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GRADUATING 5TH GRADE PARENTS



The following 5th grade students have parents who will be graduating from Bush this year. Thank you so much for your support of Bush Elementary throughout your child's elementary years.

Ms. Butera's Class - Carla & Gabriel Chinca-Gomez, Nicole Chen, Emre Meyers, Gizel AtKan, Eashaa Saravanan, Esther Roy, Sebastian Portillo, Naomi McKay, Phillip McMahon, Akshara Korukonda, Joseph Yim

Ms. McKee's Class - Celeine Ammourah, Sebastian Zapata, Dwayne Lewis, Cassius Daniels, Wundabli Osman, Amanda Acosta, Celine Hussein, Morgan Burris, Cordera Smith, Kana Grace, Ashton Nguyen, Carlos Chacon-Rojas, Alejandro Fonseca, Rafael G. Ramirez, Melanie Gutierrez, Elias Q. Mendez, Jeovanny Santiago, Skottlyn Simpkins, Amya Thompson, Aditi Tummala, Valentina Van, David Carrillo, Cameron Busch

Ms. Larson's Class - Zain Ahmed, Gianpaolo Apruzzese, Ainsley Beaudreau, Katherine Bruce, David Codina, Jacob Cohen, Jose Del Pino Brizuela, Sofia Kamali, Joseph Locklin, Kern Prasad, Aaron Qin, Tomas Rojas, Regina Ruiz, Moksh Runwal, Julia Schmidel, Julia Thompson, Daniel VanBemmel

Ms. Hillman's Class - Elvia Mora-Blanco, Mohsen Mirza, David Obi, Chloe Lee, Olivia Gomez, Medha Elati, Sachin Luthra, Gilberto Montemayor, Harshil Sanklecha, Aarav Srivstava, Alp Ungor

Ms. Harris's Class - Mustafa Al Alou, Rama Al Harshe, Christian Alanis, Natalia Barrientos, Luiz Fernando Biscaro Correa, Diego & Jean Borroto Pena, Armaan Brady, Luciana Falcon Zea, Marsley Herder, Sophia Ly, Belin Madrid, Raquel Martinez Garza, Ethan McFarland, Jessica Moreno, Nimkar Kumudini, Omotola Odunuga, Chioma Ogu, Logan Pitts, Waseem Redwan, Adrian Rodriguez Cordova, Edward Santos

Rodeo Art Contest Winner

Congratulations to Jonah Wan a third grader in Ms. Sherman's class for winning the Rodeo Art Contest. Even though the rodeo didn't happen, they still went ahead with the art contest. There were many participants across the city and we're happy Jonah won a blue ribbon.



HISD UIL District Meet Results

Our UIL team competed in our final district meet on Saturday, May 22nd and they were amazing! We are so proud of everyone on our UIL team this year. It was a challenging year with only virtual competitions and some computer glitches but they persevered and made us so proud. Our Bush Bobcats earned 8 team awards at this district final meet which is incredible! Thank you to everyone on our UIL team this year for all of your hard work! WAY TO GO!!

Here are the results from the UIL District Meet:

Team Awards

Art – 4th and 5th grade – 1st place

Listening 4 and 5th grade – 1st place

Maps, Charts and Graphs – 4th and 5th grade – 1st place

Modern Oratory 2nd and 3rd grade

Section A – Bush 1st place

Section B – 1st place

Section C – 2nd place

Modern Oratory 4th and 5th

Section A – 1st place

Section B – 1st place

Section C – 2nd place

Spelling – 5th grade – 1st place

Individual Awards

Art – 4th and 5th grade

Arya Soni – 2nd place

Eliza Smith – 3rd place

Logan Pitts – 4th place

Naomi McKay – 10th place

Dictionary Skills 4th and 5th grade

Harshil Sanklecha – 1st place

Sabira Sajan – 9th place

Luca Kato - 11th place

Nicolas Gonzalez – 12th place

Abigail Mayces – 13th place

Listening Grades 4th and 5th

Lydia Smith – 2nd place (tie)

Eliza Smith – 2nd place (tie)

