

# Charter Chatter

**Briar Meadow BRONCOS Newsletter** *Coins For Cancer Last Week*

October 15, 2008

One Week until the Fall Carnival

Issue # 8

## **PLEASE READ: All Parents**

We continue to have parents pulling up in front of the school to drop students off. Please review the following rules:

- Parents letting their children enter through the front doors – **MUST PARK** and walk them inside! Even you early Birds. **PARKING IN THE FRONT IS ONLY FOR OUR PRE-K PARENTS**
- Students arriving between 7:15-8:05 am may be **DROPPED OFF** in the carpool lane under the **BLUE OVERHANG....OR....the parent may PARK and WALK** child inside. For the Early Birds - car lane is opened at 7:15
- There is **NO PARKING** in the front lot unless you have a Pre-K child from 7:15-8:05 and 3:00-3:15. No exceptions. Especially on Friday's at 12:30
- If you arrive **AFTER** the carpool lane closes at 8:05 am, all parents **MUST PARK and WALK** child inside. No exceptions.

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## **School Safety:**

### **How Everyone Can Help**

The Briar Meadow Faculty & Staff want all parents to know that our school is an extremely safe environment. Emergency Preparedness Plans include those for several types of weather emergencies, Shelter-in-Place emergencies, as well as those involving unauthorized persons entering the school campus. The safety committee, headed up by Mr. White meets once a month to discuss safety issues on our campus.

The design of our school is purposely set up to allow entry **ONLY** at the front doors. The ability to lock the lobby off to restrict access to classrooms adds even more safety. We also have cameras at every exit/entry door, every parking area and throughout the entire school. Please be reminded that you can help by signing in and wearing a name badge if you plan to leave the lobby area. Finally, all parents **MUST** leave through the **FRONT DOORS**. Thank you.

### **A WINNING SEASON FOR OUR LADY BRONCOS**

The girls' volleyball team has had a fantastic season! The "A" Team has won 5 out of their 8 games so far with two games remaining and the "B" team is not far behind. Their final game is tonight at The Rice School.

The girls participated in the Sterling HS Middle School Volleyball tournament last Saturday and brought home a second place trophy!

The Lady Broncos fill our school with the great spirit of competition, working hard and team work. Thank you Lady Broncos!

*Important Numbers*

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## October Calendar of Events

*Poinsettias on Sale NOW*

- 15<sup>th</sup> Family Night Los Tios 4-8**
- 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Math-Science Week & Parent Involvement (events all week)**
- 17<sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal 12:35 p.m. (PK-4<sup>th</sup>) 12:45 (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)**
- 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Red Ribbon Week – Stay Drug Free**
- 21<sup>st</sup> School Pictures - Individuals**
- 24<sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal 12:35 p.m. (PK-4<sup>th</sup>) 12:45 (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)**
- 25<sup>th</sup> FALL CARNIVAL 11:00 - SEE FLYER**
- 27<sup>th</sup> Dairy Cow Presentation**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Middle School Field Trip to Renaissance Festival**
- 31<sup>st</sup> Character Dress Up and Parade – Students may dress as a Book Character. Child must make a book cover from a book read at school**
- 31<sup>st</sup> Early Dismissal 12:35 p.m. (PK-4<sup>th</sup>) 12:45 (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)**

### Bowling Night Changes

There has been a Middle School event calendar change. There will be NO MS Bowling Party this Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Instead there is going to be a 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to the Renaissance Festival School Days. The date for this educational trip is Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Washington Trip

The Briar Meadow 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students are working hard to raise money for their Washington D.C. trip. So far this year we have had a Silly String Party, a Car Wash and now our Annual Poinsettias Sale. Order your poinsettias now for the holiday season. They run out very fast!

### Red Ribbon Week is October 20-24

Red Ribbon Week is October 20-24, 2008. Red Ribbon Week is a week set aside each year to promote healthy, drug-free, and violence-free lifestyles among our youth. It is a time for us at Briar Meadow to take a visible stand and say “No to Drugs”.

**Monday** – Pledge Day! – Sign pledge cards that - “I am someone you can count on to be drug-free!!!!!!

**Tuesday** – Wear Red Ribbon Day!– Red ribbons will be passed out and worn all week.

**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** – “Turn and Walk Away from Drugs Day!” - Wear clothes inside out or wear walking or mismatched shoes.

## Attendance and Tardiness

The HoustonISD policy states that students with 10 or more absences (excused OR unexcused) for the year may be required to attend summer school to make up those instructional days lost due to the absences. Tardiness also significantly affects the learning of your child AND the other students in your child's classroom. Notes will be sent out at the end of October notifying any parents of excessive absences or tardiness that MAY result in violation of the BCS Parent Commitment Form required for continued enrollment at our school. Those who continue to have excessive absences and/or tardies after written notification will be asked to attend their zoned school. Briar Meadow is a "choice" school and not a "zoned" school. Students and parents who do not comply with the Parent Commitment Form will need to enroll in their "home zoned" for the 2009-2010 school year. Our hope is that EVERY child remains with us. However, consistent absences and tardiness can prevent students, classrooms and even a school from performing at the highest levels possible.

### Special Honors for BCS PE

Coach Dorfman and a group of our students will be honored at Rice University this Saturday for our commitment to Marathon Kids. Way to go Broncos! Presentation will at 9:00 at Rice Stadium.