

**May/June
2006**

Briar Woods High School

Home of the Falcons

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Important Dates

**August 29, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m. –
Rising 9th grade parents and
new parents orientation.**

**August 31, 2006 @ 10:00 a.m. –
Freshman and new student
orientation.**

We are sending our newsletter electronically in addition to posting it on our webpage. If you would like to receive your newsletter electronically, please send your e-mail address to Mrs. Glikas. She may be contacted by phone at 703-957-4400 or by e-mail at kglikas@loudoun.k12.va.us or you may send a note to school by your student.

Dear Parents:

I would like to thank our student body and our parents for all you did to make our first year a big success. Our students excelled in the classroom with nearly three fourths of our students on the honor roll each grading period. Preliminary SOL test results indicate that over 90% of our students passed all of the end of course SOL tests. Most of the pass rates were in the mid to high nineties with 100% of our students passing the World History II exam. Official results will come out this fall. I look for BWHS to be at the top.

Our band and Falconaires enjoyed a phenomenal season. Both groups won numerous awards this year. Drama productions were exceptional. An overwhelming majority of our students were involved in extra-curricular activities including sports and clubs. Students who are involved in school activities tend to do better in school so I encourage this level of participation in the years to come.

The dedication dance, winter formal, lock-in, spring formal, pep rallies, class and faculty competitions, etc. contributed to the excitement and school spirit. We are extremely proud of our students and our school and all that we were able to accomplish this year. We look forward to next year to build on the traditions we started this year. It will get even better.

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer!! Thanks again for all you have done to make our school one that we are all proud of.

Sincerely,
Ed Starzenski



Latin Honors

Two students have been elected to the National Latin Honor Society. To attain membership, both maintained "A" averages in Latin for three years, have at least a "B+" average in all subjects and have signed up for Latin IV AP. Congratulations to Grace Chen and Loveena Gahunia.

Grace Chen has also been selected to attend the Governor's Academy in Latin this coming summer.

SOL Weekly Quiz

Congratulations to the following students who won the SOL quiz.

Josh Estrada won a telephone and a \$25 Best Buy Gift Certificate

Liz Tierney won a \$75 Best Buy Gift Certificate

Devon Henry won a \$50 Best Buy Gift Certificate

BWHS thanks the PTSO who supplied the prizes.

The Main Office is holding quite a few items in its lost and found. There are calculators, cell phones, jewelry, purses, watches, clothes, etc. Please stop by the office and if you can identify, it is yours. Otherwise, all items will be disposed of at some point during the summer.

Phenomenal Falcon Award

The following students received the Phenomenal Falcon Award for April.

Teresa Busby
Meaghan Leon
Francis Sales
Clayton Sylvester
Annaliesa Selick-Bottos
Caroline Olsen
Brittney Summers
Maria Sampogna
Maher Sherzai
Jessica Kyle

Congratulations!

Phenomenal Falcon Award

The following students received the Phenomenal Falcon award for May:

Mariko Itchkawich
Matthew Berman
Cera Chen
James Galang
Laura Starzenski
Jessica Fischer
Octavia Russell
Daniel Page
Rachael Hamilton
Shiza Saleem
Spenser Burcak
Gunnar Schmidt
Anne Peck

Congratulations!

2005-2006 Guidance Staff

David Royhab	Guidance Director
Susan James	Counselor for students, A – J
Michelle Hoffmann	Counselor for students, K – Z
Jan Develli	Career Resource Specialist
Stacey Oertly	Guidance Secretary

Non-LCPS Summer School Opportunities

If you are looking into summer school opportunities outside Loudoun County Public Schools, please note that LCPS may not always accept credits earned at non-LCPS schools. Please contact Mr. Royhab in the guidance office before committing to any non-LCPS programs. Applying for pre-approval of non-LCPS summer school courses is required in order for those courses to be considered for credit by Loudoun County Public Schools.

Transition Tidbits

The new transition program at BWHS has had an exciting and successful first year. Mrs. Shirley Grimmert, Transition Teacher, with the help of Mrs. Develli, Career Specialist, and Mrs. Belote, Marketing Teacher have found numerous jobs, job shadowing, and internship opportunities for students. Business partnerships have been developed with Falcon's Landing, Dulles Golf and Sports Center, Nova Urgent Care, Landsdowne, Wegman's, Costco, and many others.