Logan Pitts – 6th place

Holt Nguyen-Lee – 8th place

Pranav Limaye – 9th place

Maps, Graphs, and Charts 4th and 5th

Eliza Smith – 3rd place

Ryan Zhu – 4th place

Arya Soni – 6th

Pranav Limaye – 10th place

Modern Oratory Grades 2nd and 3rd

Quinn Nguyen-Lee – 1st place

Honoree Spano – 1st place

Vihaan Soni – 4th place

Tessa Mayces – 10th place

George Kotochigov – 10th place

Modern Oratory Grades 4th and 5th

Holt Nguyen-Lee – 1st place

Lydia Smith – 1st place

Abigail Mayces – 4th place

Eliza Smith – 4th place

Spelling – 3rd Grade

Rishaan Debnath – 4th place

Nivaan Devnath – 10th place

Marin Guerrero – 16th place

Serena Lim – 19th place

Spelling – 4th Grade

Riya Patel – 4th place

Sabira Sajan – 11th place

Nicolas Gonzalez – 12th place

Spelling – 5th Grade

Harshil Sanklecha – 2nd place

Holt Nguyen-Lee – 4th place

Naomi McKay – 11th place

Student Items Left Behind or Not Picked Up

Any student materials or items not taken home or picked will be discarded on Wednesday, June 30 at 4:00 p.m. We need to clean up the office and campus as we prepare for the start of the 2021 - 2022 school year. Starting Monday, June 14, the office will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays in case parents need to pick up any left behind or never picked up materials.

School Store – 2021-2022 School Supplies on Sale Now

As this school year is coming to an end, it's time to start planning for the next. Order your 2021-2022 school supplies now by visiting our ONLINE School Store!

Make sure your child is all set for the coming school year and order now at www.BBEPTO.com. Your child's school supplies will be delivered directly to the classrooms, ready for them to start the new school year! Avoid the crowds and long lines, and order now by visiting our ONLINE School Store at www.BBEPTO.com. EPI school supply packs can save you up to 40% compared to shopping for the same supplies at national retailers.



Order NOW, and buy your supplies at a discounted rate. **This offer expires Friday June 11, 2021.**

ALL School Store proceeds directly benefit the Barbara Bush Elementary PTO. For questions, please contact the School Store at mybushstore@gmail.com. Thank you for your support! (ALL SUPPLY PACK PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX)

Thanks for a great school year! Looking forward to a fresh start on Aug. 23, 2021!

2020 - 2021 was the most unusual school year! The teachers found new ways to teach and the students found new ways to learn while operating under very particular social distancing policies. Thank you to all the students, parents, faculty, and staff for all your flexibility throughout the school year. Bush Elementary still had a great year of teaching and learning! Nothing can stop Bush Bobcats!

HISD has announced that the 2021-2022 school year will not be working under the guise of HISD's Communicable Disease Plan. This means temperatures won't be taken before entering the building, students and adults don't need to be 6 feet apart, and the cafeteria can be used for all grade levels every day.

The first day of school is Monday, August 23. Only in-person learning will be offered at Bush Elementary. Students may be dropped off starting at 7:20 a.m. The first bell will be at 7:30 a.m. and the tardy bell is at 7:40 a.m. **All students must be in class on Monday, August 23 by 9:00 a.m. when attendance is taken in order to be re-enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year.**

2021 – 2022 Student Dress Code Guidelines

Bush Elementary will be returning to a student dress code for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Please print and review the attachment as back to school clothing sales start early. If you were at Bush before this school year, you recall that shirts had to be solid colored red, white, or navy polo-style or button up. T-shirts could only be Bush Elementary t-shirts. Also, sweat pants, leggings, jeggings, athletic shorts were not dress code. Shorts, skirts, and pants have to be solid colored navy, khaki, or the "Bush plaid".

Please print or save the dress code guidelines below to be prepared for all back to school sales throughout the summer.

[Bush 2021 - 2022 Dress Code](#)

HISD Mask Update

Texas Gov. Gregg Abbott recently issued an executive order prohibiting governmental entities – cities, counties, school districts, public health authorities, and government officials – from requiring or mandating masks. Under the order, school districts may continue to follow their current mask guidelines through Friday, June 4, 2021. After that date, school districts are prohibited from requiring any student, teacher, parent, employee, or visitor from wearing masks.

Though masks are no longer required, HISD encourages their use and recognizes that the decision to continue wearing a mask is a personal one.

Bush Elementary highly recommends that masks should still be worn on campus during the last week of school and during summer school. Temperature checks will still occur in the morning during the last week of school and through summer school.

Medication in School

If your child keeps medication in the nurse's office, please pick up your child's medication(s) before the last day of school, **Friday, June 11th by 2:00 p.m.**

Students are not permitted to pick up or transport medications to/from school.

