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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – MARCH 4, 2015

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 6		Academic & Athletic Olympiad
March 6	11:00-11:30 a.m.	Family Picnic
March 11	9:00 a.m.	Prospective Parent Information Session
March 12	12:30 p.m.	PTO Board Meeting
March 13	8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Sp. Ed. Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
March 16-20		SPRING BREAK

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS SIGNING IN AND OUT

All visitors to the building must show a government-issued photo ID such as a driver’s license or passport, sign in and wear a badge **each** time they visit Bush Elementary.

The entire handbook is available at:
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SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Concept for the week of March 2 is rotation/revolution.

BREAKING NEWS RADICAL READERS

Congratulations to the 3-5 grade Name That Book team! Yesterday the Bush Team consisting of: Rishikesh Gajendrula, Nischay Palnati, Rusheel Mittakanti, Sneha Ballabh, Ana Rodriguez, Kuhu Kumar, Isaac Smith, and Ananya Agarwal, took second place in the Name that Book Competition. 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.

BUSH ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC OLYMPIAD AND FAMILY PICNIC

The annual *Bush Family Picnic* will be held from 11:00-11:30 a.m. on **Friday**. Plan to come! Be sure to bring something good to eat, a blanket to sit on, and an umbrella or sun hat! The cafeteria will have sack lunches available for purchase. The *Family Picnic* is a great chance for working parents to use their lunch breaks to participate in a school event. Pick up your lunch early so that you will be able to spend more time with your child. For safety reasons, please do not allow your child/children to play on the playground equipment. Also, please be a good neighbor when parking around the school.

The picnic will be “sandwiched” in between the Bush Academic and Athletic Olympiad events for students. Tie-dye shirts are dress code for Friday, March 6. If the weather forecast indicates a chilly start to the day, please dress your child appropriately (i.e layers.) **Starting MAY 11, the tie-dye shirts will become part of the regular dress code.**

8:05 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	3rd-5th Athletic Olympiad Events
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	FAMILY PICNIC
11:40 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.	Pre-K – 2 & Sp.Ed. Athletic Olympiad Events

Here are some Family Picnic Tips:

1. If you are bringing fast food for lunch, make sure you have enough time because fast food restaurants in the area will be busy.
2. Arrive at 10:30-10:45 to set up your picnic. We have many visitors sign-in on this day. **The fast track lane, for those visitors who have already registered on-line and submitted their picture ID to the front office, will open at 10:30 a.m.** If you arrive at 11:00 a.m., lunch may be over by the time you get to your child!
3. **MAKE SURE ALL VISITORS BRING THEIR PICTURE ID, INCLUDING GRANDPARENTS WHO ARE JUST VISITING FROM OUT OF TOWN! PLEASE HAVE YOUR PICTURE ID READY BEFORE YOU ENTER THE BUILDING.**
4. We are expecting a huge turnout for the family picnic. A big crowd means lots of traffic and street parking on all the streets around the campus, so be prepared to park and walk. Please be considerate of the homes neighboring Bush. Be a good neighbor and remember the following parking rules:
 - **Don’t park in front of fire hydrants.**
 - **Park at least 20 feet from an intersection.**
 - **Do not block driveways.**

2015 STAAR Testing Dates

March 30, 2015	STAAR Grade 4 Writing Day 1
March 31, 2015	STAAR Grade 4 Writing Day 2 STAAR Grade 5 Reading
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!

Third, 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.**

DRESS CODE INFORMATION

The Bush Elementary Shared Decision Making Committee (BEC) voted to revise the dress code for 2015-2016. Beginning next school year, all tights or leggings worn under skirts, jumpers, skorts or shorts must be solid red, white, khaki or navy. In addition, leggings may not be worn as pants - only under skirts or jumpers. We wanted to give our parents advance notice of this slight change for those of you who may be doing some early shopping for next year.

Please remember that our current Bush dress code states that long sleeved shirts worn under uniform shirts must be solid red, white or navy. Also, any jackets worn in the classrooms or anywhere inside the school building must be solid red, white or navy as well. Jackets worn outdoors may be of any color.

SHIRTS OF MANY COLORS

All students have been tie-dying t-shirts in Art class. These shirts will be worn for our fabulous Bush Olympiad and Family Picnic on Friday. The shirts will become part of the dress code starting **MAY 11**.

LOST & NEVER FOUND

We have 65 jackets in Lost and Found. If your child has lost a jacket, please stop by Lost and Found to see if it is there!

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, March 11.

PTO NEWS

LASTING MEMORIES

Buy your 2015 yearbook at Field Day this Friday. Bring \$27 (\$25 + \$2 tax) cash or check to the yearbook table that will be set up near the front office from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. If you will not be at Field Day, don't worry, you can still buy your yearbook online at www.PictavoCommunity.com. Yearbooks will be delivered to your child's teacher in May.

SPIRIT EVENTS

March 10: Bush Spirit Day at Chick-Fil-A
March 18: Bush Spirit Day at Marco's Pizza

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