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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

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September is National Literacy Month

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 6	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Parents' Night Grades 3-5 MP Room
September 10	No School	No School – Fall Holiday
September 13	6:00-7:30p.m.	Parents' Night Grades 1-2 McMaster & J. Nguyen
September 21	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal
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	3:00-6:00p.m.	Bush Bingo Bash
November 9	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal
November 19-23	No School	Thanksgiving Holiday- NO SCHOOL

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of September 4th is hazard.

BOBCAT NEWS

PARENTS' NIGHT

The most important meetings of the year for Bush are **Parents' Night on September 6, 2018 for grades 3-5, and on September 13, 2018 for grades 1-2. Ms. McMaster & Ms. J. Nguyen's classes will also have their Parents' Night on September 13th. Each Parents' Night is from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** These meetings are VERY EARLY in the school year and are purposefully not called an Open House. They are different in format and purpose from a traditional school open house. Each Parents' Night is from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Multi-Purpose room starting at 6:00 p.m. During these meetings, you will have an opportunity to be introduced to the Bush staff and hear Ms. Rose's State of the School Message. Then, PTO will review the year and discuss its budget. When this meeting is finished, parents will be dismissed to the classrooms.

Teachers will then outline the grade level curriculum, communication procedures, grading, test schedules, and much more. The goal is to give parents all the information they need EARLY in the year so that they can be supportive partners in their child's education.

These meetings are designated for adults. Please make other arrangements for children so that there is plenty of room for all the adults who will attend.

REMINDER!!!

Monday, September 10th is a Fall Holiday! School will be closed.

EARLY DISMISSAL

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

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

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.

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

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.

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.

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.**

EARLY PICK UPS

Please do not plan to pick up your child after 2:15 p.m. from the office. To ensure a safe dismissal, students will not be called to the office to be picked up after 2:15 p.m. Thank you for helping to make dismissal safe for all our students.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Morning supervision starts at 7:20 a.m. Children should not be dropped off before 7:20 a.m.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

One of the core values of HISD is "Safety Above All Else." In order to provide a safe environment for every student, HISD enacted a policy requiring a voluntary criminal history check for persons who volunteer in our schools.

All parents who plan to volunteer in your child's room, help in the cafeteria, eat lunch with their child 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 and follow the directions. **It takes two to three weeks to get clearance, so it is important to do it now. Even if you've completed the process in the past, all parents must register again.**

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.

BUSH BOBCATS – OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT 2018-19

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BOBCAT NEWS

Attendance Matters Every Day

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.

PTO NEWS

SCHOOL STORE HOURS

Tuesday and Friday mornings from 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Friday from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

SCHOOL STORE NEW BASEBALL CAPS

New! The school store is now selling youth sized Bush Elementary baseball caps for \$12. They have been approved for wear during recess and track time and ideal for those hot Texas days! Be sure to write your child's name in his/her new cap!

JOIN PTO TODAY!

BBE PTO provides volunteer and financial support to improve your child's educational experience. Families who join the PTO will receive a complimentary school directory! *Joining the PTO does not commit you to be a working volunteer, but we appreciate any volunteers who would like to help.* **The class that reaches 70% or higher participation by September 10th will win a POPSICLE PARTY!** Join by going to BBEPTO.com How can I help? Become a PTO Member. Every child whose family joins the PTO will be able to add his/her names to the "Helping Hands" PTO bulletin board!

Bush Spirit Event!

School is closed on Monday, September 10th. If you need childcare, don't worry! **Adventure Kids Playcare** will be giving a percentage cashback to BBE PTO for Bush Elementary families who use their business that day.

BUSH DIRECTORY

To help the PTO achieve our 'Go Green' initiative, we will be collecting student/parent information online this year for the first time! 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