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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCCATS – SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 6		Picture Day
October 16-19	7:15a.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Book Fair – MP Room
October 16	5:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Book Fair- MP Room
October 16	5:30- 7:30 p.m.	Italian Dinner/ Book Fair Kick Off - Cafeteria
October 21	7:15a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Book Fair Open
November 4	3:00-6:00 p.m.	Bush Bingo Bash
November 7	6:00-7:30 p.m.	4 th Grade Writing Night
November 20-24		Thanksgiving Holiday- NO SCHOOL

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

TARDIES

School begins at 7:30 a.m. each day. We have a full schedule and it is important that children are at school on time in order to take full advantage of their day. Students who arrive tardy, after 7:40 a.m., must have a written excuse. Excused tardies are in the same category as excused absences (see Attendance). Oversleeping, alarm clock trouble, no ride, etc., are considered unexcused tardies. Plans and backup plans should be made to ensure that students arrive on time each day. Remember, students who are tardy **must be signed in at the office by a parent** and have a note stating the reason for the tardy. Students will be allowed two unexcused tardies each nine weeks. Repeated late arrival may result in loss of privileges.

NOTE: HISD Code of Student Conduct states:
Unexcused tardiness to class is a Level 1 Act of Misconduct.

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

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of September 25th is scientific method.

EARLY PICKUPS

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.

LIBRARY NEWS!

"Name That Book"

K-2: For students interested in trying out for the Name That Book team, the qualifying test will be given the week of October 23rd during the school day. A form will be sent home for parents to sign and return allowing the student to take the qualifying test.

3-5: Students can pick up a book club application in the library beginning September 28. Applications are due by October 6, and a qualifying test will be given on November 9th to students eligible to participate.

To prepare, students need to read the books on the NTB list for their grade level. The list can be accessed on the HISD Name That Book web page. These books are available for checkout in the Bush library as well as the Houston Public Library.

SAVE THE DATE!

It's time for our Annual Scholastic Book Fair which we are kicking off with our Family Italian Dinner on **Monday, October 16th** from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Buy your dinner tickets starting **Monday, October 2nd**.

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.
- Please pull all the way up in the carpool lane so there are no large gaps between the cars.

Safety First at Dismissal

In order to keep all of our Bush walker students safe during dismissal time, please comply with the following guidelines:

- Students should not run or play anywhere on the grassy areas in front of the school. With so many students, parents and younger siblings in this area at dismissal time, we need to make sure everyone makes it home safely. As soon as you pick up your child, please begin walking home so that there is space for other parents to meet their children.
- Carpool numbers are to be used only in the moving carpool lane. Please do not walk up to the carpool lane with your number in hand to pick up your child. Carpool numbers will only be called from cars. If you need to change your child's dismissal plan from carpool to walker, please notify your child's teacher before noon.
- Students and parents must cross only at the designated crosswalks where our crossing guards are stationed.

Chess Team News

We had over 150 Bush students express an interest in joining our chess team this fall. Since there were only 39 available spots, a lottery system was used to select eligible students to complete the team. All 39 spots have been filled at this time. If one of our members decides to leave the team during the school year, another eligible student will be drawn from the interest forms we have already received. Parents will be notified if their child is selected.

SMILE PLEASE!

Picture Day is **Friday, October 6**. 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.

PTO NEWS!

*Friday September 29th - Menchie's Frozen Yogurt
Location: 13421 Westheimer Road, Suite E,
Houston, TX 77077

*KROGER SIGN up month: Parents, please re-enroll as it's a new school year.

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COMMUNITY NEWS!

Do you love to dance? Come dance with the
Westside High School Pride Dance Team AND perform at a
FOOTBALL GAME!!!

Any girl or boy from 4 years - 8th grade



Sat. October 7th, 2017

Don't delay, pre-registration is due

by Tuesday, October 3rd!

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