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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 5	6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.	Parents' Night – Grades 1-5
September 10	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Scout Night At Bush
September 13		Fall Holiday – No School
September 18	9:00 a.m.	Prospective Parent Information Session
September 20		Book-a-Palooza Millionaire Reader Day
September 25	12:20 p.m.	Early Dismissal
October 1		Individual Picture Day
October 16	9:00 a.m.	Prospective Parent Information Session
October 21-25		Book Fair Week
October 24	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Book Fair Night & Dinner
October 30	12:20 p.m.	EARLY DISMISSAL
November 1	3:15 p.m.	Report Cards Go Home
November 12	6:00-7:30 p.m.	4 th Grade Writing Night

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS COMMUNICATIONS' DAY

Wednesday is Communications' Day at BBES. We will make every effort to send all notices, calendars, newsletters, etc. home on Wednesday. **Please** purge your child's backpack each Wednesday; there will probably be at least one important note! Bush students use a red pocket folder to carry communications. Be sure to look for it and use it when sending notes to the teacher. The newsletter, *Pawprints*, is published weekly. It contains important dates and information regarding events and issues at Bush Elementary.

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

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of September 2 is hazard

BOBCAT NEWS

PARENTS' NIGHT

Tomorrow, Parents' Night, is the most important meeting of the year at Bush for grades 1-5. This meeting is VERY EARLY in the school year and is purposefully not called an Open House. It is different in format and purpose from a traditional school open house. Parents' Night is from 6:00-7:45 p.m. PK and K Parents' Night was held on Wednesday, August 21. The PTO meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose room starting at 6:00 p.m. This will give you an opportunity to be introduced to the entire Bush staff and learn how Bush Elementary will be discovering A World Of Opportunities. Then, PTO will review the year and discuss its budget. When this meeting is finished, parents will go to the classrooms.

Teachers will **then** outline the grade level curriculum, communication procedures, grading, test schedules, and much more. The goal is to give parents all the information they need EARLY in the year so that they can be supportive partners in their child's education.

These meetings are designated for adults. Please make other arrangements for children so that there is plenty of room for all the adults who will attend.

KEEP ON READING

After-school library hours will resume on Tuesday, September 10th. The library will be open for parents and students accompanied by their parents from 2:50-3:15 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays except for the following dates:

September 25, 2013, October 30, 2013,

November 20, 2013, January 29, 2014,

February 19, 2014, March 26, 2014, and April 30, 2014.

Students will be allowed to read and/or take AR tests. Parents will be allowed to check-out up to 5 books if they wish. Happy Reading!

LONG DISTANCE PHONE NUMBERS

It is imperative that all information on each child's enrollment card be complete and kept current. We have a few parents who still have long distance phone numbers listed. **Please make sure we have local phone numbers on file because we are unable to make long distance calls from school.**

SCOUT RALLY NIGHT

Scout Rally Night, for boys, is **Tuesday, September 10th** in the Barbara Bush Elementary School's cafeteria 7:00 p.m. Come see what the excitement is all about. Scouting is FUN!

SAFETY ABOVE ALL ELSE!

For safety concerns, no one will be allowed into the building after 3:30 p.m. for any reason, including picking up homework.

MORNING ARRIVAL

Students are now waiting for the morning bell inside the building. For safety purposes, adults and siblings must wait outside. Any parent that wants to stay with their child can wait with their child outside until the bell rings.

NURSE'S RULE

Please do **not** send your sick child to school. If your child has fever, pink eye, or upset stomach, please keep him or her home. We have lots of folks under our roof every day. For the health and safety of **all** students, it is very important that children stay home when they are ill. Students who have thrown up during the night or who are running a fever **cannot** be sent to school. **Students must be fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication before returning to school.** When your child returns to school, please send a signed note stating the days your child was absent and the reason for the absence.

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.

CARPOOL COURTESY

Cars that line up for dismissal should line up on Westerloch up to the stop sign at Park Bayou. The line should then continue along Park Bayou going towards West Briar Middle School. Please be respectful towards the cars patiently waiting in line and do not "cut" in the line at the stop sign at Westerloch and Park Bayou.

Here are some tips to help keep the carpool lane moving.

- Help your child memorize his/her carpool number.
- Have the seats on the carpool side (passenger side) of your car free of clutter or obstructions so children can easily enter their cars.
- Have your carpool number displayed from your rear view mirror. If some other item is also hanging from the mirror, place the carpool number in front.
- Do not get out of your car, for any reason, in the carpool lane.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES FOR WALKERS

Parents of students in grades Pk-1 should wait for their children under the canopy on the Parkway Plaza side of the school. Parents of students in grades 2-5 **must** wait for their children by the bike racks. Please do not wait on the covered walkway which is reserved for carpool students. When parents and walkers congregate under the covered walkway, carpool students have difficulty getting to their cars.

MORNING DROP OFFS

If you drop your children off on Manderly Drive, please make sure you let them out of the car on the sidewalk side of the car. Some residents on Manderly have reported parents dropping their children off on the road side of the car, which is an extremely dangerous practice.

Also, please be considerate of the homes neighboring Bush when visiting, dropping off, or picking up your children. 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 or security gates.

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 after 2:25 p.m. Thank you for helping to make dismissal safe for all our students.

HAVE WHEELS WILL NOT TRAVEL

For safety reasons, we do **not** allow the use of rolling backpacks in the halls and walkways at Bush. Students may use the rollers walking to and from school.

PTO NEWS

We hope you all had a good first week. Yesterday, the PTO package was sent home. Please send back your completed forms by September 13th. This year with a **PTO membership**, you will receive **the school directory, BBE wristbands** for your children, and a **\$5 dollar Red Robin gift certificate**. Thanks to all the parents who have signed up to volunteer for different activities; you will be contacted soon. Those of you who have already joined please wear the BBE wristband as a symbol of your commitment to our great school.

PTO – Underwriting Fundraiser We Need You!

September 23, 2013 kicks off our most important Bush Elementary Fundraiser of the year! In addition to needing your generous contributions, **we need great prizes** to offer as incentives for others to give. If you own a business or know business owners that might donate funds or prizes to this worthy cause, please contact Rhedonda or Florencia on the PTO at:

Ph# 281-741-3224; 281-814-7845

Or Email bushptohouston@gmail.com

Thank you for your help and support for a successful school year!

ATTENTION

BUSH FAMILY BUSINESS OWNERS

The Barbara Bush Student Directory is well underway. We are attempting to reach out to all Bush families who are business owners. Keep in mind the directory reaches 350 Bush families and is a great advertising tool that has the added benefit of helping your child's school. A full page ad is \$125(BW), \$300(color) and a half page ad is \$75(BW), \$150(color). The deadline to submit your ad is September 27th. If you are interested, please contact Shibani Gupta or Sonya Mehta at bushdirectory@gmail.com

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

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