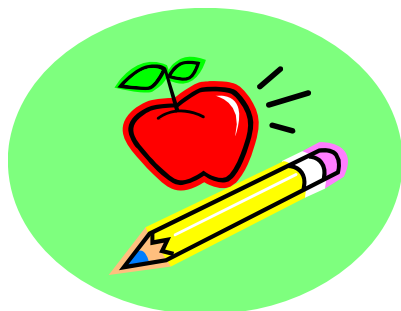
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Welcome Back!!

Excitement is in the air!! ☺ We are looking forward to another successful, educational and exciting year at Briar Meadow. This is going to be the best year yet! Lots of events are planned and we know that our children are going to learn and achieve at high levels.

On your mark, get set, ready, LEARN.....



Briar Meadow Pledge

I believe in myself
I am not afraid to dream
I have the courage
I have the pride to meet each challenge
I will not quit
I am an important member of the team
And my successes will inspire others
I have the heart of a Winner
I am a Briar Meadow BRONCO!!!

Back to School Silly String Party

Silly String anyone? Calling all 5th - 8th grade students!!! You heard it right, there is going to be a Silly String party just for you. The party will be held Friday, September 5th from 1:00-3:00. We will be selling tickets in the lobby starting Tuesday, September 2nd - Thursday, September 4th. These tickets will be used to purchase your cans of silly string at the party. You will also use these tickets for concessions. You can also purchase tickets the day of the event and during the party. All proceeds are going towards helping the 8th grade class fund their trip to Washington, DC in the spring. So plan to stay a little after school, have fun with friends and go CRAZY with Silly String. You might even get to spray your new favorite teacher!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

[Prepay Student Meals with Parent Online](#)

HISD Food Services is pleased to offer an on-line payment system for purchasing your child's school meals. You can conveniently **prepay** for student meals using a credit card and avoid the hassles that can occur with your child carrying cash.

Soon to come, you will also be able to view your child's history and restrict the sale of items you prefer they not purchase. To begin using this convenient service, visit www.parentonline.net and register an account for your child, or visit the food services website at www.houstonisd.org for more information. The system will ask for a username and password, school name, and student ID number. Both Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Please note that there is a five percent convenience fee per transaction.

We hope you find Parent Online convenient and helpful in managing your child's health and nutrition.

T-Shirts & Hooded Jackets

If you missed the opportunity to purchase t-shirts and hoodies at the ice cream social, you may still place an order. The order will be placed on Friday, August 29th. Look for the order forms at the Parent Table in the Bronco Lobby.

T-shirts are \$10 each and Hoodies are \$25. Cash and checks are accepted. All checks should be made payable to BCS PTO.

Please complete the appropriate form, attach your payment and give the form to your child's teacher or turn it in at the front desk.

Hurry...the next order will not be placed until January, 2009. If you have any questions please call Sarhita Vicic at (832) 563-6458.

How Does Carpool Lane Work?

Some "tricks" to success in the carpool lane:

- Make sure your child knows the number
- Remain in your car
- Child's number will be called ONCE and repeated ONCE...then you must pull to the front and walk inside to sign child out
- Encourage your child to watch for your car and notify an ADULT to walk them to you...never walk to the car along
- 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

Important Dates

Monday – September 1st

Labor Day Holiday – No School

Thursday – September 4th

Open House & PTO (6:00pm – 8:00pm)

Middle School Orientation (7:00pm – 8:00pm)

Friday – September 5th

Grandparent's Day (8:30am – 9:30am)

Silly String Party (1:00pm – 3:00pm)

Friday – September 9th

Grandparent's Lunch

Friday – September 19th

Peace Day

Important Forms

(See front desk if you need one of these)

1. **Lunch Application Form** - sent home the first day; please complete and return; provided free/reduced meals for children and funds for our school
2. **PK Application Form** - provided at Ice Cream Social; EVERY Pre-K parent must complete one by August 25
3. **2008-09 Enrollment Information** - forms given out at Ice Cream Social and sent home Monday; every student needs to have a completed form returned by September 9
4. **YMCA Youth Sports** - registration form must be completed and returned to POST OAK YMCA with payment; school cannot accept registration or payments (included)
5. **Code of Conduct** - handbook describing the HISD behavior expectations and disciplinary actions; sign single page acknowledgment

Reminders to Students

- Remember your carpool number
- Bring umbrella and raincoat in case it rains
- Follow all school rules