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A Fairly Grand Time

By Bailey Vandomelen

It's that time of year again, the 77th annual Fort Bend Country Fair and Rodeo.

Each year at this time, many students look forward to competing in Livestock shows, riding carnival-like attractions and participating in all of the familiarities that are associated with the beloved Fair.

I, reporter Bailey Vandomelen, spoke with a couple of Briscoe students and a Foster FFA member about this wondrous event.

Hillary Marroquin raises rabbits for Foster FFA and wanted to share some advice for someone who is interested in FFA or 4H (Future Farmers of America).

"Make sure that you're willing to put in the hard work," said Hillary Marroquin of the organization.

Marroquin also told me that she became interested in FFA because all her friends started talking about it.

Briscoe student Aubrey Martin, tells Bailey Vandomelen that her favorite part of the fair is the livestock.

"Livestock, because I enjoy the animals and finds it interesting," Martin stated.

The majority of people say that everyone should come visit the fair, and each with their own reason.

Mallary Marroquin, another Briscoe student, participates in the opening day parade at the fair by cheering along side the rest of this year's Briscoe cheerleaders. She enjoys the livestock and riding on the rides.

Most people have that one ride at

the fair that they do over and over again. For Marroquin that ride is Zero Gravity.

"It goes really fast and makes you dizzy," says Aubrey Marroquin.

Another student who went to the Fair, Aubrey Martin, completely agreed with Aubrey Marroquin.

"It makes you feel like an astronaut," said Martin.

But in the end, attendees gather that didn't matter which ride you got on when you arrive at the Fair. Only that you arrive.

"I think every kid should go to the Fort Bend County Fair, because it is a great experience to have," said Martin.



A cow in the Fort Bend County Fair petting zoo.



Briscoe students participated throughout the weekend at the Fair.

Preview: This and That Craft Extravaganza

By Alexis Ruggiero

The second annual "This and That Craft Extravaganza" will be held on Oct. 12 at Briscoe Junior High.

The "Extravaganza" serves as a fundraising event for many of the clubs at Briscoe. It's also an opportunity for the community to sell crafts at booths.

Mrs. Witt's yearbook club will be setting up a bake sale stand, a club fundraiser. All of her students will be participating with the bake sale, and most seem eager to do so.

"I am excited to volunteer for the bake sale and raise money for yearbook," yearbook student Ashley Bilicek said.

Some students just hope their baked goods are received well at the event.

"I hope everyone will enjoy our tasty creations and I hope to raise money for yearbook," explained yearbook staff member Starr Gutierrez.

Yearbook advisor, Kim Witty, said the event will help their club purchase much needed materials to create the yearbook.

"We hope to earn enough money to purchase new camera equipment, and to pay for 2014-2015 staff to go to summer camp," Witty said.

There will be at least 30 booths

set up at the event. Shoppers will be able to find Bling items, homemade jewelry, blankets, wreaths, home décor and more. The family-friendly event will also have carnival games and much more for all ages.

Sandra Tamez, event coordinator, said it should be a fun autumn event.

"It's a great opportunity to get all your fall shopping done," Tamez said.

Anyone with questions about the event, or interested in renting a booth should call Ms. Tamez at; 832-223-4000.

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Eagle Volleyball

For the love of the game

By Bailey Vandomelen and Ashley Beck

After an excruciating tryout, the 2013 Briscoe volleyball teams are here, and eager to win.

About 150 girls tried out for 50 spots available on the A and B teams for 7th and 8th grade volleyball. Once the teams were picked, the real work began. Players said each week they put in about 10 hours for the team, between daily practice and games.

And the work has not gone unseen.

"I have been proud of my girls they work hard and give 100 percent," said Coach Smith, who is coaching for the first time at Briscoe.

First game Briscoe lady eagles were defeated by Reading Jr. High.

"There are always butterflies, nerves, and wrinkles to work out early in the season," Smith said.

But for some players, it's not about wins and losses. It's about something more.

"It doesn't matter whether we win or lose, because we are one big happy family, and there is more to come this season," said outside hitter Destiny Davies, 7th A player.

Player Ashley Bilicek agrees while talking about the team coaches.

"I feel we are very fortunate to have the coaches we have now to teach us, how to be even better athletes and players," Bilicek said.

And the teaching has been working so far. All four teams beat Lamar Junior High in the first district match of the season.



The 8th graders have a 'huddle' to close out practice.

Even with the first victory, some of the players are content just to keep having fun playing the game.

"Not only do you get to play an amazing sport, you get to experience the great atmosphere on a volleyball court," Bilicek said.

And apparently other players agreed.

"Ball is life," player Destiny Davies said.

For a full list of all upcoming games, see the back page.



Katherine Krieger, 7th serves at early morning practice.



7th grade scrimmages at early morning practice.



