

Charter Chatter

Briar Meadow BRONCOS Newsletter

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Near the End

The school year is rapidly coming to an end. Only 6 weeks left until the last day. Parents, I know you have had to adjust to changes in drop off and pick up, but you have been doing a great job.

Reminders for drop off and pick up:

- Car pool opens at 7:15 a.m., please do not drop off early.
- Students that arrive early should remain in their cars until 7:15 a.m.
- Car pool remains open until 8:05 a.m. Please use the car pool line until it closes. Do bring students to the front when they are tardy unless it is after 8:05 a.m.
- The front parking spots are reserved for our pre-kindergarten parents.
- Anytime you bring your child to the front you must walk your child into the school. (This is for the safety of your child.)

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Important Numbers

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Continue Near the End

- When you drop off in the front of the school, park your car in a parking spot. The bus lane is not an appropriate parking area. (You never know when we will have a field trip.)
- Students must be in class by 7:55 a.m., if they are eating breakfast, children should arrive before 7:45 a.m.
- Dismissal begins at 3:15 p.m. for our elementary students; please have your car tags visible.
- Please remain in your car in the carpool lane. We will assist your child.
- If you park and come inside for your child, please use the sign-out sheets. Your child will be called to the lobby area. Pre-k parents may walk to their child's classroom.
- Middle school students are dismissed at 3:30 p.m. All middle school students are picked up in car pool from the blue overhang.
- Do not park in the back and cross the car pool lane to pick up your child.
- All students will be brought to the front by 3:45 p.m. If you would like to park and pick up your child at that time please do so.

School of Choice

Briar Meadow is a "school of choice" which means we do not have zoned students. We have to persuade parents to bring their children here. We work very hard to keep high standards. Parents are required to make commitments to work with their children at home. Attendance and coming to school on time are also key components to the success of our students. Remember unexcused absences and excessive tardies will require us to ask you to go to your zoned school.

PTO Nominations are coming up. We are looking for a Sally Foster Representative.

April Calendar

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| 17th | <u>Los Tios Night</u> – Come join the BCS Family |
| 18th | Earth Day Picnic – BBQ Barnes & Noble Book Fair |
| 19th | Barnes & Noble Book Fair |
| 21st | Name That Book Elementary |
| 23rd | Middle School Report Card 5th Grade Parent Meeting |
| 24th | Talent Show Practice Skate Party for 10 Students (Auction Item) |
| 28th | LAT Math Test 3rd, 4th, 6th, & 7th S.D.M.C. 4:00 – 5:00 |
| 29th | TAKS Math 3rd, 4th, 6th, & 7th |
| 30th | TAKS Reading 4th, 6th, & 7th PTO General Meeting 6:00 – 8:00 |

Spring Testing Schedule

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

End of Year Celebrations

Can you believe it? We are in the final 9 weeks of the 2007-09 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:

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| April 18 | Earth Day Picnic 11:00-12:00 |
| May 5 | BCS Idols Talent Show |
| May 8 | St. Luke's Music Festival |
| May 9 | 6 th & 7 th Grade Field Trips Field Day (K-5) |
| May 22 | 5 th and 6 th Grade Awards 10:00 AM |
| May 23 | Pre-kindergarten Promotion 8:30 AM 8 th Grade Promotion Dinner 6:00 PM Middle School Dance 8:00 PM |

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| May 27 | Kindergarten Awards 8:30 1 st -2 nd Grade Awards 9:30 3 rd -4 th Awards 10:30 |
| May 28 | Perfect Attendance Awards Lunch at CiCi's |
| May 29 | Last Day of School Pool Party 6-8 pm |
| May 30 | Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon |

BARNES & NOBLE 3RD ANNUAL BOOKFAIR APRIL 18th & 19th SAVE THE DATES!!

Please look inside Charter Chatter for a flyer listing times and events.

Pizza Party Competition:

- Each student will receive 5 invitations which include a vouchers
- The invites and vouchers will be coded by teacher
- Students need to distribute the invites and vouchers to family and friends
- After the bookfair, we will count to find out which classroom was able to get the most visitors to Barnes & Noble.
- This class will win a pizza party!

Free Dress Day:

Each student who attends the bookfair will receive a reward ticket entitling them to one free dress day for Monday, April 21st. Don't forget to sign in at the welcome table and pick up your reward ticket!

- School recommended **summer reading books** on display.
- Think about Mother's Day – it's just around the corner!
- Remember, a percentage of every book you buy goes to Briarmeadow Charter School.

5th Grade Art Project in
Silent Auction at the Barnes & Noble Bookfair
April 18 and 19, 2008

This 3-piece project took longer to complete than anticipated so was not included in the Cheeseburgers and Paradise Auction. **5th Grade Parents** - here is your chance to bid and win your child's masterpiece!