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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – November 8, 2017

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 13 - 15		5 th Grade IOWA Test Universal Screener
November 13- 16		Kindergarten IOWA Test Universal Screener
November 20- 24		Thanksgiving Holiday- NO SCHOOL
December 8 th		Vanguard Neighborhood Applications Due

Great Writing Night

Thanks to Mrs. Jensen and Ms. Okruhlik for an informative evening learning about the fourth grade writing process. The fourth graders and their parents were treated to a pizza dinner courtesy of PTO before the event. Our fourth grade families are now ready to write away!

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:
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SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of November 6th is classify.

Thank You!

We were delighted to see so many of our BBE families attending the Bush Bingo Bash last Saturday! A huge team of volunteers helped in the preparation and running of the event and we are so thankful for all for their support! Thank you to our PTO Fundraising Team, Lisa Kandala and Shere Lipinski, who planned and organized the exciting event.

Information will be coming home soon about the **BBE PTO Holiday Raffle** with your chance to win class baskets not awarded at the 2017 Bush Bingo Bash along with other wonderful gifts donated by our local BBE Business Sponsors.

IOWA ASSESMENT

Kindergarten and 5th grade students not previously identified as G/T will be taking the *Iowa Assessments*™ next week. **Kindergarten and 5th grade students previously identified as G/T will not be administered the *Iowa Assessments*™** This district universal assessment of kindergarten and 5th grade students serves as a screening device and as one criterion in the identification of students for HISD's Vanguard Gifted and Talented programs. Please make sure your students get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast and arrive at school by 7:30 so they will be able to do their best. Please avoid any discretionary absences for doctor or dentist appointments during this time. Our school should receive the results of these tests in about 8 weeks. For more information, please refer to the parent letter that should be coming home today in your child's red communication folder.

Congratulations Chess Club!

Bush Chess Team Makes Us Proud!

This past weekend, members of the Bush Chess Team participated in the Texas Grade Championships, a tournament for players from all over Texas who compete against other students in the same grade. The Bush Chess Team did extremely well and won a number of individual as well as team trophies.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Team trophies:

5th Grade - 1st place - Alejandro Medina Rodriguez,

Avaneesh Parasnis, Ashkan Pourjavadi

3rd Grade - 2nd place - Nimesh Ramanujakootam, Ronak Hiwale

2nd Grade - 5th place - Aryan Patel, Aaron Qin, Vamsi

Yadagiri

1st Grade - 2nd place - Nehaan Ramanujakootam, Miheer

Parasnis, Ryan Zhu

Individual Prizes:

1st Grade - Nehaan Ramanujakootam - 4th place, Miheer

Parasnis - 6th Place

3rd Grade - Ronak Hiwale 3rd place - Nimesh

Ramanujakootam - 4th place

4th Grade - Travis Feng - 3rd place

5th Grade - Alejandro Medina Rodriguez - 8th place

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our special education classes are conducting a **Thanksgiving Food Drive** until Wednesday, November 15th. They are collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to our local food pantry. 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.

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

GT TESTING

If you are interested in having your child tested for the Vanguard Neighborhood program at Bush for **Grades 1-4 for the 2018-2019 school year**, please download an application at <http://www.houstonisd.org/Page/59885> and turn it in to the front office. If you are applying to a Vanguard Magnet school (Askew, T.H. Rogers, etc.), please notify Jessica Ayala in the front office so we can schedule for your child to be tested at Bush. Applications for our Vanguard Neighborhood Program are due **December 8, 2017**.

PTO NEWS!

BUSH SPIRIT EVENTS

Bush Families, Thank you for your wonderful support for spirit events!

Tuesday, Nov 14th Spirit Event at **Chennai**

Express Restaurant from 11 a.m. - 3p.m. & 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Location: 2717 Eldridge Parkway, Suite 103

Houston, Texas 77082

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!

Amazon smile: Bush families, do you shop on Amazon?

Just follow these steps:

1. Click on link before you shop on Amazon <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/76-0414615> or go to www.smile.amazon.com 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 smile.amazon.com, your purchases will support the school.

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