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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – FEBRUARY 12, 2014

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 13	8:45 a.m.	3 rd Grade Museum Fine Arts (Dow/Roe/½ McMaster)
February 13	10:15 a.m.	3 rd Grade Museum Fine Arts (Taylor/Rosales/½ McMaster)
February 18		Class & Individual Pictures
February 19	12:20 p.m.	EARLY DISMISSAL
February 28		GO TEXAN DAY
March 7	8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Field Day – Schedule to follow
March 7	11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Family Picnic
March 17-21		Spring Break
April 26	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	International Festival

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

CROSSING GUARDS

Bush Elementary is very fortunate to have numerous crossing guards assigned to the streets close to school. Only cross the streets where the crossing guards are stationed. **Drivers must be extremely careful when driving around Bush and follow the directions from the crossing guards.** Crossing guards have a very important and difficult job. Practice and teach your child safe habits by using the crossing guards to cross streets.

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of February 10 is erosion.

MS. ROSE UPDATE

Last week, Ms. Rose had surgery on her shoulder. She is recovering at home and hopes to return to work soon.

BOBCAT NEWS

NEW CELL PHONE POLICY

On January 23, 2014, the Bush Excellence Committee (BEC/SDMC) approved our new cell phone policy.

*Students are allowed to have a cell phone in their backpack to use **only** to communicate with parents after school starting at 2:50 p.m. Cell phones are **not** allowed to be on or used during the school day. The first time a cell phone is visible (seen or heard) during the school day, it will be confiscated and turned in to the office. The teacher will notify the parent to pick up the phone from the office. At the time of pick up, the parent will sign an acknowledgement that he/she is aware of a \$15.00 administrative fee for any subsequent times the phone is confiscated thereafter. If the phone is not picked up within 30 days, the office will no longer be responsible for the phone. Multiple confiscations will result in a discipline referral. This cell phone policy became effective on February 6.*

EARLY DISMISSAL

The next Early Dismissal Day is Wednesday, February 19. The school day will be from 7:35 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. There will be an altered ancillary schedule and lunch times will run one hour and ten minutes earlier on these days only. Students **must** be picked up at 12:20 p.m.

IS YOUR DAYCARE OPEN?

Please check with your daycare to see if it is open on Monday, February 17. If your daycare is closed, please make alternative arrangements for your child to be picked-up from Bush at 2:50 p.m. **Bush Elementary is having school on Monday, February 17!**

Mark your calendars:

Make-up days have been finalized

HISD schools will now be open **April 18 and May 26** for students, faculty and support staff to make up the days lost to wintry weather on January 24 and 28.

SAY CHEESE

February 18 is class picture day. Boys and girls must be in dress code and the regular dress code colors. Shirt may only be solid-colored red, white, or navy polo-style. Pants, skirts, or shorts may be only khaki or navy blue.

SHIRTS OF MANY COLORS

All students will begin tie-dying t-shirts in Art class during the week of February 24th. These shirts will be worn for our fabulous Bush Olympiad and Family Picnic on March 7th. All students will need a **laundered** white t-shirt in order to participate. **Please put your student's name inside the neck of the shirt using a permanent marker.** Enclose the shirt in a zip-loc bag in case we need to send them home to dry. Each grade level will be allocated a different color: pre-k – royal blue, kindergarten – sunshine orange, first grade – Kelly green, second grade – red and blue, third grade – yellow and red, fourth grade – blue and fuchsia (neon pink), and fifth graders may use all the colors listed to decorate their shirts. Donations of RIT dye in these colors would be appreciated! The shirts will become part of the dress code starting on **May 12. Come and help on your child's art day. However, due to limited space and safety concerns, please do not plan to bring siblings!** Please check your child's ancillary schedule and plan on joining us to tie-dye!

ALL THE BETTER TO SEE YOU WITH...

If your child has lost his/her eyeglasses, please stop by the office and check out the eyeglass lost and found box.

NURSE'S RULE

Please do **not** send your sick child to school. If your child has fever, pink eye, or an upset stomach, please keep him or her home. We have lots of folks under our roof every day. For the health and safety of all students, it is very important that children stay home when they are ill. Students who have thrown up during the night or who are running a fever **cannot** be sent to school. **Students must be fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication before returning to school.** When your child returns to school, please send a signed note stating the days your child was absent and the reason for the absence.

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 February 26.

PTO NEWS

Save the Date:

The 1st ever Bush Elementary

International Festival & Fundraiser

Saturday, April 26, 2014, 1pm - 4pm - Be There!

The 1st ever Bush Elementary International Festival and Fundraiser is set for **Saturday April 26th, 2014** from 1pm-4pm here at Bush Elementary. After hearing our students relay to former First Lady Barbara Bush at a recent visit that our school speaks over 38 different languages, it was only fitting we have a festival to celebrate our school's great diversity and achievement. Planned for the event is multi-cultural food, entertainment, contests, and games from all over the world. The PTO will be reaching out to all families shortly to request assistance in the way of volunteers and resources. Please mark your calendars to join us on Saturday, April 26th celebrating the "World of Opportunities" at Bush Elementary. This is our last major fundraiser in the 2013- 2014 school year and the International Festival & Fundraiser promises to be enjoyable and fun for all. Your participation is greatly appreciated. THANK YOU for your support!

BUSH SPIRIT NIGHT AT MARCO'S PIZZA

(Every 3rd Wednesday of the month)

Take a break from the kitchen and enjoy a hot pizza dinner. Say you're with Bush when you place your order and 20% of sales will come back to the school.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Link your Kroger Card to Barbara Bush Elementary and every time you shop at Kroger, a percentage will be donated back to the Bush PTO. It's simple:

1. Go to <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>
2. Click on "Sign In", otherwise click on "Create an Account".
3. Click on "Edit" in the "Community Rewards" section.
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BUSH BOBCATS WILL DISCOVER A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES IN 2013-2014

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