Next year the Women in Business Alliance (WIBA) will be developing a "Girl Wise" Program for 9th grade girls. This program develops peer mediation techniques and builds self-esteem. Girls are provided with workshops from grooming to self-defense. Adults act as facilitators with topics of concern to these age groups. WIBA will also conduct a "Reality Store" with seniors. Seniors will be given a job and budget. They will need to meet with a banker to obtain a home mortgage or rental agent for an apartment. They will have to include in their budget health care, insurance, furniture, car payments, etc. Reality Store ties area business leaders with seniors to give them a real life experience with money management.

Nova Urgent Care will be working closely with Mrs. Grimmert to develop a variety of internship opportunities for students interested in science, medicine, nutrition and physical fitness. American Home Mortgage will offer an internship for a student interested in marketing, and Falcon's Landing will offer training for those interested in nursing.

Mrs. Grimmert is a member of the Loudoun County Chamber and WIBA. She serves as the educational liaison developing partnerships that benefit Loudoun County's students. Mrs. Grimmert has 30 years of teaching experience and has been employed by Loudoun County for the past 6 years. She is a member of the Special Education Department working together with general education faculty to support all students at Briar Woods High School.

Summer jobs are available now! See Mrs. Grimmert in Room 207, or Mrs. Develli in the career center for further details.

2006 Outstanding Women of Loudoun County

Emily Cuillo was recently named as one of the 2006 Outstanding Women of Loudoun County. She was recognized as the Partners in Education recipient at a recent awards ceremony held at the Holiday Inn at Carrodoc Hall. Part of the write-up about Emily that appeared in the program at the ceremony said, "Emily has long been an active volunteer at her children's public schools and community sporting events, making a significant impact on the quality of life for thousands of county children and their families."

On behalf of the faculty, staff and student body of Briar Woods High School we congratulate Emily for this much deserved honor.



The 3rd International Gathering of Youth Orchestras in Leesburg, VA June 30-July 5, 2006

The Youth Music Preservation and Promotion Association along with The Little Mozart Academy are working with local music teachers, LCPS Band and Orchestra directors and other local institutions to reach out to young local musicians and invite them to register and participate in this unique event. Participants include string, woodwind (clarinets, bass clarinets, oboes, bassoons and flutes), brass and percussion players of medium to advance level, ages 10-19.

Invitations have already been accepted by young musicians from 16 different countries to participate. Local families are also welcome to participate as a Host Family for one or more of the 100+ international musicians confirmed to attend. There will be 4 free public performances for the community to enjoy: An 8:00 pm Gala Concert at Heritage High School in Leesburg on July 3, a 6:30 pm Community Concert at Franklin Park in Purcellville on July 4, and a 6:00 pm Diplomatic Gala Performance at the Organization of American States in Washington, DC, July 5. There will also be an 8:00 pm Concert June 30, by individual Delegations in downtown Leesburg.

Additional information can be obtained by visiting the Youth Music Preservation and Promotion Association websites at: www.encuentro-leesburg.tk/ or www.ymppa.org Please feel free to contact YMPPA for further details at: info@ymppa.org or by phone 703-728-2589.

PTSO

President:	Geri Powell
Vice President of Membership:	Martha Mitchell
Vice President of Volunteers:	Martha Mitchell
Vice President of Fundraising:	Emily Ciullo
Treasurer:	Kim Klees
Secretary:	Barbara Watt

The PTSO would like to thank all of the parents and staff at Briar Woods for their wonderful support this year. Thanks to all of our faithful volunteers we had a very successful first year. We are all looking forward to next year and many more exciting adventures.

At our May meeting we elected the officers for next year's PTSO. They are President: Vacant, Vice President (volunteers/membership): Martha Mitchell, Vice President (fundraising): Emily Cuillo, Treasurer: Kim Klees, and Secretary: Barbara Watt. As you can see we were able to fill all of the elected officers and even all of the committee chairpersons (except one committee) with the exception of president. This is a great group of people to work with however, because of family issues I am unable to continue as president next year. The time commitment for the president position probably averaged out to about 3 hours per month at the most. If you are thinking of stepping up and volunteering for this position please don't hesitate to contact any of the current board members or myself.

We hope you all have a safe, fun and restful summer. Next fall we will be kicking things off early with fundraising for project graduation and other projects that we weren't able to do this year.

