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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – DECEMBER 18, 2013

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 20	1:00 p.m.	Holiday Parties Begin
December 23- January 6		WINTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
January 7	7:35 a.m.	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

Handbook Highlights will return after the winter holidays

The entire handbook is available at:

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SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of
December 16 is opaque.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Thank you to all members of the Bush family for a wonderful first half of the school year. Enjoy spending time with your families during this two-week holiday. Recharge your batteries and get ready to discover a world of opportunities in 2014. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday! See you on Tuesday, January 7 at 7:35 a.m.

DON'T FORGET THAT SCHOOL IS IN SESSION
UNTIL 2:50 P.M. ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20.

BOBCAT NEWS

LET THE FESTIVITIES BEGIN...

Friday, December 20, starting at 1:00 p.m., all Bush Elementary students will be celebrating the end of the first semester and the start of the winter holidays. We are grateful that so many parents, grandparents, and family members come to Bush to help out with the parties. In order to provide a safe environment, a few requests are listed below:

Grandparents and other visitors who come for the parties must be accompanied by the parent or have the parent's approval (in the form of a note or the person is listed on the enrollment card.)

Please do not bring other school-age children to the parties. West Briar, Westside, and other older school-age students should not be attending elementary parties.

Also, please do not take a child out of one grade level class party to accompany the parent to another grade level party. For the safety of all students on the campus, students need to stay with their class until a parent has signed the child out from the classroom teacher. If you leave with your child before dismissal at 2:50 p.m., please make sure you sign out on the dismissal sheet in your child's classroom.

Please make sure you have completed the background check before December 20. Remember ALL visitors to the building, including grandparents have to show a state issued picture ID when they sign-in.

FREE DRESS PASS DAY

In honor of meeting and exceeding our Underwriting Campaign goal, there will be a few free dress pass days. The next free dress pass day is FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20. Carefully read each week's Paw Prints to find out when students have the next free dress pass day!

LASTING MEMORIES!

To order your year book now for \$34 go to www.balfour.com and type in our school name. For more information, see the flyer that came home in your child's communication folder last week.

PRE-K TESTING FOR VANGUARD NEIGHBORHOOD KINDERGARTEN AUGUST 2014

Parents who are interested in having their Pre-K students, zoned to Bush or currently attending Bush, tested for the Vanguard Neighborhood program for kindergarten at Bush in 2014-15 may submit their application to the office. If your child is applying for a Vanguard Magnet program at another school (ie. T.H. Rogers, Askew, etc.), complete the application/testing process with that school ONLY – please do not submit another application to Bush. According to HISD Board policy, applicants may be assessed only once a year, and results of the testing process at the Vanguard Magnet school are accepted in any HISD Vanguard Neighborhood program. The deadline for submitting applications for the February cycle is **January 31**. Parents of these Pre-K applicants will be notified of their child's specific test date. Students who meet eligibility criteria through this process will begin Vanguard Kindergarten services in August 2014.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

HISD maintains "directory-type" information on all students. The district does release this information upon request. Each year, we send out a notice to inform parents of their right to privacy. Parents who do not want "directory-type" information released by HISD **must sign the form which has already been sent home and return it to our office.**

LOST AND NEVER FOUND!

We are fast approaching the end of the first semester and there are still many jackets left in Lost and Found. If your child is missing a jacket or sweater, please stop by Lost and Found to look for it. Since the number of jackets is becoming unmanageable, we will be taking the unclaimed jackets to families in need on Friday, December 20.

PROSPECTIVE PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Do you have a child coming to Bush next year? 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 January 22.

SCHOOL STORE HOURS

Tuesdays and Fridays - 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
Fridays - 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

BUSH BOBCATS WILL DISCOVER A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES IN 2013-2014

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