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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – MAY 27, 2015

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Teacher Appreciation Week – May 4-8

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 28	8:15	PK Graduation – MP Room
May 28	8:30-2:30	5 th Grade End of Year Party – Bear Creek Park
May 28	9:15	Kindergarten Graduation Parade
May 28	9:30-10:00	Kindergarten Graduation – MP Room (Tran, Fox, Junco)
May 28	10:10-10:40	Kindergarten Graduation – MP Room (Castaneda, Taylor, Nguyen)
May 28		Last Day for Students Report Cards Go Home

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

The entire handbook is available at:

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SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of May 25 is recycle.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

The 2014-15 school year was another successful and *exemplary* year at Bush Elementary. The teachers have continued to raise the bar on student expectations and have increased the rigor (or level of difficulty) in all grades and subjects. The students love to learn, and this was evident every day at Bush Elementary. Way to go, Bush students, teachers, staff, and parents! It is this incredible partnership that contributes to the success of each and every student.

Enjoy your summer vacation and continue your learning journey. Here are some simple tips for a successful summer of learning. Read at least ten books to join the Every Summer Has a Story Reading Club. Practice math facts. Explore the world whether it is through travel, museums, or books. Write and/or illustrate your summer learning journey by creating a journal or scrapbook.

See you in August at the Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 20. I look forward to hearing about everyone's summer adventures. In 2015-16 Bush students will discover that "Learning Makes Us All Superheroes."

Theresa Rose, Principal

BOBCAT NEWS

PRE-K GRADUATION

Mrs. Malmer and Ms. Johnson's Pre-K classes will have their graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 28 at 8:15 a.m. in the multi-purpose room. All family and friends are invited to this event. **ALL parents and visitors must show a state-issued ID, such as a driver's license or passport when entering the building.**

K GRADUATION

Thursday, May 28, is Graduation Day for kindergarten. The kindergarten graduation parade will take place at 9:15 a.m. Ms. Tran, Ms. Fox, and Mrs. Junco's classes will have their graduation ceremony in the multi-purpose room from 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Ms. Castaneda, Ms. Taylor, and Ms. Nguyen's classes will have their graduation ceremony in the multi-purpose room at 10:10 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. **All family and friends are invited to this event. ALL parents and visitors must show a state-issued ID, such as a driver's license or passport when entering the building.**

LAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

On Thursday, May 28, our students will be having class parties. We cannot accommodate extra students in the building on that day. Parents, who are here for the parties, may bring other non-school age siblings with them. **Children without a parent on campus at Bush will not be admitted.** Bush students must stay with their own classes for the parties. Please do not take a student out of his/her class to visit a sibling's party. **ALL parents and visitors must show a state-issued ID, such as a driver's license or passport when entering the building.**

STANDING OVATION

The kindergarten students saved the best for last. Their performance last week of the "*Getting' Down Again with MamaGoose*" was fantastic. Thank you, Mr. Watson and the kindergarten teachers, for all their hard work. Woo Hoo, kindergarteners!

TOP READERS

We wanted to mention **ALL** the outstanding top grade level readers in The Houston Rockets Read Nation Challenge 2015: 1st Grade – Francisco Fonseca, 2nd Grade - Enya Ghonda, 3rd Grade – Ariel Cohen, 4th Grade – Lauren Marquez, 5th Grade – Lindsey Ly. Woo Hoo, to these top readers!

Congratulations to all the Bush students who submitted their minutes of reading. Continue to read every day. Remember, students today...leaders tomorrow!

EVERY SUMMER HAS A STORY!

HISD wants to prevent summer reading loss by encouraging all students to participate in the district's summer reading program, Every Summer Has a Story. This year, HISD students have access to a new online reading program, MyOn, where each student has access to thousands of ebooks that are just right for them. To log on to MyOn and have access to the ebooks, go to the Barbara Bush website, click on the MyOn link, and log in. Your username is your istation username, and your password is your 8 digit birth date (Ex.- if your birth date is June 9, 2005, your password would be 06092005). Be sure you keep track of all of the books you read, online or not, on your summer reading log. Students who read at least ten books, record the titles on the back of the Every Summer Has a Story reading log, and return the completed and signed certificate to their teacher when they return to school in the fall will be named a Summer Reading Superstar. Special incentives will be awarded at Bush next fall. Ms. Rose plans to read at least 20 books on her reading level this summer. Her challenge to you is to see if you can equal or beat 20 books! Happy Reading!

