

# PAWPRINTS

## BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

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**September is National Literacy Month**

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 21	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal
September 27	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent/Student Writing Night/ Parent University
October 2	7:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Picture Day
October 8-12		Book Fair Week
October 9	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Book Fair Night & Italian Dinner – MP Room
October 19	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal
November 3	3:00 p.m.-6:00p.m.	Bush Bingo Bash
November 9	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal
November 19-23	No School	Thanksgiving Holiday- NO SCHOOL

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### SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of September 17<sup>th</sup> is mass/weight.

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### EARLY DISMISSAL

The first Early Dismissal Day of the year is Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. **The school day will be from 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

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### UIL

If your 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade student is interested in competing against students from other HISD schools in academic and speaking contests in elementary UIL (University Interscholastic League) competitions on the weekends at various HISD high schools during the 2018-19 school year, then please stop by the office to pick up a registration flyer for your child to express interest in the areas he/she would like to audition. Registration forms to participate in auditions and qualifying tests **are due by 3:15 p.m. tomorrow. No late registration forms will be accepted.** Notification of audition and qualifying test dates will be sent to students based on registration forms submitted.

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### Name That Book News

**Grades K-2:** For students who have read the required books and are interested in trying out for the Name That Book competition team, the qualifying test will be given the first week of October during the school day. In order to take the test, students must request a permission form from the library and return it with a parent signature by September 26. Team meetings will be on Tuesdays after school.

**Grades 3-5:** For students who have read the required books and are interested in trying out for the Name That Book Club, applications will be available in the library beginning September 14. Applications are due by September 26. A qualifying test for the competition team will be given on December 20 for eligible students. Team meetings will be on Thursdays after school.

To prepare, students need to read the books on the NTB list for their grade level. Lists are available in the library, on the Houston ISD online resources page under Name That Book, and on the Houston Public Library web page.

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### EARLY DISMISSAL LUNCH SCHEDULE

Since it is a super early dismissal, not all classes will go to the cafeteria for lunch. Each early dismissal day will have a grade level or two that will go eat a sack lunch or their own lunch in the cafeteria. For the early dismissal this Friday, only fourth, fifth, Mrs. Busse's, and Mrs. Oloruntoba's classes will go to the cafeteria for a sack lunch or lunch from home starting at 10:00 a.m. The classroom teachers will supervise their class's lunch time. **All other students will just eat lunch at home with their parents.**

**Why is this happening?** State law does not allow lunch to be served before 10:00 a.m. There is no way more than a grade level or two can cycle through the cafeteria from 10:00 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

**Why sack lunches only?** The cafeteria workers will not have time to prepare a hot meal to be served by 10:00 a.m. Are students missing lunch? No, students are dismissed so early that they will go home for lunch.

**Will parents be able to come eat lunch at Bush with their child?** No, parents can eat lunch at home with their child at 11:30 a.m.

**Here is the schedule for who will go to lunch on the other early dismissal days:**

- Oct. 19 – PK, K, Busse, and Oloruntoba
- Nov. 9 – 1<sup>st</sup>, Busse, and Oloruntoba
- Jan. 18 – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Busse, and Oloruntoba
- Feb. 15 – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Busse, and Oloruntoba

## SUMMER READING CELEBRATION

Did you read at least 5 books this summer? Have you turned in your Summer Reading Log? There is still time to win prizes for reading over the summer. If you have not already turned in your log, please complete the reading log that went home last week and return it to your child's teacher before **Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**. At our celebration of reading, we will award prizes to all students who read at least 5 books and will award students for the most books read per class and per grade level. Our goal this year is 100% of our Bush students will turn in their logs. **The last day to turn in your log is Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>!**

## EXECUTIVE POSITION

Do you want to be Principal for a Day or Assistant Principal for a Day? Every student who has perfect attendance with two or fewer tardies for the first 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 first nine weeks on the report card 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 during morning announcements at the end of the first nine-week grading period for each incentive. The Principals and Assistant Principals for a Day will be notified of their "work" day after the drawing.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### WANT TO DANCE?

Join the West Briar Honey Bears for a day of fun and dancing! The drill team is hosting a dance clinic at West Briar on Saturday, September 22nd from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. For more information and sign-up forms, you may visit the West Briar Middle School home page or pick up forms here in the Bush front office.

## VIPS REGISTRATION UPDATE

Due to the fact that HISD launched a new system to track volunteers in public schools, there is a higher number of registrations to be processed compared to previous years. If you registered already, please be aware that it might take longer than the 2-3 weeks to be cleared to help out or have lunch with your child. You will receive an email confirmation or a letter from HISD to confirm that the registration has been successfully completed. Neither the front office nor the PTO VIPS coordinator can provide a status report. You will have to check with HISD directly.

If you have not registered yet and you intend to come to school, please do so asap!

## PTO NEWS

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Effective immediately, every volunteer coming to school to help out needs to sign in using the "volunteer sign in" binder, which is placed on the counter in the front office.

On a regular basis, PTO will conduct a drawing based on this data to acknowledge the "BBE Star Volunteer" and reward him/her an edible arrangement provided by our business sponsor, Edible Arrangements!

## UNDERWRITING CAMPAIGN 2018-2019

A huge "Thank You!" to all families who have already made a contribution to the 2018-19 Underwriting Campaign! With just 9 days to go, we are making progress towards meeting our goal of fully funding the special projects that we want to carry out for our students this year. If you haven't yet made a gift to the campaign, please visit: [www.bbepeto.com](http://www.bbepeto.com) > How Can I Help? > Donate to PTO or return your form ASAP! If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact BBE PTO Fundraising: [donatetobush@gmail.com](mailto:donatetobush@gmail.com).

## BUSH DIRECTORY

Thank you to everyone who has filled out directory information online so far! We are inviting you to fill out information for ALL of your children that attend Bush Elementary on the website only if you want your information to be included in the Bush Directory. **DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 21!**

Go online to [BBEPTO.com](http://BBEPTO.com) --> Programs & Events --> Directory Information Sign-up. If you have any questions please contact the Directory Committee at [bushdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:bushdirectory@gmail.com).

## Bush Spirit Event!

**Turn Fun into Funds** – Take your child to Dairy Ashford Roller Rink on Early Dismissal Day for a fun afternoon. Tell them you are from Bush Elementary, and they will give 10% cashback to BBE PTO.

**Fridays with Menchies** – Chill out every Friday with a new flavor of frozen yogurt or mix your own flavors and top it with delicious toppings at Menchie's Frozen Yogurt. Let them know you are from Barbara Bush Elementary and they will give 20% cashback to BBE PTO.

## NATURE CENTER

Bring the whole family to the Nature Center on Saturday, September 29 from 10am-11am and learn about sowing! Enjoy the grounds until 12:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Nature Center: [naturecenter2018@gmail.com](mailto:naturecenter2018@gmail.com)

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