Thank you again for being so generous with your time and talents,

Geri Powell

Falconaires

The Falconaire officers for 06-07 have been named. Captains will be Sarah and Jessica Kyle. Kelsy Conroy is the 1st Lieutenant and weapons officer and Karen Zwolak is the 2nd Lieutenant.

Congratulations to those fine young ladies.

Student Government Election Results

Student Council:

President: Carlos Reyes
 Vice President: Ashley West
 Secretary: Neluka Wijegunawardena
 Treasurer: Mariam Kante
 Historian: Loveena Gahunia
 Senior Class Representative: Neetu Dhillon
 Sophomore Class Representatives: Forrest Terral
 Brittany Wilson

Senior Class Council:

President: Matthew Hayman
 Vice President: Lindsey Novak

Junior Class Council:

President: Danielle Messam
 Vice President: Kelsey Conroy
 Secretary: Ari Morris
 Treasurer: Lesley Luginbill

Sophomore Class Council:

President: Addie Schafer
 Vice President: Alyscia Carter
 Secretary: Eskedar Kebede
 Treasurer: Makinsey Eddy

Lyme Disease

What is Lyme Disease? Lyme disease is caused by bacteria that some people get after being bitten by ticks that are infected with an organism named *Borrelia burgdorferi*. It was first identified in the 1970s in Lyme, Connecticut. The organism is maintained in wild rodents, deer, other mammals, and certain *Ixodes* ticks. It is transferred to people by the bite of the infected tick. People of any age can get Lyme disease. It usually occurs during the summer in people who work or recreate outdoors and thus have a greater chance of coming into contact with infected ticks. Dogs, cats, and horses can also get Lyme disease.

Causes - The bacteria that cause Lyme disease are spread by ticks. The most common tick involved is the deer (blacklegged) tick, or *Ixodes scapularis (dammini)*. Transfer of the Lyme disease bacteria from the infected tick to a person probably does not occur unless the tick has been attached to the body for 36 hours. You cannot get Lyme disease from animals or other people. Deer and rodents, such as the white-footed mouse, are the most common reservoirs of Lyme disease.

Occurrence - About 15,000 cases of Lyme disease are reported each year in the United States. Most of these cases come from Atlantic coast states, from northern Virginia up to Massachusetts. The incidence of Lyme disease in Loudoun County is about 20 times greater than that of the Virginia average. This is most likely due to:

- the preservation of our county's rural nature and woodlands;
- our increasing population, which allows more people to come in contact with ticks;
- a well-trained medical community that appropriately diagnoses early Lyme disease; and
- well-educated citizenry residents who know to see a doctor if they have an unusual rash or had a deer tick attached to them for more than 36 hours.

Signs and Symptoms - In most people, the first symptom of Lyme disease is a "bull's-eye" skin rash called erythema migrans (EM) that forms at the site of the tick bite. This lesion is red and slowly gets bigger, usually with a clearing in the center. About 80% of people infected with Lyme disease will notice this type of rash. People might also have flu-like symptoms, such as fatigue, fever, headache, stiff neck, muscle or joint pain, possibly lasting several weeks. If the early disease is not treated, weeks to months after the tick bite other problems may develop such as nervous disorders, heart problems, or joint swelling and pain. The bulls-eye rash may appear within 3 to 32 days (usually within 1 to 2 weeks) after being bitten by an infected tick.

Treatment - Antibiotics are very successful in treating early Lyme disease. Treatment of the EM stage usually lasts for 10 to 30 days. Treatment of later stages of disease may take longer. There is currently no Lyme disease vaccine available for people.

Prevention - The best way to prevent getting Lyme disease is to reduce your chances of getting bitten by a tick and making sure that no tick is attached for more than 36 hours. Steps you can take include:

- Avoid tick-infested areas, such as tall grasses, whenever feasible.
- When this is not possible, wear light-colored clothing with long sleeves and long pants and tuck pants into socks.
- Clothes may be pretreated with a tick repellent called permethrin. Other tick repellents are available for treating the skin. Be sure to follow label instructions before using any repellent.
- Do a tick check at least once a day. Remove any attached ticks promptly and carefully by gripping the tick with tweezers as close to the skin as possible and using a gentle steady pulling action. Protect hands with gloves, cloth, or tissue when removing ticks from people or animals.



