

Charter Chatter

Briarmeadow BRONCOS Newsletter

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Issue # 1

Morning Reading

As part of our school wide enrichment and intervention plan for 2007-08, "Looking at student data and making sure what is being taught is aligned with what is being measured," all classroom teachers will once again have Morning Reading. ALL students are encouraged to arrive at school early enough to attend Morning Reading time from 7:30-7:55 a.m. The Cafeteria is opened at 7:15 a.m. to allow enough time for students to eat and then go to Morning Reading. **Parents and students are asked to please wait in the cafeteria until 7:30 a.m. before proceeding to their reading areas.**

1 st and 2 nd Graders	Cluster "C" (Living Room)
3 rd and 4 th Graders	Library
5 th and 6 th Graders	Theater Arts Room
7 th and 8 th Graders	Cluster "E"

Pre-K and Kindergarten students will begin their Morning Reading at 7:45 a.m. Parents please bring

Car Tag Registration

At the Ice Cream Social last Saturday, the PTO worked hard to get as many parents as possible registered to use the Car Tag system for afternoon dismissal. NO pick up will be permitted in the carpool lane WITHOUT an official BCS car tag hanging from your mirror. Registration forms may be picked up at the front desk, completed and returned. Your car tags will be sent home with your child in his/her backpack within a few days of completing your registration.

REMEMBER: Without a car tag, you will be required to park and walk inside during afternoon dismissal time. **5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade students cannot be picked up in car pool. You must park and meet your child in the front of the building. 5th – 8th graders are dismissed at 3:30**

How Does Carpool Lane Work?

Some "tricks" to success in the carpool lane:

- Make sure your child knows the number
- Remain in your car
- Child's name/number will be called ONCE and repeated ONCE...then you must pull to the front and walk inside to sign child out
- Encourage your child to watch for your car and notify an ADULT to walk them to you...never walk to the car along
- For Kindergarten students, it may be easier to park and walk in for a few weeks
- NEVER leave a child inside your parked car to come inside...NO EXCEPTIONS
- See attached map for details

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Important Numbers

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

Important Forms

(See front desk if you need one of these)

1. **Lunch Application Form** - sent home the first day; please complete and return; provided free/reduced meals for children and funds for our school
2. **PK Application Form** - provided at Ice Cream Social; EVERY PreK parent must complete one by August 25
3. **2007-08 Enrollment Information** - forms given out at Ice Cream Social and sent home Monday; every student needs to have a completed form returned by September 7
4. **YMCA Youth Sports** - registration form must be completed and returned to POST OAK YMCA with payment; school cannot accept registration or payments (included)
5. **Code of Conduct** - handbook describing the HISD behavior expectations and disciplinary actions; sign single page acknowledgment

your pre-k/kinder children to the cafeteria every morning and the teachers will meet them there and then take them to class. Parents please plan your visits after 8:30 a.m. in the kindergarten and pre-k area

As homework for every student, parents are asked to read to or with them every evening.

August /September Calendar of Events

August:

- 30th **M.S. Curriculum Meeting 5:30 – 6:30**
 31st **Sally Foster Fundraiser Kickoff**
Early Dismissal 12:45 p.m. (PK-8)

September:

- 3rd **Labor Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL**
 5th **PAC Meeting 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**
PTO Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Volleyball @ Sharpstown 5:30 p.m.
 6th **Fall PTO Meeting w/student performance 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
 7th **Grandparents Day 7:30 a.m.**
Early Dismissal 12:45 p.m. (PK-8)
 11th **TIP Computer Roll Out 6:00 p.m.**
 12th **Volleyball Grady 3:45 p.m.**
 14th **Middle School Bowling**
Early Dismissal 12:45 p.m. (PK-8)
 17th **7th Grade Football Delmar 5:00 p.m.**
 18th **8th Grade Football Cowart Jr. 5:00p.m.**
 19th **D.C. Trip Meeting 5:30 p.m.**
 20th **Girl Scouts Rally 7:00 p.m.**
 21st **PTO Sally Foster Fundraiser ENDS**
Early Dismissal 12:45 p.m. (PK-8)
 24th **7th Grade Football – Jackson 5:00**
SDMC 5:30
 25th **8th Grade Football – Barnett 5:00**
Volleyball Annunciation 4:30
 26th **Fall Pictures**
 27th **Student/Teacher Volleyball Game**
3:45
 28th **Early Dismissal 12:45 p.m. (PK-8)**

REMINDERS

SDMC - Faculty, Administration, PTO reps, business, and community membership

PAC - ALL Title 1 parents are invited to attend

**We need Pre-K and K parents to bring their children to the cafeteria in the morning and to help with lunch*

**Morning Reading begins at 7:30; instruction begins at 8:00; please arrive as close to 7:30 a.m. as possible to avoid tardiness. PK and K Morning Reading begins at 7:45*

**Dismissal will begin promptly at 3:15; no early check out between 2:45-3:15; plan accordingly for appointments*

**ALL children may eat a FREE breakfast!*

**Your child's teacher is the BEST and FIRST person to talk with about your concerns since they spend 7 hours together.*

THANKS FOR CHOOSING BCS!