

Charter Chatter

Briarmeadow BRONCOS Newsletter

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Naglieri Non-Verbal Abilities Test (NNAT)

All HISD students in kindergarten and 5th grade will have taken the Naglieri Non-Verbal Abilities Test (NNAT). Students at BCS will take the NNAT on Thursday, November 5. This test is given as one criterion for admission into HISD Gifted & Talented programs. To assure that every child has the opportunity to apply for the Vanguard and Neighborhood GT programs throughout the district; this test is given in kindergarten for elementary applications and again in 5th grade before entering middle school. The NNAT is an "abilities" rather than an "achievement" test. It does not test "what" a child knows but a child's ability for "thinking and reasoning." The scores are not used for grading or promotional purposes. All student reports will be given out as soon as we receive them from our testing department. If you would like an explanation of the results please schedule a time to meet with Ms. Hassan or Mr. Heinze.

Promotion Standards 2008-09

In the Houston Independent School District, students must be able to demonstrate that they have learned what the State of Texas requires for all public school children. As partners in your child's education, HISD wants all parents to know the **Promotion Standards** by which each school determines whether a child is ready for promotion to the next grade level. These are briefly summarized below. Should you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher to set up a conference.

Grades 1 & 2

High Frequency Word Evaluation - Pass
Stanford Testing - 1st (K.4), 2nd (1.4) or higher
Grades - AE or BE in all content areas

Grades 3, 4 & 5

TAKS - Pass Reading (3rd 4th & 5th) & Math Tests (4th & 5th) Stanford Testing - 3rd (2.4), 4th (3.4), 5th (3.1) or higher
Grades - 2, 3 or 4 in all content areas

Grade 6, 7 & 8

TAKS - Pass Reading & Math Tests
Stanford Testing - 6th (4.1), 7th (5.1), 8th (6.1)
Grades - 70 or higher in all content areas

Thank you in advance for working with the teachers and supporting learning at home!

Tonight is a Special Night!

Book Fair Ice Cream Night - Students may wear pajamas for attending the Book Fair Wednesday Night on Friday, November 4th.

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Important Numbers

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

October/November
Calendar of Events

Poinsettias Sales Now

November:

3th 7th Book Fair Week

5th Report Cards go Home K-8th

5th Ice Cream Social - Book Fair Night

5th Magnet Alumni Night – Students come to talk about their Magnet School

5th Safari to the Stars – Telescopes

7th Early Dismissal 12:35 (PK-4)

11th Veteran’s Day – Bring a Veteran to School

12th Pre-Kindergarten Report Card.

12th PTO Board Meeting 6:00 – 8:00

14th Early Dismissal 12:35 p.m. (PK-4th) 12:45 (5th – 8th)

20th SDMC 4:00 P.M.

20th Kid’s Hope Celebration

**26th – 28th Thanksgiving Holidays
NO SCHOOL**

Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 11th is Veteran’s Day. We will be participating again in “Take a Veteran to School Day.” We are inviting any relative of a BCS student that is a veteran or currently serving in our armed services to visit our school that day. Enjoy visiting your student’s class and having lunch with them. Please call the school at, 713-458-5500, and let us know you are coming so that we can let the cafeteria know how many visitors we will have on that day. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you.

Coins for Cancer

Daniela Luna and Debra Cain collected \$426.00 for cancer patients at Texas Children’s Hospital. The girls have been working hard since the beginning of October to raise money for the children at Texas Children’s Hospital. Thank you Debra and Daniela for taking your time and effort to help children who need our special care!

Hat’s On for Cancer!

There are many children who are being treated for cancer. Many of them lose their hair due to the treatment. To help these children we are asking every child to bring in 1 dollar to donate to the Hat Campaign. Every child who brings in a dollar will be invited to wear their favorite hat on Friday, November 14th and they will be able to march in our Hat’s Parade.

Tonight, November 5th

Telescopes will be setup in the back field for everyone to view their favorite star. Thank you Ms. Boston for getting us connected to science.

Eighth graders are invited to a panel discussion on **magnet schools**. Past Briar Meadow students who have attended a magnet school have been invited to be part of the panel discussion. Come hear about the experiences of former BCS students.

Aquarium Club

The Aquarium Club will meet this Saturday from 11-3 at Briar Meadow! There will be presentations and opportunities for you to learn all about owning your very own Aquarium.

***PTO BOARD MEETING HAS
BEEN CHANGED TO
NOVEMBER 12, 6:00 P.M. –
8:00P.M.***

***Please come out and be part of
something special – BCS PTO***

*Make sure you check out all of the
attachments for special information
concerning fundraisers and so much
more!*