

# PAWPRINTS

## BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

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September is National Literacy Month

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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 24<sup>th</sup> is scientific method.

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### BOBCAT NEWS

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### ITALIAN DINNER & BOOK FAIR

Bring the whole family and join us for our annual **Italian Dinner and Book Fair Night** on **Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**. The Book Fair is open 5:00p.m.- 7:30p.m. and the dinner, catered by Russo's Italian Kitchen, will be served 5:30pm-7:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of reading with your children, purchase books and gifts, while socializing with other Bush families!

**Dinner tickets** (\$8 per adult and \$5 per child) **need to be purchased before October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Online ticket sales: visit [www.bbepeto.com](http://www.bbepeto.com) > Programs & Events > Italian Dinner. Tickets can also be bought in person at the School Store on Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday mornings (7:30a.m.-8:00a.m.) and Friday during lunch (11:30am-12:30p.m.) Both Dine-In or Take Out Options are available but remember, no dinner tickets will be sold at the door!

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### BUSH BOOK FAIR BUCKS

Show your appreciation to your class teacher by purchasing Bush Bucks that they can use to buy books and other materials for their classroom during the Book Fair. You can purchase online: [www.bbepeto.com](http://www.bbepeto.com) >Programs & Events> **Book Fair**.

The Bush Bucks will be delivered directly to your teacher. See the Book Fair Bush Bucks Flyer for further details.

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### ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERYDAY

All students must attend school every day. If your child is sick with a fever or vomiting, then your child must stay at home. Our goal at Bush Elementary is 98% attendance. In order to achieve this goal, there can't be more than 8 students absent in the entire school on any given day. A high attendance rate helps out all students and teachers at Bush Elementary in three important ways:

- Students who attend school every day are learning.
- A 98% attendance rate means Bush Elementary receives 98% of the funds allocated to run the school to pay for teachers' salaries and materials.
- A 98% attendance rate school-wide means Bush Elementary receives the highest rating in the state.

All members of the Bush Elementary family are proud of all of our school's accomplishments. To continue to be a highly-rated school, we must have a high attendance rate from all students from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade.

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### 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](http://www.bushelementary.org)

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### BIRTHDAY TREAT POLICY

Cupcake frosting is very difficult for the custodians to clean from the cafeteria tables, chairs, and floor. Our cafeteria seating area must be clean and hygienic as many classes rotate through the cafeteria every day. **Frosted cupcakes will not be allowed to be brought to school for a birthday treat.** Suggested birthday treats are donuts, brownies, unfrosted cupcakes, or cookies. Keep in mind that we have a number of students who have severe allergies to nuts when bringing in birthday treats for your child's birthday. Please make sure these treats do not include any nut products.

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### SUMMER READING CELEBRATION

Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our Summer Reading Celebration in the Multi-Purpose Room for grades PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> and Sp.Ed. As a part of the celebration, students may bring sunglasses and/or baseball caps to wear during the assembly. The 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade celebration will be on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. This event is for students only due to space constraints.

## SMILE PLEASE!

Picture Day is **Tuesday, October 2**. 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, party shoes, and suits are not practical for children to wear to school.

## PARENT ACCESS TO THE BUILDING

All parents who plan to volunteer in your child's room, help in the cafeteria, eat lunch with their child, visit Knowledge Fest, watch the Chorus and Orchestra performance, or would like to serve as a chaperone on future trips, must follow the procedures for the background check. Log-on to [www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin](http://www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin) and follow the directions. All parents are required to go through this process this year to **enter the building and participate or attend events during the 2018 – 2019 school year**. Please be advised that the process is taking approximately 4 – 5 weeks to grant parents approval. Parents will receive an email from HISD to confirm approval. Neither the front office nor the PTO VIPS Coordinator can provide a status report. If you have not registered and you plan to come to school, please do so ASAP.

## GOOD NEIGHBORS

When dropping off or picking up your child, or just visiting Bush, please be considerate of the homes neighboring Bush. Be a good neighbor and remember the following parking rules:

- **Do not block driveways.**
- **Park at least 20 feet from an intersection.**
- **Don't park in front of fire hydrants.**

## BUSH CHESS CLUB

### ***Chess Team is Full!***

All of the available spots on the Bush Chess Team have been filled and our Chess Team is now full. We have an extensive waiting list and therefore we are no longer accepting additional names. Thank you to all who have expressed interest in our team.

## 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.

# PTO NEWS

## Thank You!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who joined the PTO!

The Astros tickets were won by **Yong Chen**.

*Congratulations!* Thanks to Boosterthon for providing the tickets!

## NATURE CENTER

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

Questions?

Email [naturecenter2018@gmail.com](mailto:naturecenter2018@gmail.com)

## UNDERWRITING CAMPAIGN

BBE PTO would like to thank our generous 2018-19 Business Sponsors! We appreciate all that they do to support our BBE community. If you are in need of the services that they provide, we hope you will consider supporting them in return.

**Diamond Sponsors:** Doody Calls; Goddard School; Heritage Texas Properties – Nancy Scott & Rebecque Demark; Kindercare; OXXO Care Cleaners; Villages of Briar Forest; West Houston Orthodontics.

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