You should contact your doctor if you have an unusual rash or believe that you have had a deer tick attached to you for more than 36 hours. Spring and summer bring warm temperatures, just right for walking in the woods and other outdoor activities. Warm weather also means that ticks become active and this can lead to the transmission of tick-borne disease. The tick-borne diseases most often found in Virginia are Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and ehrlichiosis.

Source: Loudoun County Health Department

For more information, see:

[CDC: Information on Lyme Disease](#)

[Lyme Disease Foundation](#)

[Lyme Disease Network](#)

[Ehrlichiosis](#)

[Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever](#)

[Loudoun County Health Department](#)

Physician Authorization Forms

The school nurse will be mailing home physician authorization forms and action plans to those parents/ guardians whose children have medical concerns on file in school. The forms are to be completed by their physicians during the summer months and to be returned to the Clinic for the 2006-2007 school year.

Parents/ guardians who brought medication to school for their children will be sent reminder letters to pick up those medications as well as a form to be completed for next year.

If you have any questions please contact the school nurse, Gail LeFloch RN at 703-957-4406



ALL ACADEMIC FOOTBALL TEAM

3rd Nine Weeks

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING THIRTY-TWO FOOTBALL PLAYERS:

4.0 or higher:

David Baroody, Matt Dhillon, Michael Fowler, and Ryan Blackwell.

3.5 or higher:

Michael Girolami, Joe Wolfer, Jr., Matt Eisenman, Austin Underwood, Arash Hamidi, John Maghamez, Roman Denenberg, Austin DeMoss, Brett Lefebvre, Andrew Anzalone, Matthew Lockley, Ryan George, and Phong Huynh.

3.0 or higher:

Seth Bond, Daniel Page, Trent Reed, Thomas Borkowski, Alex Botts, Chris Wade, Bryan Mahoney, Michael Francis, Daniel Lee, Andrew Davidson, Alex Burns, Thomas Hulcher, Scott Bridge, Saif Ullah, and Michael Arthur.

The Most Improved Student-Athletes Based on GPA:

Sebastien Ketant

Jamie Caldwell



Loudoun County PRCS & Briar Woods HS present....

FALCON FOOTBALL SUMMER CAMP



FALCON FOOTBALL CAMP

(Entering Grades 7th-12th) This camp will cover all fundamentals, techniques, drills, and skills of football. These will be the basis for the new program at Briar Woods. The program philosophy will be introduced. Campers will get introduced to the new coaching staff and get exposure to them. The no huddle offense, attack defense, and special team philosophies will be introduced. Those who are playing at Briar Woods this fall will benefit greatly from this camp.

Location: Briar Woods HS

821784-01 \$70.00

M,Tu,W,Th 7/24-7/27 3:30P- 7:30P

For more details call (703)777-0343

Registration Form

Participant Name _____ Social Security # _____

Parent Name _____ Social Security # _____
or Driver's License # _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Email Address _____

Emergency Contact 1 _____ (H) Phone _____ (W) Phone _____

Emergency Contact 2 _____ (H) Phone _____ (W) Phone _____

Mail or turn in payment to Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services, 215 Depot Ct., SE Leesburg, VA 20175 or visit the nearest community center. PRCS Desk: 703-777-0343 Sports Cancellation Line (703)771-0456

Child's Name Child's Birthday Camp Code Date Time Fee

Child's Name	Child's Birthday	Camp Code	Date	Time	Fee

I wish to register my children in the camps listed above. By signing below, I am stating that I give permission for my child(ren) to participate in all camp activities and that I understand the possible risks involved with this type of activity. I absolve the County of Loudoun, organizations jointly sponsoring the camps, and owners of any camp site locations of any responsibility for any accident or injury to my child(ren) or caused by my child(ren) to others where neglect is not involved. Furthermore, I understand that Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) will not be responsible for my child(ren) when he/she is traveling to and from a PRCS activity via transportation not provided by Loudoun County. I understand that registration minimums will be assessed two weeks prior to the date a specific camp is offered to determine whether the camp will be held or not. Non-county residents will be assessed an additional 50% of the fee.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

***Make checks payable to County of Loudoun.**

ADA- Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services is committed to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you need reasonable accommodations in order to participate, please contact the Sports Division for Loudoun County at (703) 777-0343, at least one week prior to the start of the activity.



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Michele Havener	Assistant Principal
Michael Byers	Assistant Principal
Joe Breinig	Athletic Director
Mark Patterson	Activity Coordinator

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