

Charter Chatter

Briar Meadow BRONCOS Newsletter Fall Carnival October 24th

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Texas Business and Education Coalition

Congratulations! BRIARMEADOW CHARTER SCHOOL has made the TBEC Honor Roll for 2009. TBEC is pleased to announce that our school is included in this very select group. Of the more than 8,000 Texas public schools less than 4% will be so honored.

The TBEC Honor Roll is the most prestigious award for sustained, academic excellence in Texas. It recognizes schools that have demonstrated three years of consistent, high performance in all subjects compared to other schools serving similar student populations. TBEC Honor Roll schools have the highest percentage of students performing at the state's most rigorous standard-commended- in every subject.

Briar Meadow has truly earned a place on the Honor Roll through hard work and student achievement over an extended period of time.

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Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is October 17-25, 2009. Red Ribbon Week is a week set aside each year by HISD to promote drug awareness in the schools. We can promote a healthy and drug-free lifestyle through education and prevention efforts in our schools and communities. It is a chance for us at Briar Meadow to take a visible stand and say "No to Drugs".

Monday – Pledge Day!

"It's without a doubt-it's easy to see my future is bright and I have places to be. I'm proud of my choice that is important to me-I'm someone you can always count on to be drug-free!"

Tuesday – Wear Red Wrist Bands

Wearing red wrist bands show we are "Proud to be drug free".

Wednesday – Sock it to Drugs Day!

Students and Staff, wear your craziest socks that you can find to SOCK IT TO DRUGS!

Thursday – Wear Red Day!!

Everyone wear red to show that we dare to be drug-free!

Friday – "Shade Out Drugs Day!"

Wear your favorite sunglasses to shade out drugs!

We choose to be Drug Free!!!!!!



CHILDREN'S ART WORK AT: Artsonia
<http://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=108010>

October Calendar of Events

- 7th PTO Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 12th Columbus Day
- 13th – 15th Kids to College Program
- 16th PK Parent Workshop☺
- 19th – 23rd Red Ribbon Week
- 20th Daisy Girl Scouts 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
- 23rd End of Grading Cycle – Report Cards
November 4th
- 24th FALL CARNIVAL
- 29th Parent Network 8:30 a.m.
- 29th Girl Scout Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 30th Career Day Dress-up 5th-8th Grades
- 30th Character Dress-up Elementary PK-4th

Reminders

A parent, having a child at Briar Meadow Elementary School requires that you make many commitments to his/her education. Part of that responsibility is volunteering at a school event; working in the classroom and/or making sure that you read every night with your child. Other items that you need to consider:

- With Field Trips beginning, all parents wishing to chaperone field trips must be approved through HISD's background check. To register Ms. Moreno at the front desk.
- No student checkout between 2:45-3:15. Please arrive BEFORE 2:45 if an early check -out is necessary. You will need fill out the reason why for the early dismissal
- Volunteers are needed on October 24th for our Fall Carnival.
- Did you return the forms for November Book Fair to your child's teacher? We need volunteers to work throughout the week of November 2nd - 6th

Successfully Managing Strong Willed and Defiant Children and Teens

Dealing with defiant or challenging children/teens can leave those around them feeling depleted and overwhelmed. Their strong reactions and explosive behavior can cause parents and schools to accommodate them instead of helping them learn better coping skills. Many parents end up overreacting or “walking on eggshells,” but over time these approaches backfire.

In this workshop parents, educators and mental health professionals will learn to take a practical, proactive and highly effective approach to working with difficult youths. Participants will learn to use relationships more positively to shape good behaviors. Methods to help children develop better frustration tolerance and coping skills will be taught. This approach will encourage the child to increase flexibility, decrease explosiveness, and accommodate to their family instead of the family accommodating to them. Kelly Smith will use role-play, extensive handouts, and humor to illustrate the technique of applying a respectful yet persistent approach to creating change with challenging children and adolescents.

By the end of this workshop participants will:

- learn how to build better relationships
- understand how a good relationship can become better reinforcement than behavior charts
- be able to discuss why praise often backfires, and what to use instead
- be knowledgeable about how to direct children/adolescents toward appropriate behaviors rather than punishing for misbehaviors

Cost is \$40 per person or \$75 for 2 from same family; Walk-ins add \$5.00 per person, Pre-registration deadline, is November 12, 2009

Featuring Kelly Smith, M.S.
 Presented by: ADDA-SR
 Attention Deficit Disorders Association - Southern Region
 Saturday, November 14, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
 Room 126-127, 12955 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX
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