



BRONCOS FOR LIFE

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CHARTER CHATTER

Way to go Lady Broncos...

The BCS Lady Bronco Volleyball Team kicked off this year's season on Saturday, September 6th. The team participated in a Volleyball scrimmage tournament hosted by West Briar Middle School. Other schools in attendance were Grady MS, Revere MS, Pin Oaks MS and The Village MS. The Lady Broncos looked great on the court. There was no official score keeping and each game lasted 30 minutes. In all the BCS Lady Broncos played 4 games and were a tough opponent to all.

Team Members are:

8th graders – Laila Alafifi, Aliann Rushing Attillo, Vanessa Casteneda, Lena Diab, Brittany Dimock, Ashley Fajardo, Isabel Gil, Raneem Hamdan, Lara Hattab, Kim Kattapong, Anastasiya Koneva, Leslie Munoz, Jennifer Schulz, Tiffany Soriano and Kendall Williams

7th graders – Melonie Miller, Leslie Munoz, and Brittany Woodard
Coaches: Miss Alcalá, Miss Bays, and Mr. Brown

Game Schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 9th – Annunciation Orthodox 4:30 PM
Monday, Sept. 22nd – T.H. Rogers 5:00 PM
Tuesday, Sept. 23rd – Pin Oak 5:00 PM
Wednesday, Sept. 24th – Revere 4:00 PM
Monday, Sept. 29th – Grady TBA
Tuesday, Sept 30th – West Briar 4:30 PM
Monday, Oct. 13th – Grady TBA
Tuesday, Oct. 14th – West Briar 4:30 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 15th – Rice TBA

Manage Your Child's Nutrition On-line

HISD Food Services is pleased to introduce Parent Online, an on-line meal payment system for your child's school meal purchases. You can conveniently prepay for your child's meals using a credit card and avoid the hassles that can occur with cash handling. Immediate benefits include:

- Viewing account balances and student purchase history
- Twenty-four hours, seven days a week website accessibility
- E-mail notification when account balance is low
- Optional hassle-free automatic payments
- Making payments anytime from any computer with internet access using a highly safe and secure website
- Saying good-bye to lost or stolen money

Coming soon, you will also have the ability to manage and restrict the sale of food items you prefer your child not purchase.

Register an account for your child today at www.parentonline.net. 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.

Silly String Party - Huge Success

Who LOVES Silly String? BCS 5th – 8th graders LOVE Silly String ...and they had plenty of it. On Friday, September 5th close to 100 of our 5th – 8th grade students attended the Back to School Silly String party. At the end of the craziness, and the frenzy and a very colorful afternoon, 600 cans of Silly String had been emptied onto fellow students, teachers and the back field. When the Silly String was all gone they consumed every drink, chip and candy to be found. I think we can say it was a HUGE success. Better yet the 8th grade class is off to a good start on raising funds for their Washington D.C. trip. The Silly String Party brought in a little over \$900. Thanks to everyone who participated.

A special thank you goes out to our parent Volunteers: Ellen Williams, Juana Batz, Beth Guerra, Carla Henry, Forrest Pullen and Ken Williams. And also to our student Volunteers: Emily Guerra, Kendall Williams, Aliann Rushing, Isreal Munoz, Vanessa Casteneda, Mariate Gomez, Drake Zierlein, Yannick Mouanda, Erin Bean, Vivian Ige, Leslie Munoz, Maziar Zarea, Jacob Lopez, Brittany Dimock, Isabel Gil, Carlos Cabrera, Howard Garcia, Toyosi Shusi, Jennifer Schulz, Ghazi El-Hajj, Aron Ahmade, Michael Vivic.

Think-O-Grams

Can you solve these? Check next week Charter Chatter for the answers!

1. He/Himself

2. MILLIION

3. 604,800 S in a W

4. 8 P in a G

*Answers to last weeks (9/3/08) Think-O-Grams:

1. Reading between the lines
2. Chicken in the pot
3. Look backwards
4. 26 letters in the alphabet

Gifted and Talented

The **Vanguard Neighborhood** programs (formerly known as Neighborhood G/T) are designed to meet the needs of G/T students in grades K-12 at their neighborhood (zoned) schools. Both Vanguard Magnet and Vanguard Neighborhood programs provide a differentiated curriculum by modifying the depth, complexity, and pacing of the general school program. HISD's policies for Gifted & Talented students are based on Texas Law & Gifted Education. Law: TEC §29.123: The [Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students](#) forms the basis of program accountability for state mandated services for gifted/talented students.

These designs must include the following:

1. Emphases on the four core content areas
2. Documentation of a written curriculum framework showing depth, complexity and pacing for G/T students

STATE GOAL FOR SERVICES FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

Students who participate in services designed for gifted students will demonstrate skills in self-directed learning, thinking, research, and communication as evidenced by the development of innovative products and performances that reflect individuality and creativity and are advanced in relation to students of similar age, experience, or environment.

Contact Mrs. Herd for further information or for an application.

Fundraiser Information

Calling all Box Tops, grocery receipts and product labels!

This year we are collecting MORE than just Box Tops to raise money for the school! In addition to Box Tops, please save your labels from Campbell's Soup, Pepperidge Farm, Nestle Pure Life Water and Tyson chicken Project A+ products. All labels can be turned in to the PTO mailbox at the front desk. We will receive DOUBLE the cash for all box tops submitted by the end of October, so please gather as many as you can over the next few weeks.

Also, the Randall's 10% Back to School program has ended, and your grocery receipt will print the total amount you earned starting on 9/12. Please turn in these receipts by 10/6 for submission.

Last, look for a page from Campbell's from the Sunday coupon section for a chance to earn bonus points by purchasing specific Campbell's soup products! If you have any questions about these programs, feel free to contact Penne Graham at 713-952-9322.

Birthday Marquee

Make your child or teacher feel extra special by announcing their birthday on the school marquee! Forms are located on the Parent Table in the lobby and should be submitted to the PTO mailbox at the front desk. The cost is \$10 per announcement, and the form should be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the announcement.

Important Dates

Thursday – September 11th

Principal's Coffee (8:30 – 9:00)

Monday – September 15th

Sally Foster Sales Begin (last approx. 4 wks.)

Thursday– September 18th

SDMC Meeting

Friday – September 19th

Peace Day

All Fridays are early dismissal days!!!

12:35 (Elementary) 12:45 (Middle School)

Library Time

Mrs. Boston will have library reading time for all Pre-K through 2nd Grade students & parents on Fridays from 1pm-3pm

Encouragement Corner

If there is any single bit of advice to give parents to improve child behavior, it is positive reinforcement! Don't compare - instead praise and encourage. Using this list, you will never run short of the appropriate words.

1. **That's the best you've ever done.**
2. **Keep it up!**
3. **That's really nice.**
4. **WOW!**
5. **Keep up the good work.**
6. **Much better!**
7. **Good for you!**
8. **Good thinking!**
9. **Exactly right!**
10. **SUPER!**