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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – APRIL 1, 2015

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 3	Spring Holiday – No School
April 20	STAAR Testing 5 th Grade Math NO VISITORS
April 21	STAAR Testing 3 rd & 4 th Grade Math NO VISITORS
April 22	STAAR Testing 3 rd & 4 th Grade Reading, & 5 th Grade Science NO VISITORS

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

The entire handbook is available at:
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SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of
March 30 is adaptation.

2015 STAAR Testing Dates

April 20, 2015	STAAR Grade 5 Math
April 21, 2015	STAAR Grades 3 & 4 Math
April 22, 2015	STAAR Grades 3 & 4 Reading STAAR Grade 5 Science

HISD requires each campus to have procedures in place to ensure the least amount of disruptions on testing days. Therefore, parents will **NOT** be able to volunteer in the lunchroom, classroom, or workroom on the testing days listed above. Parents and visitors will be able to access the office, but all other areas need to remain secure due to testing purposes. Bush Elementary is fortunate to have so many incredible parents and volunteers, but on testing dates we must limit the number of people on campus. Thank you for understanding!

Parents of third, fourth and fifth grade students, please do not schedule any doctor or dentist appointments on test days or plan to pick your child up early on these days. **Also, parents should NOT drop lunch off for their child on testing days as the office will be unable to communicate with teachers.**

BOBCAT NEWS RADICAL READERS

Congratulations to the 1st and 2nd grade Name That Book team! Last week the Bush Team consisting of: Avaneesh Perasnis, Jatin Palnati, Priya Sekhri, Enya Ghonda, Dnyanesh Ramade, Alfredo Santos, Ashkan Pourjavadi, and Pratyush Prakash, took **FIRST** place in the District-Wide Name that Book Competition! The BUSH team beat T.H. Rogers Elementary and Roberts Elementary who tied for second place, and Oak Forest Elementary who placed third. We are so proud of our students and the way they represented our school. Thank you students and parents for all of your hard work! Great work Mrs. Miller and Ms. Hall for working with and preparing the team.

IT'S ALL IN THE MIND!

This past Saturday, 12 of our 4th and 5th graders participated in a UIL competition in the category of Number Sense at Westside High School. On a Number Sense test, students are given 80 problems to solve, but must write their answers on paper without any scratch work or erasures. It's all mental math! The 3 top scores from Bush were Rishikesh Gajendrula (4th place), Amberlyn Haque (5th place), and Rahul Raja Durai Murugan (6th place). The other members of the Bush team are: Anjai Gupta, Megan Lee, Ethan Lu, Kelly Shih, Abdullah Hameed, Janine Teh, Vaishnavi Bhat, Kartikeya Gullapalli, and Emma Wagenaar. We are so proud of ALL of our Bush mental mathematicians! Congratulations to all of the 4th and 5th graders who represented Bush! A big thanks to Mrs. Larson and Ms. Fogelson for being our Number Sense coaches!

DRESS CODE INFORMATION

The Bush Elementary Shared Decision Making Committee (BEC) voted to revise the dress code for 2015-2016. Please check the flyer that came home today in your child's communication folder for more information.

CAREER EXPO

HISD invites you to attend its 3rd Annual "When I Grow Up Career Expo" on Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Hattie Mae White ESC, 4400 West 18th Street, Houston, Tx 77092.

RESERVED PARKING

Please do not park in the two parking spaces, located next to the flag in the visitors' parking lot. They are reserved for the PTO president and the underwriting campaign raffle winner.

SAFETY FIRST

If you are driving or walking past the school during the day and see your child on the track or playground, please do not stop and try to speak to your child or any other student. There have been several occasions when a parent has stopped to speak with his/her child, and have been reported to an administrator because to an observer, it looks like a stranger approaching students. Thank you for keeping Bush safe for all students.

PLAN AHEAD

The 2015-2016 School Calendar is now available online at houstonisd.org or in the front office. School starts on Monday, August 24, 2015, through Thursday, May 25, 2016. Please remember to schedule your family vacations and trips during regular school holidays like Thanksgiving, winter break, and spring break. Family vacations cannot be considered excused absences by the state of Texas. As a result, they are recorded as unexcused absences. All students **must attend school up to and including** the last day on May 25, 2016.

THE LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR IS THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015.

PROSPECTIVE PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Do you have a child coming to Bush next year? Then come and join a prospective parent information session that will answer all your questions about Bush Elementary programs and curriculum. We will tour the school and discuss all of the wonderful things Bush has to offer. If you know a neighbor or friend who would like to attend one of these information sessions, please pass the invitation on to them. The next session for this school year will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8.

PTO NEWS

COLOR RUN

Please join us for our first school Color Fun Run/Walk sponsored by the Barbara Bush PTO! This will be a fun, healthy fundraising event to show our school spirit. Participants will literally be wearing their school colors! Everyone is encouraged to participate, no matter his or her fitness level. Each grade level will have its own race around our brand new track. Our morning will end with a 1-mile (approximately) Family Color Fun Run/Walk on school premises. Official Color Fun Run/Walk t-shirts will become part of Bush dress code for the remainder of this school year. For more information, please check the flyer that came home in your child's red communication folder last week.

BUSH SPIRIT DAYS

April 14: Chick-Fil-A – 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (2nd Tuesday of every month)

April 15: Marco's Pizza (3rd Wednesday of every month)

April 24: Idea Lab Kids – 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. (last Friday of every month)

SCHOOL STORE SALE

2 T-SHIRTS FOR \$15.00

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