8th graders scrimmage at early morning practice.

Eagle Football

Team centered on hard work, trust

By Hailey Talbert

The Briscoe Eagles football teams have put in a lot of work to make this season great and have every expectation of it being a great season.

From the positive attitudes of the players, to the great atmosphere on the field, nothing can stop the Eagles from reaching that victory.

Many players have been playing football for a while and are very dedicated to the game.

“Football has always been a big part of my life and it is one of the most fun games to play,” eighth grader Zach Limas said.

Some of the players think football isn't about just tackling people, they believe you have to have the right attitude to play the game and having respect for your teammates to gain respect. Eventually they said they grew closer and became more than teammates.

“They're like my brothers on and off the field. I have the most respect for them. I will have their backs no matter what,” eighth grader Cade Beloso said.

To most people it's just a game, but to the players it's a lifestyle that requires a lot of work. The players practice four

days a week, two hours a day. They're not just running laps they're doing drills and taking hits.

“The most challenging thing about football to me is form tackling,” said seventh grader Jason McDonald.

During a game you should be focused and ready for anything. You need to be in the game and prepared for what might come next. When you're on the field you have to remember what you're supposed to do or anything could go wrong.

During a play you have to be thinking about what you were supposed to do, but eighth grader Jordan Nimmons is thinking about something else.

“What I'm going to do and hit,” Nimmons said.

This year the Briscoe football is looking bright, according to its head coach.

“We strive for our students to become better in every aspect in the game. Our goal is to have well-rounded student athletes that excel in the classroom as well as in athletics,” said Coach Bristol.

Check out next issue of the Eagle Express for a breakdown of the team scores. For a look at the upcoming games this season, check out the back page of this issue.

Players in action



Club Spotlight: Student Council

***Editor note: Each issue this page will be devoted to highlighting a different club at Briscoe in effort to commend involvement from some of Briscoe's stellar students.*

Briscoe's budding new leaders

By Kayleigh Frank and Millinda Kucera

When joining an organization like Student Council, being treasurer, vice president, or even president isn't about popularity. It's about being responsible, a leader, and having confidence.

Student council hosts many fun activities and fundraisers throughout the year. From the upcoming Briscoe Halloween Dance, the Christmas Toy Drive to the "Pennies for Pets" fundraiser; the students involved in this organization make a big impact at this campus.

Organization sponsor, Cristin Matula, who has been working at Briscoe six years, recognizes that her students must not only be leaders, they must also maintain their grades.

"Representatives need to be leaders in the school. If they cannot maintain their grades, they are not representing Briscoe well," Matula said.

The Student Council members this year are very honored in becoming the school's representatives at Briscoe.

"Being vice president feels awesome! I feel honored that so many people voted for me," said vice president, Jorey Maples.

Other officers agreed.

"It feels really good! It makes me feel like the student body knows I'm fit for this job," Vepol said proudly. "I worked really hard and my main point was to make a statement."

Being an officer is a big responsibility. This year's officers are president, Vepol Oqwuegbu, Vice President, Jorey Maples, Treasurer, Jacey Maples, and Secretary, Kenny Nduodi.

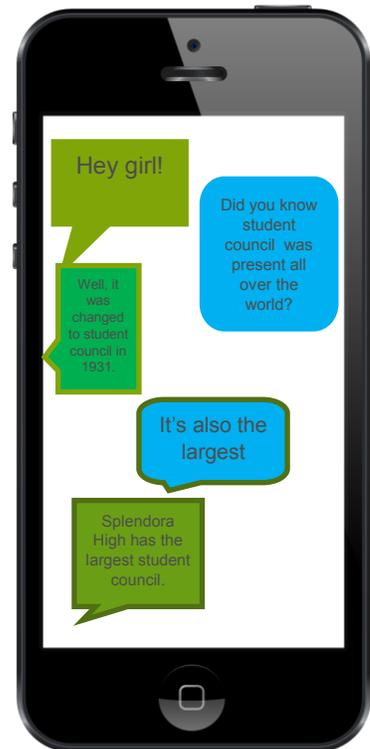


Several students attended the first meeting of the year for Student Council Meeting on Sept. 24 in Mrs. Matula's classroom.

This year's officer positions have been filled, but it's never too early to start thinking about next year.

"If you want to apply for student council next year, I advise you to always be honest, and work hard! Set a good example, because you never know who is watching," said Matula.

Fun Fact Alert:



Quiz: Which officer could you be?

