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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – JANUARY 21, 2014

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 January is School Board Recognition Month

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 24	3:00-6:00 p.m.	BINGO Night at Bush
January 27	8:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	3 rd Grade – Museum of Natural Science
January 28	12:20 p.m.	EARLY DISMISSAL
January 30		Kindergarten – Children’s Museum
February 3	7:00-7:30 a.m.	4 th Grade Parent Writing Session
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February 12	12:30 p.m.	PTO Board Meeting
February 18		Class & Individual Pictures

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS LEAVING EARLY

Students who need to leave school for an appointment must be checked out through the office. Parents should plan to pick students up before 2:25 p.m. or plan to wait for them to be dismissed at 2:50 p.m. Students will not be called after 2:25 p.m. This plan is in place for the safety of all students. Parents may not pick up their child from the bus/daycare area. Parents must check out their child from the office.

The entire handbook is available at:
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SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of January 19 is gravity.

BREAKING NEWS!

Bush Elementary is now on real world time! Our clocks have officially been moved forward six minutes so that we are all on the same time! Bush time is now equivalent to cell phone time. Please be on real world time during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. The tardy bell rings at 7:45 a.m. The dismissal bell rings at 2:50 p.m.

BOBCAT NEWS

THANK YOU, MR. MEYERS

January is School Board Recognition Month. We greatly appreciate all the hard work put forth by our school board member, Mr. Greg Meyers. Thank you, Mr. Meyers, for all that you do to support the efforts of the students in HISD.

B-I-N-G-O

The Bush PTO is pleased to announce Bingo Night at Bush Elementary on Saturday, January 24 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Please check the flyer that came home last week for more information.

EARLY DISMISSAL

The next Early Dismissal Day is Wednesday, January 28. 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.

FOURTH GRADE WRITING

Fourth grade parents have an important event on Tuesday, February 3rd from 7:00-7:30 a.m. **or** 3:00-3:30 p.m. in the Bush Elementary Library. The fourth grade teachers will be explaining the expository writing process used in class so parents will have a better understanding of the process and be able to assist their child at home. Two sessions are being offered to accommodate parents' schedules, so please choose to attend one. **These sessions are designed only for the fourth grade parents.**

PRE-K TESTING FOR VANGUARD NEIGHBORHOOD KINDERGARTEN AUGUST 2015

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 2015-16 may submit their application to the office. If your child is applying for a Vanguard Magnet program at another school (i.e. T.H. Rogers, Askew, etc.), complete the application/testing process with that school ONLY – 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 30**. 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 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, February 11.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

PENNY WARS FOR WARRIORS:

The Student Council Penny Wars for Warriors is well underway! Which grade level will fill its jar up the fastest? Penny Wars will run until January 23. All coins and bills are welcome, and these funds will benefit Wounded Warriors. The winning grade will get a free dress day! Good luck from your student council!

PTO NEWS SCHOOL STORE

Starting this week, the school store will be open on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 7:35-8:15 a.m., and Friday lunchtime from 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. School directories will also be on sale for \$15.00 each.

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SCHOOL NEWS NETWORK

(articles submitted by other area schools)

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Westside High School's Showcase Evening

Let the journey begin for your student as you visit Westside High School's campus on Thursday, January 22nd. During the evening, you and your student will be able to take a campus tour, watch an exciting program showcasing Westside's talent, and choose from an array of academic informational sessions to attend. The academic informational sessions will showcase the various programs within our walls:

Advanced Academics – Pre AP, AP, and Dual Credit classes

Digital Media & Design Academy

The Health Science Academy - The Futures Academy and Health Science Tracks

Business and Culinary Arts Academy

Engineering Academy- preWEGA and WEGA

Performing and Visual Arts

Information Technology

You and your student will also be able to learn about the many sports programs and clubs Westside has to offer while you enjoy meeting our students and staff in the Commons.

Make plans now to be at Westside High School, on Thursday, January 22nd.

Tours and informational sessions begin at 5:30 p.m.

Program begins at 6:45 p.m.

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

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