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#### BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS - November 1, 2017

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#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

| November 4          | 3:00-6:00 p.m. | Bush Bingo Bash                                       |
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| November 6          |                | K & 5 CogAT Universal<br>Screener                     |
| November 7          | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Writing Night                   |
| November 13 -<br>15 |                | 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade IOWA Test<br>Universal Screener |
| November 13-<br>16  |                | Kindergarten IOWA Test<br>Universal Screener          |
| November 20-<br>24  |                | Thanksgiving Holiday- NO<br>SCHOOL                    |

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### HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

### LEAVING EARLY

Students who need to leave school for an appointment must be checked out through the office. Parents should plan to pick students up before 2:25 p.m. or plan to wait for them to be dismissed at 2:50 p.m. Students will not be called after 2:25 p.m. This plan is in place for the safety of all students. Parents may not pick up their child from the bus/daycare area. Parents must check out their child from the office.

> The entire handbook is available at: www.houstonisd.org/subscribe

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#### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our special education classes will be conducting a **Thanksgiving Food Drive** beginning Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to our local food pantry on Dairy Ashford. We will have large boxes in the hallways to collect donations of canned fruit and vegetables, canned soups, dried pasta, rice, dried milk, baby food and cereal. Please help Bush Elementary School give our needy neighbors a Happy Thanksgiving. Our annual food drive is especially important this year because so many of our neighbors have been affected by Hurricane Harvey and they need our help.

#### SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of October 30<sup>th</sup> is **properties**.

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## **Bush Bingo Bash**

What's your lucky number? Come and find out at the BUSH BINGO BASH held this Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-6pm!

Be sure to invite your family and friends for an afternoon of BINGO FUN! Our classes have created some wonderful baskets for you to win! Themes include Moana & Maui, Lego, Backyard BBQ, Relax and Spa, I Love Coffee, Superheroes, Star Wars, Family Games Night, Family Fitness, British Swim School Swimming Lessons, Emoji, Par-Tee Golf Night Out, Outdoor Fun, Houston Strong, Cooking with Kids, Gift Card Baskets, Slime and more....

There will be a GRAND PRIZE every hour including a Certified Texans Football signed by Whitney Mericulus, a Bike, and an Apple IPAD!

Tickets are \$1 each and it costs two tickets per game of bingo; two tickets for a face painting and two tickets for a balloon artist creation. BARGAIN!! Tickets are on sale online NOW at <u>www.bbepto.com</u> until Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets will be available at the event, however, if you pre-book online, you will be able to take advantage of our special promotion:

- Buy 10 tickets, get 1 ticket free
- Buy 20 tickets, get 3 tickets free

Tickets bought online can be collected at the WILL CALL desk at the event.

ANY QUESTIONS? Email: <u>donatetobush@gmail.com</u> We look forward to seeing you there on November 4th!

## Water Bottle Safety

Parents, make sure when sending water bottles to school that the tops are secured properly to prevent water leaks. Water bottles should be inside or on the side of the backpacks during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal.

## Lost and Found

As the weather finally begins to turn cooler, our Lost and Found is growing! We already have over 80 jackets in our lost and found! If your child has lost a sweater or jacket here at school, please come by and check the lost and found. Since many of our jackets look alike, it is very important to write your child's first and last name on all the tags of their coats, sweaters and jackets worn to school.

### **VISITORS TO THE BUILDING**

ALL parents, grandparents, and visitors who wish to enter the school will need to have a valid stateissued 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 have a valid state-issued picture ID, 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.

## **PTO NEWS!** BUSH SPIRIT EVENTS

Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> Dairy Ashford Roller Rink from 4-8 p.m.

**Location** :1820 S. Dairy Ashford Houston, Texas 77077.

Kroger Community Rewards Program: Re-enrollment month

Just follow these steps:

- 1. Link your Kroger card at www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com
- 2. Enter 83286 under organization's number or
- 3. Search for BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY PTO
- 4. Select and click on "Save".

Please sign up and raise money for our school!

## AmazonSmile: Bush families, do you shop on Amazon?

Just follow these steps:

1. Click on link before you shop on amazon <u>http://smile.amazon.com/ch/76-0414615</u> or go to <u>www.smile.amazon.com</u> and sign in and click on " pick your own charitable organization"

2. Enter Barbara P Bush Elementary Parent Teacher organization and click on "Select".

3. Now when you shop at <u>smile.amazon.com</u>, your purchases will support the school. Amazon will donate 0.5% of all your purchases to Barbara P. Bush Elementary PTO.

#### **BUSH BOBCATS – JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE - 2017-18**

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