

# Charter Chatter

## Briar Meadow BRONCOS Newsletter

April 15, 2009

AUCTION WEEKEND!

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### CHANGE OF TRANSPORTATION

The core value of the Houston Independent School District is *Safety Above All Else* and at Briar Meadow we are making every effort to ensure each child's safety. Parents, if your child(ren) has/have a change in how s/he will be picked up, please send a note to the main office. There are some communication concerns which have led to students being left at school. Therefore, if you are changing the way in which your child normally gets home please appraise the main office by a written note, e-mail or fax. This will allow the office staff to make the necessary changes and notify the dismissal staff of those changes.

### Arriving Late to School

Students who arrive to school after 8:15 are to report to the front desk to sign in. A tardy card will be filled out. You still need to sign the tardy book if you arrive after 7:55. Please remember to have your child to school on time.

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### CHEESEBURGERS & PARADISE

ALL parents are encouraged to attend and purchase tickets for the Cheeseburger & Paradise fundraiser. Raffle drawing will take place this weekend. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS FUNFILLED EVENT! For more information please contact Michele Alexander, Auction Chair at (713) 783 – 5169.

### STAR PICNIC

Please come out and celebrate our successful 3<sup>rd</sup> year of mentoring at Briar Meadow Charter School with lots of friends, food, and fun. All Kids Hope USA students, parents, mentors, teachers, and supporters are invited on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 from 3:30 – 5:00 pm at Briar Meadow Charter School Playground. Look forward to seeing you there. Parents if your child is going to attend please be sure to fill out and return the permission form (previously issued to your child) to your child's teacher.

### Celebrate National Poetry Month

**Where: The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston**

**Audrey Jones Beck Building**

**When: Sunday, April 19, 2009 @ 2:00 P.M.**

Authors LuAnn Turley and Rita Whiteman will read from their new children's book, *A Wreath, A Tree, and Me: Poetry and Art at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston*, a collection of fun and engaging poems paired with 18 works of art in the museum's collection. A reception will follow their presentation.

*Important Numbers*

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## **BIRTHDAY MARQUEE**

Don't forget to recognize your child's (or teacher's) birthday in these last couple of months in the school year!! Forms are located on the parent table in the school lobby. Please drop off your form with payment to the PTO box at the front desk 2 weeks prior to the birthday. We are in these last couple of months in the school year!! Forms are located on the parent table in the school lobby. Please drop off your form with payment to the PTO box at the front desk 2 weeks prior to the birthday.

### **Briar Meadow Tours**

Parents if you have relatives or close friends who may be interested in having their child attend Briar Meadow, please share with them that each Friday, beginning at 8:30, we will conduct a school wide tour. They can receive and fill out applications immediately after the tour.

## **April Calendar**

- 15<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Paper Drive**
- 16<sup>th</sup> SDMC Meeting**
- 17<sup>th</sup> Pre-K Workshop & Silly String Party  
Middle School Fundraiser**
- 18<sup>th</sup> Cheeseburgers in Paradise (PTO  
Auction)**
- 21<sup>st</sup> Kids Hope Celebration**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Fajita Flats (PTO Fundraiser)**
- 24<sup>th</sup> Earth Day Picnic**
- 27<sup>th</sup> LAT Testing (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades)**
- 28<sup>th</sup> TAKS Math (3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>)  
LAT Reading (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>)**
- 29<sup>th</sup> TAKS Reading (4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>)  
Retest (3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)**
- 30<sup>th</sup> TAKS Science (5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)  
LAT Science**
- 31<sup>st</sup> TAKS Social Studies (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

## **FAJITA FLATS NIGHT**

Please join us at Fajita Flats to help raise money for the school! They have generously given us the option to receive proceeds for 2 different nights this month to better allow families to schedule around their personal activities! So, coordinate with your friends, and grab some great Mexican food on 4/22 or 4/23 (or BOTH nights!). Please bring the attached flyer to the restaurant to give to your server.

The PTO would like to continue holding restaurant nights over the summer! We hope that you will join in the fun to stay in touch with friends from school and to help raise money for the school year-round. If you would like to receive communications over the summer about restaurant nights, please send a quick note to [penne.graham@us.ibm.com](mailto:penne.graham@us.ibm.com) with your e-mail address.

## **PTO Garage Sale**

Come and SHOP at the PTO General Meeting on May 6th! We have cleaned out the PTO room and will be holding a garage sale in the school lobby 30 minutes prior to the General Meeting. You can score some great deals on extra event t-shirts, school pennants & bracelets, gift bags, and other miscellaneous items no longer needed by the PTO!

## **Cash for Trash**

**THANK YOU** for savings all of your various product labels throughout the year. We earned over \$115 from our most recent Box Tops submission!! We have also earned 2,000 points from Nestle water labels and will be able to select some sporting equipment for the school. Please continue to drop off your juice pouches, yogurt cups, and energy bar wrappers in the designated cans in the school lobby, and place any of your product labels (Box Tops, Campbell's, Tyson, Coke Rewards, Community Coffee) in the "Box Top" bucket in the school lobby. We have accumulated a good number of Coke Rewards points so far, but I know there are more families that drink Coke products!!! We will be able to earn sporting equipment or educational materials for the school when you turn in your plastic bottle lids or codes from your 12-pack cartons. See the attached flyer for participating products from Coca-Cola. Please spread the word about these various programs and ask neighbors, co-workers, grandparents and friends if they will collect labels for our school. These are the EASIEST fundraisers we have, and they don't require any cash from you!!