

Charter Chatter

Briar Meadow BRONCOS Newsletter

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Raffle Tickets on Sale until April 13th

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Successful Year for Odyssey of the Minds

This year we had 2 teams compete in the Houston Regional Odyssey of the Mind competition. Problem I team Earth Trek team members include: **Ariyan AlMassi, Serae Haliburton, Vaclav Cafourek, Melonie Miller, Jonathon Saldierna, Skylor Stewart, and Christina Dang.** Problem V team members include: **Kendall Williams, Kim Kattapong, Brittany Dimock, Toyosi Shusi, Enes Kolasinac, Darryl Beronque, and Rebecca Herd.** Both teams placed high enough to qualify for the state competition that was held last Saturday, March 28th at Spring Forest Middle School. Both teams worked extremely hard and while they did not qualify for Worlds they went and left with a winning attitude. The Superstition team finished 4th overall in the Spontaneous competition which is the best a Briar Meadow team as done in that portion of the competition at State. Mrs. Hassan is extremely proud of their hard work and their willingness to think outside the box. Odyssey of the Mind is a truly constructivist experience for the kids.

A BIG thanks goes out to our volunteer judges Laura Boston and Ellen Williams and our volunteers Peter Heinze and Keisha Breaker. Our teams would not have been able to compete without them! Way to go Broncos! If you would like more information about Odyssey of the Mind please visit www.txodyssey.org or www.odysseyofthemind.com.

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Important Numbers

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Parental Agreement

Parents that are planning on returning next year please remember that you signed an agreement with the school that you will be an active member and help with your child's education. You are required to attend parent conferences when needed. You promised to work with you child every night, especially when it comes to reading in the early grades. You agreed to get your child to school on time and to make sure they do not have any unexcused absences. Parent conferences are being held now to ensure that you understand your obligations.

TAKS TESTING DATES

TAKS Math (5 th & 8 th)	April 7th
TAKS Math (3 rd , 4 th , 6 th , & 7 th)	April 28th
TAKS Reading (4 th , 6 th , & 7 th)	April 29th
RETEST Reading 3 rd , 5 th & 8 th	April 29th
TAKS Science (5 th & 8 th)	April 30th
TAKS Social Studies (8 th)	May 1st
RETEST Math 5 th & 8 th	May 19th

Spring Dance

Friday, April 3rd is the Middle School Spring Dance. You don't want to miss this exciting time of fun, food, and friends. The Dance is from 7 – 9:30. Parents please be sure to pick your child(ren) up on time. All students should be picked up no later than 9:40. Looking forward to seeing you there!



April Calendar

- 1st **Report Cards/Stanford and TAKS Scores
Third Graders to WITS
PTO Board Meeting 6:00-8:00pm**
- 2nd **School Wide Skate Party 6:00-8:00pm**
- 3rd **Early Dismissal 12:35 Elementary K-4th, 12:45 Middle School 5th-8th Middle School Dance – Spring Fling 7:00-9:30pm**
- 6th **Field Day T-Shirts Orders Due**
- 7th **TAKS Math (5th & 8th Grades)**
- 8th **Writers in the Schools (4th & 5th Grade Heritage Society)**
- 10th **Spring Holiday**
- 13th **U of H Paul Cirino Full Week – 1st Grade**
- 15th **7th Grade Paper Drive**
- 16th **SDMC Meeting**
- 17th **Pre-K Workshop & Silly String Party
Middle School Fundraiser**
- 18th **Cheeseburgers in Paradise (PTO Auction)**
- 21st **Kids Hope Celebration**
- 22nd **Fajita Flats (PTO Fundraiser)**
- 24th **Earth Day Picnic**
- 27th **LAT Testing (3rd & 4th Grades)**
- 28th **TAKS Math (3rd, 6th, & 7th)
LAT Reading (3rd, 4th, 5th, & 8th)**
- 29th **TAKS Reading (4th & 6th)
Retest (3rd & 5th)**
- 30th **TAKS Science (5th & 8th Grades)
LAT Science**
- 31st **TAKS Social Studies (8th Grade)
****Parents, please note that on state mandated testing days, visitors are not allowed on campus.****

Library Information

Parents can check out books from the BCS library!

Parent Hours:

Monday-Thursday 3:00-3:30

Friday 1:00-3:00

The New Computer Lab is open. We have a new computer lab in the library. Come by and visit.

Raising Readers:

Want to help your child with reading? Tell stories with your child. Talk about when you were the same age. Tell about the foolish and fun things you did in school. Talk about the food your family ate. Where did you go to school? Talk, talk, talk.

Briar Meadow Summer School

Extended Year Summer Program will begin June 4th and will end July 1st.

Who may attend?

-Students who do not meet promotion standards and students who need additional reinforcement and who were recommended by a teacher and/or parent.

LEMONADE DAY

All students who turned in Lemonade Day applications are encouraged to begin thinking about how you and your parents will market your lemonade. Packets will be in this week with further commitments and instructions. Parents this is a great opportunity for your child(ren) to learn a valuable lesson about becoming an entrepreneur and making a business successful. Looking forward to tasting some great lemonade!