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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – OCTOBER 7, 2015

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 8	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Open House for Prospective Parents
October 15	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Open House for Prospective Parents
October 15	6:00 p.m.	4 th Grade Writing Night
October 22	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Open House for Prospective Parents
October 27	9:30-12:30	3 rd Grade Museum of Fine Arts
October 28	12:20 p.m.	EARLY DISMISSAL
October 29	9:00-10:00 a.m. & 1:00-2:00 p.m.	Open House for Prospective Parents
October 30		Report Cards Go Home
November 1	2:00 a.m.	Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 2-6		Book Fair Week
November 5	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Open House for Prospective Parents
November 5	5:00-7:30 p.m.	Book Fair & Dinner Night
November 12	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Open House for Prospective Parents
November 19	9:00-10:00 a.m. & 1:00-2:00 p.m.	Open House for Prospective Parents
November 25-27		Thanksgiving Holiday NO SCHOOL
December 3	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Open House for Prospective Parents

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

BIKE RIDERS

For the safety of walkers and bike riders, students must walk beside their bikes at all street crossings up to the bike rack. Bike riders must walk beside bikes at all street crossings and sidewalks adjacent to Bush Elementary to and from school.

The entire handbook is available at:
www.bushelementary.org

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of October 5 is variables.

BOBCAT NEWS

OPEN HOUSE PROSPECTIVE PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

HISD has set up a school tour schedule for the 2015-2016 school year. **All previously-listed Bush school tour dates have been cancelled and rescheduled to reflect the district's tour schedule.** Listed below are the dates and description of the tours that will be offered at Bush for the 2015-2016 school year.

October 8 at 9:00 a.m.
October 15 at 9:00 a.m.
October 22 at 9:00 a.m.
October 29 at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
November 5 at 9:00 a.m.
November 12 at 9:00 a.m.
November 19 at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
December 3 at 9:00 a.m.

These one-hour information sessions will provide parents with a general school overview, classroom visits, and a question and answer period.

BINGO NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who came to the Bush Bingo Bash last Saturday! The turnout exceeded our expectations, and we hope you had a good time! To all the parents, faculty, and staff who served as volunteers on Friday and Saturday - thank you for your continued support of these critical fundraisers that are helping to create the best year ever at Bush Elementary. We couldn't do it without your support!

FOURTH GRADE WRITING

Fourth grade students and their parents have an important event on Thursday, October 15 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Bush Elementary. The fourth grade teachers will be explaining the writing process used in class so parents will have a better understanding and be able to assist their child at home. **The evening is designed only for the fourth grade students and their parents only.** Please bring your ticket for admittance to this informative session. Also, bring a pencil since everybody will be writing! Doors will open at 5:55 p.m.

LIBRARY NEWS

For students interested in the K-2 Name That Book club, the qualifying test will be given the last week of October during the school day. A form will be sent home for parents to sign and return allowing the student to test. To prepare, students need to read the books on the NTB list for their grade level. The list can be accessed on the HISD Library Resources page. These books are available for checkout in the Bush library as well as the Houston Public Library.

Students in grades 3-5 can pick up an application in the library beginning October 14. All applications are due by October 21. A qualifying test will be given at a later date for grades 3-5. For more information about NTB, visit the HISD Library Resources page.

HELMET & CHAINS

If your child rides a bicycle to school, it is important to play it safe! Children are required to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle. Join the "helmet patrol" and see that all children are following bicycle safety rules.

We have a bike rack for parking. **All bikes and scooters should be chained and locked to prevent theft.** Be sure that your child has a bike lock he/she can operate.

CARPOOL COURTESY

Cars that line up for dismissal should line up on Westerloch up to the stop sign at Park Bayou. The line should then continue along Park Bayou going towards West Briar Middle School. **Please be respectful towards the cars patiently waiting in line and do not "cut" in the line at the stop sign at Westerloch and Park Bayou or in the carpool lane.**

Here are some tips to help keep the carpool lane moving.

- Help your child memorize his/her carpool number.
- Have the seats on the carpool side (passenger side) of your car free of clutter or obstructions so children can easily enter their cars.
- Have your carpool number displayed from your rear view mirror. If some other item is also hanging from the mirror, place the carpool number in front.
- **Keep your number visible right up to the time you pick up your child. Sometimes a number must be called several times.**
- Do not get out of your car in the carpool lane.

PTO NEWS

UNDERWRITING CAMPAIGN

Wow - what a year for the Underwriting Campaign! We are still working on the totals, but the response has been incredible. Thank you to all of the families, teachers, and staff who have made a donation to the school - your support is greatly appreciated and will make a wonderful difference to the school and to our children!

BUSH SPIRIT DAYS

Every Monday:

Bush Spirit Day at Beans Cafe (all day) - besides the regular menu, enjoy a 'Bush Bobcat' smoothie, made especially for Bush students.

Wednesday, October 21

Bush Spirit Day at Marco's Pizza.

Wednesday, October 28

Idea Lab Kids Early Dismissal Day Fun (12:30-6:30 p.m.)

New Bush business partners:

D&T Nails and Spa (281-759-9988, @840 N. Eldridge Parkway) gives 20% back to our school for services done at their spa.

Get the full list of companies that offer % back to Bush at www.bbepto.com How Can I Help? Business Partners

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SCHOOL NEWS NETWORK

EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE

This week, Westside High School is celebrating its Homecoming Week and would like to invite everyone to join in the fun! All Bush students will be watching the parade as it passes by Bush Elementary School at 1:45 p.m. on Friday, October 9th. All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to wear their Bush t-shirts to show their support for Westside High School.

Please do not plan to pick-up students between 1:30-2:30 p.m. that day as the whole school will be outside enjoying the parade and supporting Westside High School.

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