

# Charter Chatter

## Briar Meadow BRONCOS Newsletter

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### What a Year! Thanks

Boy has the year flown by! Reflecting on the events that have taken place, I can truly say that this feels like home. The students and staff are wonderful. In all my 26 years as an educator, I have never worked with a more dedicated team of professionals than here at BCS. The students are very focused and I see a strong work ethic being developed in them all.

Parents, you are the ones that make this school a success. I need your advice and input on what you want to see here at Briar Meadow. Parental involvement in the PTO and the fund raisers are key ingredients of a strong school. When you work side by side with other parents to ensure better programs here at BCS bonds are built. Working with your children at home on their school work is a vital ingredient to having a strong student body.

I want to thank each one of you for your involvement at BCS. This is your school and you make it what it is!

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### *End of Year Celebrations*

Can you believe it? We are in the final 6 weeks of the 2007-08 school year! And as it comes to a close there are many exciting end-of-year events that you will want to include on your calendar:

- May 5            BCS Idols Talent Show
- May 8            St. Luke's Music Festival
- May 9            6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trips  
Field Day (K-5)
- May 22          5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards  
10:00 and 11:00
- May 23          Pre-kindergarten Ceremony 9:00  
8th Grade Promotion Dinner  
6:00 PM  
Middle School Dance 8:00 PM
- May 27          Kindergarten Awards 8:30  
1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Awards 9:30  
3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards 10:30
- May 28          Perfect Attendance Awards  
Lunch at CiCi's
- May 29          Last Day of School - Students  
Pool Party 6-8 pm
- May 30          Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

**TAKS TEST ALL NEXT WEEK – NO  
VISTORS ALLOW DUE TO  
TEST SECURITY  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
UNDERSTANDING**

*Important Numbers*

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## April Calendar

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Middle School Report Card  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting
- 24<sup>th</sup> Skate Party for 10 Students (Auction Item)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Talent Show Practice
- 28<sup>th</sup> LAT Math Test 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>  
S.D.M.C. 4:00 – 5:00
- 29<sup>th</sup> TAKS Math 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>
- 30<sup>th</sup> TAKS Reading 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>  
PTO General Meeting 6:00 – 8:00

## May Calendar

- 1<sup>st</sup> TAKS Science 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
St. Luke's Music Celebration
- 2<sup>nd</sup> TAKS Social Studies 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Faculty Picture
- 5<sup>th</sup> Talent Show Day Performance 8:30 & 10:00  
Night Performance 6:00
- 7<sup>th</sup> PTO Parent Meeting 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Kids Hope Party (Permission Slip Required)
- 9<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade field  
Field Day - Kinder through 5<sup>th</sup>  
Girls Slumber Party w/Ms. Russell
- 13<sup>th</sup> TAKS Math Retest 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dinner w/the Principal 5:00 P.M.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Principal for the Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> Boys Slumber Party w/Mr. Heinze
- 17<sup>th</sup> Pre-K & Kindergarten Round-up 9:00 A.M.
- 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Middle School Finals
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Pre-Kinder & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards
- 27<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Awards
- 28<sup>th</sup> Perfect Attendance Award Luncheon at CiCis
- 29<sup>th</sup> Last Day of School – Early Dismissal  
Report Cards Go Home

## Spring Testing Schedule

- LAT M (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>) April 28
- TAKS M (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>) April 29
- TAKS R (4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>) April 30
- RETEST R for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> April 30**
- TAKS Science (5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) May 1
- TAKS Soc. St. (8<sup>th</sup>) May 2
- RETEST M 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> May 13**

## Barnes & Noble Bookfair a Big Success!!

Good job shopping teachers, parents and students! We grossed nearly \$4000 in sales, giving BCS nearly \$800 in B&N gift cards for end of the year awards. Congratulations to Ms. Bell's class for winning the pizza party! Ms. Stewart and Ms. Saari came in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Great job kids! Thank you to Ms. Russell and Mr. Heinze for their story-telling & book-reading on Saturday – they drew quite a crowd. Thanks to our volunteers Elvira Schaefer, MaryRo Flynn, Christina Kimmel, Lance & Amy Stodghill and Kellie Dietert for their time. Word has it that sitting at a bookstore drinking coffee and talking to friends is a pretty good volunteering gig. Hope to see more of you next year! –Lucinda Berlew Arriaga

## Return Car Tags by May 9<sup>th</sup>

End-of-year car tag roundup starts April 30th. Look for a return envelope in next week's issue of Charter Chatter. You may return your car tag 1) to your teacher, 2) by placing in the car tag box at the front desk, or 3) by giving it to the volunteers who will be in the afternoon carpool lane the week of May 5-9. All tags must be returned no later than May 9th. Please call Violet O'Brien at 713-202-4222 if you have any questions.

## Parent Conferences

Parent conferences will be scheduled prior to May 15<sup>th</sup> if your child has excessive tardies and/or unexcused absences (a written excuse was not turned in within 3 days). If your child has more than 5 unexcused absences, you will be asked to attend your zoned school.