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| 1. How would your teachers and peers describe you? | 2. Favorite Book? |
| A. Good at math. | A. Classic 50s bestseller. |
| B. A natural born leader. | B. Newest book on the shelf. |
| C. Organized. | C. Favorite how to. |
| D. Always helping. | D. Local newspaper. |

And the results are:

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| 3. In your free time you ... | A.'s Hello new treasurer! You are very responsible and great with money! |
| A. Shop. | B.'s You'd be a perfect president! Natural leader who demands respect. |
| B. Hang out with friends. | C.'s Secretary! Great writer, you are great with putting ideas to pen. |
| C. Write. | D.'s Vice President. Very smart and able to take the lead at anytime! |
| D. Volunteer. | |

Editorial

This opinion section of the paper is devoted to writing about things that the students are talking and thinking about.

Tick Tock; Longer Passing Periods are a must

By: Lauren E. Prince

Time goes by quickly. Every second, every day is time. Most of our time is spent learning, but we have four minutes in between classes for a break. When we are in the halls, that is our time to go to the restroom, get our stuff from our lockers, and get to our next class. Four minutes is not enough to do all that.

Firstly, going to our lockers. We are not allowed to carry backpacks, so all of our supplies must be in our lockers. It takes about one or

two minutes to get through the people in the hallway and get our supplies. That takes up half of our time which brings me to the next topic: restrooms.

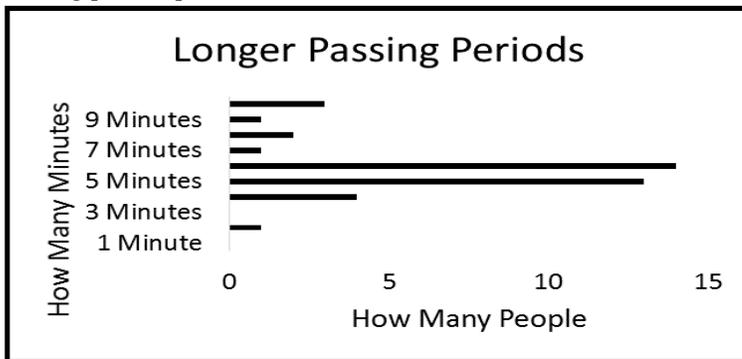
We all have to go to the restroom some time during the day and the teachers only allow us to go during passing periods. Meaning, we have only four minutes to go to the restroom. Yes, that is enough for just the restroom, but for checking our lockers also? We take up about two minutes at our lockers and two in the restroom, so we

don't have enough time to get to class.

Lastly, getting to class. We already took so much time at our locker and in the restroom; we don't have enough time to make it to class. We all have to go up and down the stairs and all across the school, so it's hard to make it to our classes, on time.

All these reasons prove that we do not have enough time in our passing periods. We need at least six minutes to do all of it. We need more time!

Passing periods poll:



Members of the Eagle Express asked 38 students how long passing periods should be. Here are their responses!

Join the conversation!

Follow us on twitter @briscoe_eagles and like us on Facebook @briscoerocks.

The staff of the Eagle Express is committed to covering important facts and events that matter to the Briscoe Eagles at Briscoe Junior High. We want every student to be informed in events happening around the school.

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Six weeks calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Grades are due	8 Stu. Co. @ 7:40 7th and 8th grade football scrimmag- es	9 BJH College Day	10 7th and 8th grade Volleyball games	11	12
13	14	15 7th and 8th grade football games	16 general meet- ings Anti-bullying day. Wear orange!	17 Honor roll re- ward party 7th and 8th volleyball games	18 Honor roll lunch in the gym. Student choice day!	19
20	21	22 Stu. Co. @ 7:40 7th and 8th grade Volleyball games	23 Officer meeting	24 7th and 8th volleyball games	25 Progress reports due. Halloween dance	26 Mandatory TASB video viewing
27	28 7th and 8th volleyball game	29 Science PLC	30 ELA PLC	31 History PLC	Nov. 1	2
3	4	5 7th and 8th Foot- ball games	6 BJH College Day	7 CAST in Houston, TX starts	8	9 CAST in Hou- ston, TX ends` 10 choir auditions

Six weeks horoscopes

Libra (Sept.24-Oct.23)

Your creative world may seem a little off. After getting past the root of a problem, a positive flow of creativity should start running smoothly again.

Birthdays: Bruno Mars, Bella Thorn, Tyler Williams, Bailee Madison, Katy Perry, and Willow Smith.

Scorpio (Oct.24-Nov.22)

Your restlessness and impatience may cause you to speak too forcefully. Soften your tone a little and listen. Beware of errors made in haste.

Birthdays: Kendall Schmait, Miley Cyrus, Sarah Hyland

Eagle Express staff members words of

wisdom:

“Stand up, be strong, don't let the world bring you down.” ~Brittanie Satterfield

“Fall seven times, stand up eight.” ~Shelby Band

“Everyone wants happiness, no one wants pain, but you cant have a rainbow with out a little rain.” ~Kayleigh Frank

“Let your smile change the world don't let the world change your smile.” ~Kaisa Gonzalez

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