PRE-K & K PARENTS' NIGHT

Pre-k and Kindergarten Parents' Night and Orientation will be on **Wednesday, August 19**, from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Parents can purchase school supplies and get a required carpool number. Then at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Rose will host a Principal's Information Session followed by dismissal to the classrooms. The pre-k and kindergarten teachers will then discuss everything parents will need to know about the pre-k and kindergarten programs to have a successful year. Please schedule child care off-campus in order to attend this important parents-only meeting.

Bring your children to meet the teachers at the Ice Cream Social on **Thursday, August 20**, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

I SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

Mark your August calendars! The Ice Cream Social will be Thursday, August 20 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Come meet your child's new teacher, get your school supplies, and have some ice cream! We look forward to seeing all Bush students and parents at this event.

Teachers will receive their class lists about a week before the Ice Cream Social. Each teacher will attempt to call all the students on the list. **If your child's teacher has not phoned by August 20, call the school office to get your child's room assignment, or consult the list that will be posted at the school's entrance area (Parkway Plaza side).**

Students who did not complete the address verification process will NOT be assigned to a class.

ARE YOU ENROLLED AT BUSH?

If you have turned in all your re-enrollment documents, and they have not been sent back to you for more information, then you are enrolled.

If more documentation has been requested and not returned, or we have discovered that you no longer reside in the Bush Zone, you are not enrolled.

Students must show up at school on the first day, August 24, before attendance is taken, to be officially enrolled. If students enroll in the spring and are not in attendance on the first day of school, students are not enrolled. If students do arrive late, we cannot guarantee a place in the classroom.

VIPS LUNCHEON

We had a great turnout for our VIPS luncheon last week. The food, decorations, and fellowship were all fabulous! Thanks to our teachers and to the PTO Board for sponsoring this event! Thanks to our volunteers for their time, effort, and energy throughout the year! Woo Hoo, to our volunteers!

LOST AND FOUND

If your child is missing a lunchbox, jacket, sweater, or any other personal item, please stop by Lost and Found. Any items still in Lost and Found after May 28, will be donated to charity.

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

A big thank you to the PTO for arranging for the students to play on the inflatables and providing popicles during their ancillary time last Friday.

GRADUATING FIFTH GRADE PARENTS

The following 5th grade students have parents who will be graduating from Bush this year:

BUTERA: Vaishnavi Bhat, Naomi Canny, Lucia Collins, David Gonzalez Baquero, Jack Hoover, Maximillian Jasek, Briac Jones, Holden Kittelberger, Lindsey Ly, Chaitanya Palem, Eisa Qureshi, Kelly Shih, Sankalp Singh, Jadyn Thai.

LARSON: Dana Azizian, Dylan Castro, Sarah Catland, Timofey Debkov, Alexandru-paul Filip, Maxwell Forssberg, Grayson Gore, Skip Loera, Matthew Perez, Shubhang Peri, Moira Silva, Rosa Thompson, Kyle Pham.

HILLMAN: Mira Barrow, Celeste Bawara, Jorge Castillo Gandica, Asmit Chakraborty, Thomas Dowdy, Pranav Dubey, George Graff, Ramy Labidi, Kimberly Larson, Megan Lee, Meghana Nanduri, William Qin, Rahul Raja Durai Murugan, Jake Schnur.

RUSHING: Laila Afia, Anna Friefeld, Emma Garces, Ethan Grace, Jamal Khalajabadi, Swati Kumar, Jasmine Martinez, Takumi Mukai, Vanessa Stafford.

VESEY: Leo Moynihan

OLORUNTOBA: Brian Blake

We sincerely thank our graduating parents for the contributions they have made to Bush during their tenure as Bush parents. The success of our school and our students is a testimony to strong parenting and parental involvement. Thank you for sharing your children and yourselves with us!

BUSH BOBCATS - STUDENTS TODAY, LEADERS TOMORROW - 2014-15

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