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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – OCTOBER 9, 2013

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 16	9:00 a.m.	Prospective Parent Information Session
October 16		Bush Spirit Night at Marcos Pizza
October 21-25		Book Fair Week
October 24	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Book Fair Night & Dinner
October 25	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Kindergarten – Main Street Theater
October 30	12:20 p.m.	EARLY DISMISSAL
October 30		Bush Spirit Day at Chuck E. Cheese
November 1	1:30 p.m.	WHS Homecoming Parade
November 1	2:50 p.m.	Report Cards Go Home
November 1	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	Family Movie Night Gates Open Costume Parade Movie
November 8	8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Chorus @ Nutcracker Market
November 8	8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	1 st Grade @ Arboretum
November 12	6:00-7:30 p.m.	4 th Grade Writing Night
November 27-29		THANKSGIVING BREAK NO SCHOOL
December 23-January 7		WINTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

UNNECESSARY ITEMS

The term applies to things that do not directly relate to the child's instructional day. Toys, hand held video-type games, i-Pods, trading cards, and similar items should not be brought to school. The school will **not** be responsible if such items are lost. If "unnecessary" items are brought to school, the child may be subject to disciplinary action. Students who buy, sell, or trade such items will be subject to disciplinary action. Unnecessary items that are "taken up" by the teacher will be placed in the "June Box."

Please monitor your child's backpack and the items he/she brings to school so that distracting, non-essential items are left at home.

The entire handbook is available at:

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SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of October 7 is variables.

BOBCAT NEWS **BOOK FAIR**

The annual Bush Book Fair will be held October 21-25. Students will preview books with their classes early in the week and may bring cash or a check (payable to Bush PTO) to purchase books **any time during the week**. Students love the excitement of selecting items and making purchases all by themselves! Parents and other family members are welcome to shop during the week as well. Our big event is the Book Fair Dinner and Book Fair Night on Thursday, October 24. The Book Fair will be in the Multi-Purpose room all week long, and our hours will be:

7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Thursday

7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Friday

Look for more information to come home soon!

The library will be closed after school October 21-25 due to the book fair.

VIVA ITALIAN

Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 24th. It's our annual Italian Dinner and Book Fair night at Bush. Dinner will be catered by Piatto Ristorante. Don't miss the opportunity to sample the food and fun! Dinner will be served from 5:30-7pm. Tickets are \$8 each and will include chicken marsala, pasta pomodoro, vinaigrette salad, bread and herb butter, a drink and dessert. Look for the flyer to be sent home next week in the RED communication folder. See you at the Italian Dinner! Ciao!

SCHOOL IS COOL

Yesterday, Julian Franklin presented his "School is Cool" assembly to all students. All Bush students learned just how fun and exciting learning can be. Students explored some of the endless possibilities that reading books can provide while learning some great tips for reading and writing success! It was a fun presentation full of jokes, tricks and laughter. Thank you to the PTO for paying for this great experience!

VACATIONS

Please remember to plan your family vacations and trips during regular school holidays like Thanksgiving, winter break, and spring break. Family vacations cannot be considered excused absences by the State of Texas. As a result, they are recorded as unexcused absences. Every day at school is important. All students **must** attend school up to and including the last day on May 29, 2014.

HELMETS AND CHAINS

If your child rides a bicycle to school, it is important to play it safe! Children are required to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle. Join the "helmet patrol" and see that all children are following bicycle safety rules.

We have a bike rack for parking. **All bikes and scooters should be chained and locked to prevent theft.** Be sure that your child has a bike lock he/she can operate.

EARLY PICK UPS

Please do not plan to pick up your child between 2:25 p.m. and 2:50 p.m. The doors will be locked at 2:25 p.m. every day to get ready for dismissal. To ensure a safe dismissal, students will not be called to the office after 2:25 p.m. Thank you for helping to make dismissal safe for all our students.

VISITORS TO THE BUILDING

Grandparents and other visitors who come for lunch 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). **ALL** parents, grandparents, and visitors who wish to **enter the school** will need to have a valid state-issued driver's license or a valid state-issued picture ID. These may be attained at the Texas Department of Transportation Driver License offices.

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 October 16.

PTO NEWS

PTO -Underwriting Fundraiser Update

45%+ of \$35k goal achieved!

\$19k Still Needed!

**Friday, October 18, 2013 deadline
approaching!**

We are in the final weeks of our Most Important Fundraiser of the Entire Year. We have reached a remarkable 45%+ of our \$35k goal, or **\$16k**. To the 20 % of Bush Families who have given at this point, **WE THANK YOU!**

This means 80% of us still have the opportunity to give to this very worthy cause, our children's education! In fact, if **every** family still to donate gave just \$50, we would beat this goal. With **only 7 school days left** until our Friday, October 18 deadline; **don't delay - send a donation to school today!**

Tomorrow Thursday, 10-10-2013 is going to be an exciting day!

Starting tomorrow and every day for the remainder of the fundraiser, we will be giving everyone from every donation level the opportunity to **win fun and fabulous prizes** including: Legos, Texan gear, dining experiences and more. Don't forget, the students are very excited about Ms. Rose, Mrs. Tiet, and Ms. Peyton having a **Cupcake Eating Contest** in front of the entire student body if we reach our goal! **Don't delay, give to Bush Elementary today!**

Since the Pawprints memo is only distributed on Wednesdays, please **check the school website** daily for **current information** on this fundraiser. The Family and Business Donation/Contribution forms, list of corporate matching donors, and information on the major prizes are on the website. If you can donate a prize, need more information, or need help with a corporate match, let us help you! Our contact information is below. Anyone can donate, so please reach out to family, friends, and business owners – we are! **Remember we are all in this together!**

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Thank you for your support and generosity! Bush PTO - Rhedonda and Florencia

YEARBOOK PROMOTION

Bush Elementary needs a parent to lead the marketing of the Bush annual yearbook. This position involves creating flyers to promote the yearbook, selling pre-orders at Bush events, and distributing the yearbooks in the spring. If interested, please contact Maria Graf at Malala.68@gmail.com

BUSH SPIRIT DAYS

Please mark your calendar for the following Bush Spirit events:

Wednesday October 16 - **Marcos Pizza**

Wednesday October 30 - Early Dismissal- **Chuck E. Cheese.**

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

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