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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – MARCH 26, 2014

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 1		STAAR TESTING 4 th Grade – Writing 5 th Grade – Math NO VISITORS – ALL DAY
April 2		STAAR TESTING 4 th Grade – Writing 5 th Grade – Reading NO VISITORS – ALL DAY
April 26	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	International Festival

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.

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

The entire handbook is available at:
www.houstonisd.org/bushelem

SAFETY ABOVE ALL ELSE

All visitors to the building must show their state-issued picture ID at the front office. Thank you for making Bush Elementary a safe and secure campus.

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of March 24 is organism.

BOBCAT NEWS

LET THE TESTING BEGIN!

April 1 and 2 are very important days at Bush Elementary. All fourth and fifth graders will be taking their first STAAR test of the “testing season.” All of the fourth and fifth graders are working hard to learn the required curriculum and are ready to show their mastery of the subject. Please make sure that all fourth and fifth graders are at school by 7:35 a.m.

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 Tuesday, April 1 and Wednesday April 2. 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!

Fourth and fifth grade parents, 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.

NEW AND IMPROVED TRACK

Thank you PTO and all parents who participate in our fundraisers! The donations were used to repave the track over Spring Break. All students use the track on a daily basis, and Bush Elementary is so fortunate to have such generous parents who volunteer in PTO and donate to our fundraisers. There is no money in the school budget to pay for this type of repair and this is why we need the generous support of our parents and community to make Bush Elementary a safe and healthy school. Thank you, PTO, parents, and community!

CELL PHONES AND E-READERS

Cell phones, Google watches, E-readers (i.e. Kindle, Nook, etc.) and/or other personal electronic devices are not permitted in the classroom during STAAR and Stanford testing. Please make sure your child has a traditional book to read on STAAR and Stanford testing days. **On STAAR testing days, students should leave their cell phones turned off and in their backpacks. Please help ensure a pristine testing environment for all fourth and fifth grade students.**

REGISTRATION

The following items are required for registration to attend an HISD school. **ALL ORIGINAL** documents must be present at the time of registration: proof of birth date, proof of immunizations, proof of residency, parent or legal guardian's ID. For a more detailed list, please check the registration section on the Bush website.

REGISTRATION (PK-5)

May 1, 2014 - 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
May 12, 2014 - 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
June 4, 2014 - 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
July 16, 2014 - 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
August 19, 20, 21 - 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

The first day of school is Monday, August 25, 2014.

PRE-K ROUNDUP

Once again, Bush Elementary will offer tuition-based pre-kindergarten for the 2014-15 school year! There are three methods to be eligible for full day pre-kindergarten classes at Bush Elementary: low income, limited English proficiency, or tuition-based. Registration (**for pre-k only**) is on Wednesday, April 16 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

FOOTWEAR SAFETY TIPS!

1. Shoes should be closed toe and closed heel (flat heels only).
2. Laces must be proper length.
3. Shoes must be worn with socks.
4. Tennis shoes/sneakers **must** be worn on PE days.

SHIRTS OF MANY COLORS

The tie-dye shirts will become part of the dress code on Monday, May 12.

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 April 9.

PTO NEWS

International Festival & Fundraiser News Please Read!

Friday, March 28th Festival Ticket & T-shirt order forms will be going home via back pack & on the Bush Website. Save time and money and order early!

Friday April 4th you will be contacted if you said on your questionnaire you could help with time, food and/or \$ donations. Feel free to reach out to us anytime, our contact information is below.

In honor of the International Festival & Fundraiser spirit Friday, April 25th will be Cultural Dress Day at Bush Elementary! Students are invited to wear dress from their culture of choice for the day!

A portion of our proceeds will go to our soldiers through the **Wounded Warrior Project**. Please support our school and our troops!

Questions, Exhibitors or Raffle Donations?

Bushptohouston@gmail.com, Ph 281-741-3224

**International Festival & Fundraiser- Saturday
April 26, 1pm-4pm**

Thank you again for your support and tell your friends & family - Join Us!

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK

Don't forget to order a yearbook for your child! Go to the Bush website and follow the link to order your yearbook before it's too late!

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