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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

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September is National Literacy Month

September is Attendance Awareness Month - Attend school every day, achieve tomorrow!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 10	6:00-7:45 p.m.	Parents' Night Grades 1-2 – MP Room
September 22	12:20 p.m.	Early Dismissal
September 23		HOLIDAY – No School
September 30		Individual Picture Day
October 3	3:00-6:00 p.m.	Bush Bingo Bash
October 14	9:00 a.m.	Prospective Parent Information Session
October 15	6:00 p.m.	4 th Grade Writing Night
October 27	9:30-12:30	3 rd Grade Museum of Fine Arts
October 28	12:20 p.m.	EARLY DISMISSAL
October 30		Report Cards Go Home
November 2-6		Book Fair Week
November 5	5:00-7:30 p.m.	Book Fair & Dinner Night

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Parents may bring cupcakes with a thin layer of frosting, cake, brownies, donuts, or cookies to be distributed during your child's lunch time. Then, if you would like to stay and have lunch with your child, you are welcome to eat together in the courtyard on the picnic tables.

Please do not plan to have a birthday party in the cafeteria or in the classroom. Party hats, favors, decorations, balloons, etc. should be reserved for off-campus parties.

Invitations to off-campus birthday parties are NOT to be distributed at school.

Please do not have flowers, balloons, gift baskets, singing telegrams, etc. delivered to school for individual students. Such items will **not** be delivered to the classroom.

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

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of September 7 is balance.

BOBCAT NEWS

PARENTS' NIGHT

The most important meeting of the year for Bush is Parents' Night. Parents' Night for grades 1-2 will be held, tomorrow, September 10, 2015. Parents' Night is from 6:00-7:45 p.m. PK and K Parents' Night was held on Wednesday, August 19, and Parents' Night for Grades 3-5 was held last Thursday. The meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose room starting at 6:00 p.m. During this meeting, you will have an opportunity to be introduced to the Bush staff and hear Ms. Rose's State of the School Message. Then, PTO will review the year and discuss its budget. When this meeting is finished, parents will have an opportunity to meet with the teachers.

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.

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

ALLERGY ALERT

We have a number of students on campus who have severe allergies to nuts. When you are bringing birthday treats for your child's birthday, please make sure these treats do not include any nut products.

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, a valid state-issued picture ID, or a passport. Thank you for making Bush a safe and secure campus.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We are collecting Box Tops again this year. Please clip them and send them to your child's teacher. You will find them on cereal, zip lock bags, snacks, baking mixes, and hundreds of other products you may already have at home. Last year we collected over \$2,000.00 which went to the teachers to buy supplies and materials for their classes! Visit HEB between 9/16/15 and 9/29/15 to earn 60 bonus box tops when you purchase any 10 box top products or 100 bonus box tops when you buy 15 box top products!

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. Please make alternate arrangements for your child(ren). 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 first session for this school year will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14.

MEAL APPLICATIONS

Students who are part of the free or reduced-price meals program must have a current 2015-16 application on file or be Direct Certified for 2015-16. If you have not already completed the application, it is very important that you do so by October 6, 2015. Lunch applications are available in the school office or you can apply on line on the HISD home page - Parent/Student – Meals – Free and Reduced Lunch Application.

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. Tights, leggings, pants worn under skirts, shorts or dresses must be solid red, white, navy, denim or khaki. Leggings are permitted only under skirts, shorts, or dresses, and **cannot be worn by themselves as pants**. 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 on-line from www.academyuniforms.com

FIRE DRILL

The city of Houston requires that schools conduct a monthly fire drill. All people in the building are required to leave the building whenever the fire alarm sounds. Parents and volunteers must exit the building as soon as they hear the alarm and follow the others in the hall to a proper evacuation site. Thank you for helping make Bush a safe and secure campus.

FACULTY AND STAFF PARKING LOT

Please **do not** park in the faculty and staff parking lot; it is reserved for Bush Elementary faculty and staff **ONLY**.

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 in the carpool lane.

PACK 1038 SCOUT RALLY NIGHT

Scout Rally Night, for boys, is Thursday, September 17th in the Barbara Bush Elementary School's cafeteria from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Come see our new exciting program which focuses on FUN, Science, Engineering, Nature, & Character Building!

HISD NEWS

4th GRADE PARENTS

Preparation for a magnet middle school begins NOW for your child! Encourage your fourth-grader to take his/her studies seriously this school year to help increase the range of middle schools your child has to choose from when applying for a HISD magnet program next year. A student's **grades, attendance, conduct**, and standardized **test scores** in 4th grade are used to determine his/her magnet program qualifications. To learn more about your student's choices for magnet schools, please visit Houstonisd.org/SchoolChoice.

PTO NEWS

Want to Volunteer at School? or Join the PTO? or Sign up for Birthday Book Club? You can do this plus more on our PTO website BBEPTO.com.

DIRECTORY AD SPACE

Parents, do you or someone you know own a business? The PTO is now selling ad space in the BBE Student Directory. Over 500 Bush families all in the 77077 zip code will receive the directory this year. Deadline for ads is September 30th. Email bushdirectory@gmail.com for more information.

BUSH SPIRIT DAYS

Wednesday, September 16 – Marcos Pizza (order all day)
Tuesday, September 22 – Monkey Joe's (12:30-7:00 p.m.)

SCHOOL STORE HOURS

Tuesdays from 7:35-8:00 a.m.
Fridays from 7:35-8:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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SCHOOL NEWS NETWORK

(articles submitted by other area schools)

Westside High School invites you to Dance With Pride!
Join Westside High School's Pride Dance Team for an exciting performance experience! Come join us on Saturday, September 19th 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. Pick-up a registration form from the front office or for more information, please contact Pride Director, Brooke DeMartino at bdemarti@houstonisd.org.

BUSH BOBCATS – LEARNING MAKES US ALL SUPERHEROES – 2015-16

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