

# Charter Chatter

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## Real Men Read

The Houston Independent School District is looking for a few good men...to read to its school children once a month.

“**Houston Real Men Read**,” a mentoring initiative for elementary- and middle-school students is recruiting volunteers. Volunteers are asked to commit to read to and discuss a book with a classroom of second-, fifth-, or seventh-grade students for one hour per month in February, March, and April of this year. This commitment has the potential to change a life by reinforcing three fundamental principles: 1) reading is fun, 2) the community cares, and 3) a commitment to education can ensure success.

**Gentlemen from the community were invited** to attend the Houston Real Men Read **kickoff event** on **Monday, January 26, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.** at the Houston Public Library’s central location (500 McKinney, 77002). If you missed this event please go to the Houston ISD website ([www.houstonisd.org](http://www.houstonisd.org)) for more information.

Interested gentlemen should complete a volunteer application (PDF) located in the HISD portal and follow the instructions for submission.

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## Attention First Grade Parents

Parents of Briar Meadow first grade students are invited to participate in a First Grade Literacy Workshop. Teachers and students will share literacy workstations, guided reading goals, and more. The workshop will be held Wednesday, February 11, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Come out and have an exciting time with our first grade teachers.

## Pre-K & Kindergarten Parents

Parents who prefer to wait by the kindergarten cluster in the morning are invited to move to the foyer so that you will be more comfortable. Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers will come through the foyer to pick up your child(ren). Please remain in the foyer and thanks for your continued support.

## CHESS CHAMPS

Briar Meadow Teams make a great showing at Klein 18th Annual Winter Scholastic. Players paired up against opposing schools, for five separate rounds.

### **Individual Results- Primary/Elementary;**

Everett Dagher 1.0, Claire Meador 1.5, Luke Stodgell 1.5, Tasket Walker 2.5., Bobby Reyes 3.0(3<sup>rd</sup> Place trophy)

**Individual Results-Middle School:** Indullah Waseem 1.0, Viola Dagher 2.0, Eduardo Vela 4.0(divisional 3<sup>rd</sup>), Oliver Dagher 2.5, Zaid Waseem 2.0, Eduardo Bustamante 2.5, Delfino Santizo 3.0 (divisional 7<sup>th</sup>), Rodrigo Hercules 2.0, Giovanni Dagher 4.5 ( divisional 1<sup>st</sup>).

### **Team Results:**

Briar Meadow Middle School tied for first place with Beckendorf and lost by a very narrow margin on a tiebreak with a team total points of 14.0

### **Upcoming Events:**

Pershing Middle School, February 7<sup>th</sup>  
Region V Divisional, March 7th

**Remember, there are NO LOSERS IN CHESS- GO BRONCOS!!!!**



## Spelling Bee Champions

The Briar Meadow Spelling Bee was great! The students studied hard and the competition was the greatest ever. Mr. Dorfman would like to thank the students for their hard work and the parents for the continued support shown throughout the process. **Our Briar Meadow Spelling Bee Champions are Mike Casio (elementary) and Dayne Beronque (middle). The runners-up are Ima Owar (elementary) and Darryl Beronque (middle).** The students will receive their trophies soon. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

## Hoodies & T-Shirts

Just a reminder that there are miscellaneous sizes and colors of Briar Meadow t-shirts and hooded jackets in stock. Our final order of the year will be placed on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are located on the parent information table in the lobby. Please complete the appropriate form, attach exact cash or check, and drop it in the PTO mailbox at the front desk. Orders received after January 30<sup>th</sup> will be returned. Orders will arrive in approximately two weeks once order is placed. Should you have any questions, Please contact Serhita Vicio at 937 562 6459

## January Calendar of Events

29<sup>th</sup> Soccer game at West Briar 3:30 p.m.

## February Calendar of Events

3<sup>rd</sup> Class picture day (uniform required)

4<sup>th</sup> Astronomy Night @ 6

6<sup>th</sup> Principal's Coffee 8:30-9:00

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Author's Week

20<sup>th</sup> Fun Food Friday



## Odyssey of the Minds

Briar Meadow has three hard-working teams preparing for the regional Odyssey of the Mind competition held on Saturday, February 28, 2009. **Team One** is competing in the "Earth Trek" category. Team members are: Vaclav Cafourek, Christina Dang, Melonie Miller, Jonathon Saldierna, and Skylor Stewart. **Team Two** is competing in the "Lost Labours of Hercules" category. Team members include: Jack Wolf, Aaron Ahmadu, Ariyan AlMassi, Darryl Beronque, Serae Halliburton, and Salvador Duque. **Team Three** is competing in the "Superstitions" category. Team members include Kendall Williams, Brittany Dimock, Kim Kattapong, Toyosi Shusi and Enes Kolasinac. Mrs. Hassan is the coach for all three teams and Ms. Boston has graciously volunteered to be a judge at the competition. We are still looking for 2 more judges to represent Briar Meadow. Judges' training will be held Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will be provided at training. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact Mrs. Hassan [sherd@houstonisd.org](mailto:sherd@houstonisd.org) or Ms. Boston [lboston@houstonisd.org](mailto:lboston@houstonisd.org) right away.

## DON'T FORGET-OCEAN OF STARS

Ms. Boston, the school librarian, will be hosting the Oceans of Stars night on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents are welcomed to bring your child(ren) to this event. We will have telescopes, microscopes, and mythology. Snacks and books will be sold. It will be fun to use the telescope and microscopes and to hear some really good stories. Can't wait to see you there. It's going to be a spectacular night.

## It's Picture Time

It's that time again for your child to take that memorable class picture. The class pictures will be taken on Tuesday, February 3, 2009. All students are required to wear the school uniform for the class pictures. The cost for your child to receive a picture is \$10. In order for your child to receive a picture you must prepay. Please give the money to your child's teacher. Don't miss out on this keep sake treasure!

