

Charter Chatter

Briar Meadow BRONCOS Newsletter

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Cheeseburgers & Paradise A Hugh Success

This past Saturday the PTO had its Dinner and Auction. A large crowd showed up at Beck's Prime in Memorial Park to raise money for the school. There was plenty of great food and lots of great items to bid on in both the silent and live auctions. Great big thanks go out to Michelle Alexander for her wonderful leadership along with her amazing team: Prudence Allwein, Kelley Deitert, Jeff Fetzer, Monica Harrington, Alice Lebkuecher, Mary Beth McColpin, Kim Sullivan, Ellen Williams and all of the volunteers. Your hard work really paid off if both fun and fundraising!

Spring Break No School

Friday, March 14

Through Monday, March 24

Return on March 25

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Odyssey of the Mind

The Briar Meadow Odyssey of the Mind team won 6th place in the Houston Regional Competition on Saturday. The OM team will be going to the state competition in April. Congratulations go out to Ms. Hassan, the OM parents and especially the OM team. Good luck at state, and who knows we might be going to the world competition held in Maryland this May.

Elementary News

First Grade Is Visited by Dental Hygienist

Wednesday, February 27, 2008, dental hygienist Jennifer Lee came to Briar Meadow. She is from the Pediatric Dental Offices of Dr. Sheryl Hunter Griffith and Dr. Laji J. James. Melissa Wolf (Jack and Lucas) works in their offices and contacted us. Jennifer brought with her a video that showed how cavities can be prevented. She demonstrated correct brushing and flossing techniques with a puppet. The children were shown good and not so good snacks to eat between meals. Each child received a goody bag with information for parents, fluoride toothpaste, a mirror, and a sticker. There was also a complimentary coupon for a dental examination. This is a great opportunity for our parents to start their children on life long dental hygiene. Thank you, Melissa for giving us this opportunity to showcase healthy Bronco smiles!

Important Numbers

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

March Calendar

12 th	Class Spring Pictures, School Uniforms Only
13 th	Washington D.C. Trip – Eighth Grade
14 th	Spring Holiday 14th – 24th
25 th	Return to School 7:15 a.m.
26 th	Faculty Meeting
28 th	Talent Show Practice

April Calendar

1 st	Name That Book Middle School
2 nd	Elementary Report Cards PTO Board Meeting 6-8
5 th	BCS Carnival 11-3
7 th	LAT Math Test 5th & 8th Grade
8 th	TAKS Math 5th and 8th Grades 7th Grade Field Trip to Minute Maid Park
10 th	West Region 5th Grade Parent Meeting for Gifted and Talented
11 th	Talent Show Practice Science Presentation Science in the Movies
18 th	Earth Day Picnic – BBQ Talent Show Practice
21 st	Name That Book Elementary
23 rd	Middle School Report Card
24 th	Auction Item – Skate Party 10 Students
28 th	LAT Math Test 3rd, 4th, 6th, & 7th S.D.M.C. 4:00 – 5:00
29 th	TAKS Math 3rd, 4th, 6th, & 7th
30 th	TAKS Reading 4th, 6th, & 7th PTO General Meeting 6:00 – 8:00

Address & Phone Number Updates:

Please notify the school if you have a new address of phone number. We need a working number to contact you or another person in case your child becomes ill at school.

Spring Testing Schedule

LAT M (5 th & 8 th)	April 7
TAKS M (5 th & 8 th)	April 8
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

In SSI Years 3rd, 5th, and 8th are given three opportunities to test in TAKS Reading and TAKS Math (5th & 8th only). Third retest taken in Summer School for grades 3rd 5th and 8th

Absences:

Please be reminded that when your son/daughter is absent the school needs a written note within 3 days of his/her return explaining the absence. It is only with these notes that unexcused absences can be changed to EXCUSED absences. Notes do not change an absence to being in attendance.

Carpool Concerns

Carpool opens at 7:15; parents please pull all the way up to the blue overhang, form one lane and **do not get out of your cars**. Carpool will remain open until 8:05. A student is tardy at 7:55, and will need to sign in at the back door.

5th through 8th will be dismissed at 3:30, students will be waiting under the BLUE OVERHANG. Please stay in the carpool lane and do not park to pick up your child.

Remember on Fridays, Pre-k through 4th grade students are dismissed at 12:30, and 5th through 8th grade students are dismissed at 12:45. Please plan accordingly to pick up your child. Getting in line too early for a middle school student will cause the line to back up, so please wait until the elementary school students are picked up.

Please **DO NOT PARK** in the Bus Lane at anytime. Mr. Heinze will be out in the carpool lane in the mornings and afternoons to check out how things are moving.