

# Charter Chatter

## Briar Meadow BRONCOS Newsletter

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Raffle Tickets on Sale until April 13th

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### 2009 Asian-American College & Career Day

HISD's Asian-American College and Career Day is an annual event where middle- and high-school students and parents receive important college information that supports the district's college-bound culture. At the event, Asian professionals in Houston provide information about career opportunities to students in the following fields: business, communication, counseling and social work, education, engineering, fine arts, health care and medical, information technology, and legal. Students will be able to attend three different 30-minute sessions and may choose sessions focusing on specific professions in the career tracks and specific college-prep topics in the college tracks. College tracks will include the following: Create Assessment and Build Portfolio, College 101—Successful Transitional, Last-Minute Scholarships, Immigration Scholarships, and College Access for Middle-School Students. All presentations for the students will be conducted in English. The Asian-American College and Career Day also includes a parent component, which is a workshop session that focuses on parent/child communications and relationships. The parent sessions will be conducted in Cantonese, Hindi/Urdu, Korean, Mandarin, and Vietnamese. All forms must be turned in to Mr. Lewis by Thursday, April 23, 2009. The registration form is attached.

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### **THEATRE NEWS**

The seventh grade classes will be creating and filming their own 10 minute short film based off social issues that affect their generation. The students will write the scripts, film the scenes, and edit the clips to make their own original short film. Nine weeks project final.

### **ALL 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.

### **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.

*Important Numbers*

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

## **April Calendar**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Writers in the Schools (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Heritage Society)**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Spring Holiday (No School)**
- 13<sup>th</sup> U of H Paul Cirino Full Week – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**
- 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)**

## **PTO NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Parent Commitment is a founding principle of BCS. Please play an active role in your child's development by participating in the PTO. Elections for next year's Board of Directors will be held at the General Meeting on May 6 and nominations will be taken through Friday, April 17. If you would like to nominate yourself or any other committed parent for a position, please see the attached form or contact Jeff Fetzer, board President, at [jfetzermse@comcast.net](mailto:jfetzermse@comcast.net). Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the General Meeting and take an active role in deciding our new Board of Directors 2009-2010.

## **Free Tax Preparations**

This year, United Way of Greater Houston invested \$5000,000 with neighborhood Centers, Inc. Neighborhood Tax Center program to provide free tax preparation for low-to-moderate income families-potentially saving them hundreds of dollars in fees. With only a week and a half left in tax season, we are sending out this information in an attempt to increase awareness of this free service. There are 17 free, Neighborhood Tax Center sites located around the Houston area and the centers would like to assist you with completing your taxes. Attached to the Charter Chatter is a flyer with more details or you can call 2-1-1.

## **Briar Meadow Summer School**

Extended Year Summer Program will begin June 4<sup>th</sup> and will end July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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. The backpacks have been issued to the students. 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...GOOD LUCK!