If you are unable to pick up your child's medication, please email Nurse Guider dguider@houstonisd.org to make arrangements.

Last day for School Store On The Go is June 10th!

Now selling various goody bags (ranging from \$1 - \$5) packed with novelties in our brand new school store On The Go cart! Empty your piggy banks, and come shop one more time before the summer break: **THURSDAY June 10th, 2021 is the last day.** We just received a new shipment of fun goodies to enjoy over the summer. See you in the hallways at lunchtime!

All covid safety measures will be followed to ensure this is a SAFE and FUN activity for your child. Social distancing will continue to be practiced and proper PPE will be worn at all times. Goody bags can be previewed online at www.bbepeto.com. All proceeds directly benefit the PTO. Thank you for supporting the BBE PTO and happy shopping!

Last day for in classroom deliveries will be June 10th, 2021. Order now!

Last Day of School - Friday, June 11

The students' last day of school is Friday, June 11. Students must be in attendance through this date to receive an end of year report card showing promotion status for next school year.

2021 - 2022 Registration Dates

The first day of school for the 2021 - 2022 school year is Monday, August 23.

2021 - 2022 Bush Elementary Registration Dates*

June 16 - 23 - New Students in Grades K - 5

August 9 - 11 and August 17 - 19 - New Students in Grades K - 5

These dates are subject to change.

Details for each of these registration dates will be published in the Paw Prints. There are no guarantees for enrollment space at Bush Elementary after the May registration dates. Registration is a two part process. Parents register their children and then students are present on the first day of school, August 23. If you have submitted all your registration documents to the registrar, then your child will be assigned a teacher in August. Then, you will receive a phone call during the week of August 16 from your child's teacher.



SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of June 9th is characteristics/traits.

Ms. Rose would like to wish a very special birthday to:

Ornella R. who turns 7 yrs. old on June 6th, and is a first grader in Ms. Travis's class.

Summer Birthdays!

Elias A. who turns 9 yrs. old on June 14th.

Samantha E. who turns 6 yrs. old on June 22nd.

Adam I. who turns 8 yrs. old on June 26th.

Dylan P. who turns 7 yrs. old on June 30th.

Anezka C. who turns 11 yrs. old July 12th.

Hannah E. who turns 8 yrs. old on July 16th.

Eleanor P. who turns 7 yrs. old on July 17th.

Kaitlyn B. who turns 9 yrs. old on July 19th.

Shrivas J. who turns 10 yrs. old on July 25th.

Evan B. who turns 9 yrs. old on July 31st.

Happy Birthday and Welcome to the Bush Birthday Book Club!



Last Day of School

When

Friday, June 11th, 7:30am-3pm

Where

13800 Westerloch Drive
Houston, TX

K - 5th Grade - New Student Registration

When

Wednesday, June 16th, 7:30am to
Wednesday, June 23rd, 3pm

Where

This is an online event.

More information

These dates are subject to change.

K - 5th Grade - New Student Registration

When

Monday, Aug. 9th, 7:30am to
Wednesday, Aug. 11th, 3pm

Where

This is an online event.

More information

These dates are subject to change.

K - 5th Grade - New Student Registration

When

Tuesday, Aug. 17th, 7:30am to Thursday,
Aug. 19th, 2pm

Where

This is an online event.

More information

These dates are subject to change.

First Day of School

When

Monday, Aug. 23rd, 7:30am-3pm

Where

13800 Westerloch Drive
Houston, TX

More information

[2021 - 2022 HISD Academic Calendar](#)



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PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION**

Online Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Online Book Fair. We hope you and your family found some wonderful books to enjoy this summer. Happy reading!

Nature Center

Thank you to everyone who supported our Nature Center this year. We know space was limited, and there were many requests to participate that we were just not able to accommodate. Hopefully we will be able to reopen the Nature Center fully soon, and we are excited to have EVERYONE join us when that happens!

Yard Signs on sale now

Keep showing your Bobcat spirit over the summer and get ready for the 2021-22 school year with a Bush Elementary yard sign! Purchase your \$15 yard sign on our website at www.BBEPTO.com. The deadline to purchase the 18" wide by 24" tall double sided sign with removable stakes is **today, June 9**, so order now for classroom delivery (for in-person students) or drive-thru pickup (for virtual students)!

Directories still available

We still have a limited number of Directories available for distribution. If you did not receive one, and you are interested, please contact PTO Vice President, Michelle Jackson, at bushpto.vp@gmail.com. These Directories are available free of charge through our PTO Pals program.

