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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 1		Individual Picture Day
October 3		Holiday – No School
October 9	8:45 a.m.	4 th Grade - Museum of Natural Science
October 10		1 st Grade – Main Street Theater
October 20-24		Book Fair Week
October 21	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Book Fair Night & Dinner
October 22		3 rd Grade – Museum of Fine Arts
October 29	12:20 p.m.	EARLY DISMISSAL
October 31	2:50 p.m.	Report Cards Go Home
November 6	6:00-7:30 p.m.	4 th Grade Writing Night

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS VISITATION

We encourage parents to visit with their children during the lunch period. Parents can provide their child with a special lunch, (McDonald's, pizza, etc.) but if you choose to do this, please treat your own child or the whole class. Do not single out small groups within the class because this makes other students feel excluded. **Parents can also enjoy lunch with their child in the courtyard, but only with their child. Parents are not allowed to take other students out of the cafeteria for lunch.**

Please remember that lunch is an important time for socialization among students. Be sure to "space" your lunch visits so that your child also has time for socialization with his/her peers.

The entire handbook is available at:
www.bushelementary.org

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of September 22 is scientific method.

BOBCAT NEWS

Summer Readers

Last Friday, the Bush Bobcats helped to celebrate the students who earned their way into the Summer Reading Club by reading at least five books this summer. In all, 483 students read a total of **8,841** books over the summer!!! The top readers from each class were acknowledged during our exciting assembly: **Pre-K:** Naomi McKay, Sarah Stephens; **Kindergarten:** Lakshya Deshpande, Dhruv Wayangankar, Abraham Phillips, Shritha Mandula, Aboagye Zahra, Felix Bueno, Noah Lopez; **First:** Maria Campos-Flores, Diana Stephens, Lina Aly, Vibha Reddy, Tarnija Sarkar, Liana Vajdijahromi; **Second:** Anusha Srivastava, Elina Reyes, Giovanni Melendez, Ashia Agarwal. Shrivatsav Balakrishnan; **Third:** Ananya Pasunuri, Maria Molinares Leon, Alvin Simon, Kiana Kamali, Bentley Chang; **Fourth:** Mehdi Anouari, Siri Krothapalli, Aaleena Obaidullah, Daniel Ensandoost, Sakina Sajid; **Fifth:** Chaitanya Palem, Laavanya Nirmal Kumar, Nichay Palnati, Kyle Pham. All of our Summer Readers will be awarded with a medal this week during their library time. Congratulations to those top readers and to all of our Summer Club readers! A special thanks to PTO for funding the Summer Reader medals. Bush Bobcats love to read because they know that students reading today means they'll be leaders tomorrow! Readers are Leaders!

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. All students must have a 98% attendance rate. Every day at school is important. All students **must** attend school up to and including the last day on May 28, 2015.

SMILE PLEASE!

Picture Day is Wednesday, October 1. On individual picture day, students do not need to follow dress code guidelines. However, students do need to be dressed appropriately for a regular school day. Ball gowns and suits are not practical for children to wear to school.

MORNING MESSAGES

Before school starts is a busy time at Bush Elementary as the teachers are finalizing their preparations for an exciting day of learning. If information needs to be shared with the teacher before school, send an e-mail or place a note in your child's red communication folder.

MEAL APPLICATIONS

Students who are part of the free or reduced-price meals program must have a current 2014-15 application on file or be Direct Certified for 2014-15. If you have not already completed the application, it is very important that you do so by October 7, 2014. Lunch applications are available in the school office or you can apply on line at www.mealapps.houstonisd.org.

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, October 15.

VISITORS TO THE BUILDING

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. The license or the ID will be scanned, a background check performed, and if approved, a visitor's badge will be printed. The badge will have your picture, name, time, and visit location. Please make sure you bring your driver's license/state ID if you wish to go past the office. 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). Please be advised all IDs will be checked at the office before going into the building. Thank you for making Bush a safe and secure campus.

BOBCAT WEAR

Students may wear solid navy, red or white polo-type shirts (with or without the official Bush logo) or turtlenecks in the same three solid colors. Official Bush t-shirts may be worn on any school day. White Oxford cloth shirts with long or short sleeves are also acceptable. Shorts, pants, dresses, skirts, or skorts must be solid khaki or navy blue. Shorts, dresses, skirts and skorts must be below fingertips. The guidelines will continue to include **PLAIN** blue jeans. Jeans may **not** have embroidery, colored stitching, decals, logos, glitter, or any other type of decoration. Girls may wear "Bush plaid" items purchased from Academy Uniforms, located at 14520 Memorial Drive.

RAINY DAY PLAN

Make a plan for rainy or "bad" days. Be sure you have a rainy day plan for your child. Make sure that your child knows what he or she is to do if it is raining at dismissal time. **Please do not call the school office with instructions and messages. This should be handled in advance.** As the weather in Houston is very unpredictable, it is highly recommended that parents purchase an inexpensive fold-up rain poncho and place it in their child's backpack. This poncho can be "saved for a rainy day." We can load more students into cars if they can walk farther down the driveway to enter waiting cars.

LOST AND NEVER FOUND!

Are you missing a lunchbox? There are many lunchboxes in the lost and found. Please remember to put your child's first and last name somewhere on your child's lunchbox.

SAFETY FIRST

Please make sure your child wears athletic shoes on the day he/she has P.E. Boots and dress shoes are unsafe and can cause injuries.

SAFETY ABOVE ALL ELSE!

For safety concerns, no one will be allowed into the building after 3:15 p.m. for any reason, including picking up homework.

PTO NEWS

UNDERWRITING CAMPAIGN NEWS!

WE ARE AT 5% OF OUR GOAL!

Please help our PTO sponsor many wonderful programs at Bush Elementary. We are now accepting credit cards. Contact us as: donatetobush@gmail.com

EARLY DISMISSAL DAY FUN

Monkey Joe's is holding a BBE spirit day, today, from Noon - 8pm. 10% of all purchases in terms of entry fee, food, and merchandise purchased by BBE parents/family/friends will be given to the Bush PTO. Please join us at Monkey Joe's for a fun-filled afternoon.

NATURE CENTER NEWS

The Capri Sun recycling project is in the cafeteria on Mondays from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. if anyone would like to help. **We would like to invite all interested parents to assist us on Friday, October 3, to clean up the Nature Center—distribute mulch, dig, trim trees, etc.—from 9 am to 12 noon. Please bring water, gloves, and shovels.**

SCHOOL NEWS NETWORK

(articles submitted by other area schools)

Westside High School invites you to Dance With Pride!

LET'S DANCE

Join Westside High School's Pride Dance Team for an exciting performance experience! Come join us on Saturday, September 27th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for the dance clinic, and then **DANCE ON THE FIELD AT HALFTIME** that evening!!! Price is \$40/person and is open to BOYS AND GIRLS, ages 4 and up. For more information, please contact Pride Director, Brooke DeMartino at bdemarti@houstonisd.org.

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

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