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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – NOVEMBER 28, 2018

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 21 st – January 4 th	No School	WINTER BREAK
January 18 th	7:00 a.m. – 7:40 a.m. (MP Room)	Bush Breakfast Buddies Families A-K last names
January 18 th	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal
February 15 th	7:00 a.m. – 7:40 a.m. (MP Room)	Bush Breakfast Buddies Families L-Z last names
February 15 th	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Last week’s daily attendance caused our yearly attendance average to drop below 98%. We had 111 student absences for the week when a typical week is 50 – 60 student absences. We want students to stay at home when they’re sick. However, we must have students at school every day if they are healthy. Please save vacations for the designated days off such as Winter Break and Spring Break. Bush Elementary will lose critically important funds used to pay for teacher and staff salaries if our attendance continues to decline at this rate.

The entire handbook is available at:

www.houstonisd.org/subscribe

SAFETY ISSUE

We’re very sorry to report that a Bush parent had her car window smashed and her purse stolen on Parkway Plaza Dr. in the morning while dropping off her children for school. Please do not leave any valuables in your car even if you are leaving your car for just a few minutes. This is not the first time there has been a “smash and grab” purse theft on or around Bush Elementary property. Please do not leave your purse or wallet visible or hidden in your car.

OUTDOOR PARENT LUNCH

Fall is finally here and with that comes chilly and wet weather. Please be advised that the courtyard will be closed off for parent lunch visits when it’s wet or too cold. Bush Elementary is an over-crowded campus and there is no room for parents to eat lunch inside the building, so please do not plan to come eat lunch with your child when it’s wet or cold.

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of November 26th is **energy**.

BOBCAT NEWS

PRINCIPAL & ASST. PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY!

Congratulations to our first nine weeks winners of the Executive Positions. Today, Amruta Nangarla & Muhammad A. Waleed were Principals for a Day and Adithi Raja & Sachin Luthra were Assistant Principals for a Day.

EXECUTIVE POSITION

Do you want to be Principal for a Day or Assistant Principal for a Day? Every student who has perfect attendance for the second nine weeks will be eligible for his/her name to be placed in a drawing to be Principal for a Day. In addition, every student who earns “E” in conduct for the second nine weeks will be eligible for his/her name to be placed in a drawing to be Assistant Principal for a Day. One boy’s name and one girl’s name will be drawn from the pool of eligible students at the end of the second nine week grading period for each incentive. The Principals and Assistant Principals for a Day will be notified of their day after the drawing.

HOLIDAY PARTY ATTENDANCE

The holiday parties are just around the corner! Please make sure you have completed the background check before December 19th to come to Bush to help at the holiday parties. **ALL** adults also have to be listed on the student’s enrollment card, accompanied by the parent, or have the parent’s approval in the form of a note. **Remember ALL adults, including grandparents, must show their driver’s license or passport before entering the building with a parent that has already completed the HISD background check – no one will be allowed to enter the building without a driver’s license or passport.**

A VERY SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our families who generously donated food to our Thanksgiving Food Drive! We were so happy to be able to deliver two SUVs loaded to the top with food to our local food bank. Thanks also to Ms. Busse, Ms. Oloruntoba, Ms. Williams, Ms. Hernandez, Ms. Sabaj and their students for their help in collecting the food and coordinating the drive. Finally, thank you to Ms. Nara Jeffus for helping us deliver all of the food. Together, we helped give some of our neighbors a very Happy Thanksgiving!

GT TESTING

If you are interested in having your child tested for the Gifted and Talented Neighborhood program at Bush for **Grades 1-4** for the **2019-2020 school year**, please download an application at <http://www.houstonisd.org/Page/59885> and turn it in to the front office. Applications for the Bush Gifted and Talented Program are due by **December 7, 2018**. All kindergarteners and all fifth graders not already identified have already been universally assessed. Please do not submit an application for a currently enrolled kindergartener or 5th grader.

If you are applying to a Vanguard Magnet school (Askew, T.H. Rogers, etc.) for grades 1-4, do not submit an application to Bush. Instead, Vanguard Magnet applicants that are not G/T identified in HISD must request testing with Jessica Ayala in the front office. The deadline for Vanguard Magnet applicants to request G/T testing at Bush is **December 8, 2018**.

ENTERING KINDERGARTEN GT TESTING

Due to budget cuts, the Entering Kindergarten GT Testing program is not available at Bush this year. However, if your child is identified as GT through the Entering Kindergarten testing process offered at Vanguard Magnet Schools (such as Askew & T.H. Rogers), then he/she will be served in a GT Kindergarten class at Bush for the 2019-2020 school year.

LOST & FOUND

We have many jackets, hoodies, sweaters, water bottles, lunchboxes in our Lost and Found. If your child has lost one of these items, please stop by the Lost and Found. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity on December 21, 2018.

PTO NEWS!

NATURE CENTER

BBE PTO invites you to the Nature Center this Saturday, December 1st, between 10am and 12pm for a family event. Children can enjoy the outdoors and learn how composting helps the environment by recycling the waste we produce. Families can bring their own green waste to add to the compost pile including fruit and vegetable scraps, grass clippings, plants, flowers, corn cobs, straw, hay, egg shells (but not eggs). For further information contact naturecenter2018@gmail.com

BUSH SPIRIT EVENTS

MARCO'S PIZZA BOX WEEK

Imagine your children being able to show their Artwork while dinner is being served!!!

This is what **Marco's Pizza Box Week** is all about! This week, students in **Kinder – 2nd grade** will bring home white pizza boxes. Bring out your colored pens and crayons and help them design a cool pizza box. Please return all pizza boxes to school by **Friday, Nov. 30**. The following week when you order pizza from Marco's, it will be delivered in your child's own masterpiece. How cool is that!!

BBE PTO HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Barbara Bush Elementary is supporting our local Texas Children's Hospital this holiday season by collecting donations for a Holiday Toy Drive. Texas Children's is the largest children's hospital in the United States and with your support, our Holiday Toy Drive will draw a smile on many faces of children from newborns to older teens.

Donate a **new** and **unwrapped** item by bringing them to school by **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14th**. Your donated item can include:

- Books, magazines, playing cards, puzzles, board games and inexpensive toys for various age groups [**CANNOT ACCEPT toy guns, remote controlled cars/planes or large toy sets**]
- Coloring books and crayons (crayons must be non-toxic; Crayola brand is preferred.)

All items must be new for infection control purposes.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness!

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