

Charter Chatter

Briar Meadow BRONCOS Newsletter

April 22, 2009

Celebrate Earth Week! Go Green!

Issue # 31



Got the Knack for Numbers? WE NEED YOU!

BCS is seeking a motivated parent to serve as PTO Treasurer for 2009-2010 school year. The PTO Treasurer is a great way to learn about all of the great things we do at BCS.

Elections for next year's Board of Directors will be held at the General Meeting **on May 6**. If you would like to nominate yourself or any other committed parent for this, **or any other Board position**, please contact Jeff Fetzer, Board President, at jfetzmse@comcast.net.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the General Meeting and take an active role in deciding our new Board of Directors for 2009-2010. Please play an active role in your child's development by participating in the PTO.

THANKS !

Secretary's week!

Please help us celebrate **Ms. Rachel Mendez** World Best Secretary!



PTO CHEESEBURGERS & PARADISE

Thanks to BCS PTO, participating parents, and BCS faculty/staff who worked so hard to make this event a success. Your commitment to BCS is unparalleled.

The following people devoted endless hours for a year on this event:

- Michele Bua Alexander..... Chair
- Penne GrahamData Base
- Alice Lebkuecher.....Solicitation
- Ellen Williams.....Raffle
- Claudia De La Cruz.....Decorations
- Liz Leatherbury.....Art Design
- Mary Beth McColpin.....Communications
- Saida Rhodes.....Class Projects
- Sahrita Vicic & Nancy Vaca.....Baskets
- Rocio Morales & Barbara Hilliard ...School Correspondence

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- PTO Treasurer Needed
- TAKS
- Thanks!
- Preamble to TAKS Week

www.briar Meadowtechnology.com



Thanks, Kids Hope USA

We celebrated a successful 3rd year of mentoring at Briar Meadow Charter School with lots of friends, food, and fun. Briar Meadow is grateful to the Kids Hope USA for fulfilling their commitment of "One child, one hour is the heart of KIDS HOPE USA." They've provided us with a caring adult mentor for many of our students one hour every week. Kids, who feel loved and valued, are better able to learn, grow, and succeed.

THANKS to ALL of You!

Important Numbers

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



April 27th- May 1st, 2009 is TAKS WEEK!

Please make sure that your child gets plenty of rest, and tons of encouragement this week!

Briar Meadow School is home to the best students who are supported by great parents and wonderful teachers. Remember, your child needs to come to school on time, be present every day unless it is unavoidable and **SHOW WHAT THEY KNOW!**

Briar Meadow 2009-2010 Student Applicants

BCS will be reviewing new student applications within the next two weeks. 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. Notifications of acceptance will be going out very soon!

April Calendar

20th-24th Secretary's Week

22nd Fajita Flats (PTO Fundraiser)

24th Earth Day Picnic

27th- 1st Teacher's Week

27th LAT Testing (3rd & 4th Grades)

**28th TAKS Math (3rd, 4th, 6th, & 7th)
LAT Reading (3rd, 4th, 5th, & 8th)**

**29th TAKS Reading (4th, 6th & 7th)
Retest (3rd & 5th)**

**30th TAKS Science (5th & 8th Grades)
LAT Science**

May

1st TAKS Social Studies (8th Grade)

5th TEACHER'S DAY!

6th PTO General Meeting

Attention Briar Meadow Families

WHAM Ministries offers assistance to residents living in the 77063 and 77057 zip codes. There is an urgent need for donations at their local food pantry.

Beginning May 4, 2009 through May 20, 2009 Briar Meadow Charter School will accept donations of non-perishable food items and cash. Cash will be used for rent assistance, and to purchase food items that the pantry currently has a low supply of. Please place all food donations in the box in the lobby. Cash donations should be given at the front desk in a sealed envelope marked WHAM.

Each child donating will be permitted to participate in a day of wearing shades and a hat to school!

Pre-K Earth Day Workshop Success

The Pre-K workshop was held last Friday, April 17th. Parents came out to enjoy a presentation put on by the Pre-K classrooms. Afterward, they enjoyed spending time with their children by making recycled art. All art has been placed in the front lobby for all to see. **The Pre-K team would like to extend a thank you to all parents for their love and support throughout the year.**

Teacher's Day Celebration

By the way, on May 5th all across the world, Teacher's Day celebrations are undertaken to commemorate the teachers for their efforts. By having celebrations on Teacher's Day we convey the message that we care for our teachers. Celebrating Teachers Day is recognition of the devotion with which teachers undertake the responsibility of educating a child. Briar Meadow Charter School is proud and honored to have the caliber of teachers that it has. It is because of them that our students shine as bright stars and perform at high levels. We celebrate their commitment, their passion for teaching, their flexibility, their constant quest for learning, and most of all their unconditional love for ALL their students. Hail to BCS teachers!