

Charter Chatter

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Happy Holidays!

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Girl Scouts Toy Drive

The girls in BCS Girl Scout Troop 20202 know that people working together can make the world a better place. As part of their community service commitment, our Girl Scouts are operating a drop-off location for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots 2008 Toy Drive. They need your help! All students, parents, teachers, and staff are encouraged to participate in helping the Marines provide happiness and hope to disadvantaged children in the Houston area. Please make a toy/gift donation at our school or a monetary donation online, between December 1st and December 12th. Please see the attached flyer for more details and information.

Thank you Girl Scouts for all that you do to serve our community. Your dedication and hard work is an example to your peers at Briar Meadow and beyond!

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Bring Your Paper for Recycling

Drop off your paper recycling to our Paper Retriever dumpster in the parking lot. Although the dumpster states "No Cardboard", we have received confirmation that cardboard and paper board (cereal boxes, soda cartons, etc.) WILL be accepted. However, they MUST be broken down before they are placed in the dumpster!

2008 Box Tops

Please drop off any box tops you have on hand before the Holiday Break. Some box tops have an expiration date on December 31, 2008; therefore, they need to be submitted this month for the school to receive credit. Keep saving your BOX TOPS because there will be another submission in the Spring Semester! Keep up the good work.

CASH FOR TRASH

Check out the new collection area in the lobby for gathering all of the labels and recycling items you've been collecting to earn money for BCS!! **THANK YOU TO ACE HARDWARE FOR DONATING TRASH CANS TO HELP OUR EFFORT!!** Please place your juice pouches, yogurt cups, and energy bar wrappers in the designated trash can. The Nestle water label and Box Top buckets have also been moved to the collection area so you can drop off everything in one stop. The "Box Top" bucket is the place to put any of your product labels (Campbell's, Tyson, Coke Rewards, Community Coffee). Don't forget that Pepperidge Farm, Goldfish and V8 brands are part of the Campbell's program. Please see the sign on the Box Top bucket for reminders on what to clip!!



5th Graders at Camp

Briar Meadow Fifth Grade Students are at camp this week! They're excited and the camp leaders have a fun-filled week prepared for the students. Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Dugey have accompanied the students on this trip. The students left on Monday, December 08, 2008 and will be returning on Thursday, December 11th around 2 in the afternoon.

Morning Drop Off

Morning drop off begins at 7:15. Parents please remember to drop your child(ren) off at the back of the school near the blue pavilion. The front parking is for our Pre-K parents only. All parents are welcomed to park in the parking lot to the left of the school if you would like to walk your child in. Also, don't forget morning reading begins at 7:30.

December Calendar of Events

- 11th Third Grade Field Trip to MFA
- 12th PTO Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- 12th Winter Dance 6th 7th & 8th Grade
Permission Slips required
- 12th Early Dismissal (12:35 Pk-4 & 12:45 5-8)
- 16th Dr. Saavedra's Ice Cream Party for our
Middle School Teachers & Staff
- 18th Shared Decision Making Committee
Meeting (4:00 – 5:00)
- 19th Last day of school for 2008
- 19th Early Dismissal (12:35 Pk-4 & 12:45 5-8)

WINTER HOLIDAY (December 22nd – January 5th)

***ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON
JANUARY 6, 2009!**



Gift Card Pick-Up

Pick up your gift card order in the school lobby on December 17th – 18th from 3:00 – 4:00. You can also purchase gift cards that are on hand during these times or by contacting Penne Graham at penne.graham@us.ibm.com. We have several to choose from such as Gap, Starbucks, iTunes, Bath & Body Works and others! Thanks for your continued support.

Holiday Sing – Along with Mitzi

On Thursday, December 18th Mitzi will have a SING ALONG for our Pre-K through 5th Grade students. The celebration will begin promptly at 9:30 and will last for one hour. Hope to see you there!

Recycling Cans in Cafeteria

Briar Meadow students are excited about recycling this year. In efforts to continue our recycling projects, recycling bins have been placed in the cafeteria. The cans are red & black and should be used for recycling only. PLEASE DO NOT PUT TRASH IN THE RECYCLING BINS! The recycling bins are for juices pouches, yogurt cups, and/or energy bar wrappers. Thanks for your support in this project.

Middle School Finals

The finals for all middle school classes are coming up this week and next. The tests have been spread out across several days so students will not have to take more than one test per day. Please sit down with your son/daughter tonight and find out when each test is scheduled. Suggestions that may help students perform better include:

- Studying from information provided by teacher and class notes in each content notebook.
- Getting a good night's sleep and eating breakfast before taking the test.
- Limiting television, internet access and phone time throughout finals week.
- Encouraging students to ask teachers any questions they may have NOW about the finals.

Thanks in advance for helping our students to be more successful when taking their finals!

