

Charter Chatter

Briar Meadow BRONCOS Newsletter

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Carnival Saturday

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Reminders

Parents, having a child at Briar Meadow Elementary School requires that you make many commitments to his/her education. Part of that responsibility is volunteering at a school event; working in the classroom and/or making sure that you read every night with your child. Other items that you need to consider:

- With Field Trips beginning, all parents wishing to chaperone field trips must be approved through HISD's background check. To register, see the front desk.
- No student checkout between 2:45-3:15. Please arrive BEFORE 2:45 if an early check-out is necessary. Thank you.
- Volunteers are needed this weekend for our school carnival!
- Please return attached forms for November Book Fair to your child's teacher - we need volunteers to work throughout the week of November 3-7 - Thank you

Scholastic Book Fair Safari

The Scholastic Book Fair is November 3rd -6th from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. We hope you will keep those dates open, not only to shop but to volunteer to help others shop!

We will have a Family Event Night with an ice cream social beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5th. We've planned a fun-filled time with story telling and lots of ice cream!

Here's how the Book Fair works: During the week, each child visits the Book Fair with his/her class and makes his/her purchases. You and your family are invited to come during any of our open hours.

We have books for all ages and seasonal themes for the winter holidays! You will be surprised at the varied selection and reasonable prices. It is a great place to shop for gifts while supporting our children and their school.

Besides bringing affordable and appropriate books to our school, a goal of our Book Fair is to increase classroom libraries. One way is with the Classroom Wish List, which allows you to donate books to your child's classroom in your family's name.

Be sure to look for the Classroom Wish List display when you arrive.

Again, we invite you to come visit our Book Fair. Your children will be glad you did and so will you!

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Important Numbers

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October Calendar of Events

Poinsettias on Sale NOW

- 20th-24th Red Ribbon Week – Stay Drug Free**
- 23rd – Free Dress For Sally Foster Winners
Ms. Marcoux and Ms. Dugey's Class**
- 24th Early Dismissal 12:35 p.m. (PK-4th)
12:45 (5th-8th)**
- 25th FALL CARNIVAL 11:00 - SEE FLYER**
- 27th Dairy Cow Presentation**
- 29th Middle School Field Trip to
Renaissance Festival**
- 31 Pre-K Parent Workshop**
- 31st Character Dress Up and Parade –
Students may dress as a Book Character.
Child must make a book cover from a book
read at school**
- 31st Early Dismissal 12:35 p.m. (PK-4th)
12:45 (5th-8th)**

Pre-K Parent Workshop

Our first Pre-K Parent Workshop will be held on October 31, 2008 from 9:30 – 10:30 am. Parents will help their children decorate a pumpkin using tissue paper pieces. We will all be meeting in the cafeteria for the event. Hope to see you there.

BCS Earns Two Medals

A Briar Meadow student, Maria De Los Angeles Morales, recently participated in a Karate Tournament that took place in Katy. She won 2 medals a 3rd, and a 4th place medal. Maria was interviewed by a reporter, so she spoke about her school, her favorite teacher and even her principal! Way to go Bronco!

Students to Vote

On Friday, Oct. 24, all BCS students will have the opportunity to participate in the voting process. They will be voting by secret ballot for the Presidential candidate of their choice. The results will be announced the following Monday.

Boo-yah? Boo, YA'LL! Carnival THIS Weekend.

Ever wonder what "boo-yah" means? It's an expression used by a group to say "we're great, we make a great team and it feels great to be a part of it." Well, "boo YA'LL" means all that and more. It means we're going to have a spooky good time at our carnival this weekend, and we want you to share the fun. Please plan to attend, Saturday October 25, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Children (and parents) are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes. Each child wearing a costume will receive a special goody-bag to hold their carnival loot plus a ticket for a free game. Children in costume can participate in the costume parade and can win prizes for best costume, spookiest costume, etc. Also, isn't it just fun to get all dressed up and silly for a day - and watch your friends and family do the same?

We've made arrangements for an extra big batch of slimy -- ahem, silly -- string. Mr. Heinze will be raffling off a chance to dump a bucket of slime over his head (and who wouldn't want a chance to do that, no offense to Mr. Heinze?) so bring your cameras. The petting zoo will be back, as well as the moonwalk and the giant slide. You can get an exSCREAM make over with face painting, hair color and tattoos. There are a ton of fun games lined up. For instance, you will be able to pluck eyeballs out of a witch's cauldron (eeeeeeewwwwww) and ghosts from trees, play in a pumpkin patch and a mad scientist's lab, get a BOOloon, and help a spider catch her dinner. And there will be all sorts of yummy monster munchies, for when that sweet fang needs a snack.

Veteran's Day Celebration

November 11th is Veteran's Day. Our school will participate in the "Take a Veteran to School Day" sponsored by the History Channel and veterans.com. Last year's event was a huge success. This year we would like our students to invite any relative that is a veteran or is currently an active member of the armed services to visit our school, their classroom, and have lunch with them that day.