

# PAWPRINTS

## BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – FEBRUARY 18, 2015

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 19		Mrs. Bush's Visit – NO VISITORS
February 25	12:20 p.m.	Early Dismissal
February 27		Go Texan Day
March 6		Academic & Athletic Olympiad
March 6	11:00-11:30 a.m.	Family Picnic
March 11	9:00 a.m.	Prospective Parent Information Session
March 12	12:30 p.m.	PTO Board Meeting
March 13	8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Sp. Ed. Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
March 16-20		SPRING BREAK

### HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

Handbook Highlights will return next week.

The entire handbook is available at:  
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### BREAKING NEWS

The grandfathering policy for the proposed attendance boundary change was explained at last night's community meeting. All currently-enrolled Bush Elementary students will be able to remain at Bush Elementary through 5<sup>th</sup> grade as long as they remain at their current residence and remain continuously enrolled. Siblings who have not yet enrolled at Bush Elementary will not be a part of the grandfathering policy. No final decisions have been made at this time. The HISD Board of Education makes the final decision.

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### SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of February 16 is deposition.

## BOBCAT NEWS

### VIP

Former first lady, Mrs. Barbara Bush, will be visiting Bush Elementary tomorrow to read to the students. Students are encouraged to wear a solid-colored red polo-style shirt with a collar. **DUE TO SECURITY CONCERNS, THIS EVENT WILL BE CLOSED TO PARENTS.** Please make sure all students arrive to school on time.

**PLEASE, NO PARENT VOLUNTEERS OR LUNCH VISITORS TOMORROW. THANK YOU!**

### CONGRATULATIONS, MS. DILLER!

The Teacher of the Year for the 2014-2015 school year is Abbey Diller. Ms. Diller was born and raised in Dallas and lived there until she moved to College Station to attend Texas A&M University. She was certain that she would begin teaching pre-K or kindergarten after graduation, but after completing her student teaching with fourth graders, she knew it was the perfect grade for her! Ms. Diller graduated in May of 2012 with an elementary education degree. It was a very exciting summer of traveling after graduation and more importantly, setting up her first classroom at Bush. This is Ms. Diller's third year teaching reading and writing to 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Bush, and she has loved getting to learn from the amazing teachers and students at our school!

### EARLY DISMISSAL

**The next Early Dismissal Day is Wednesday, February 25.** The school day will be from 7:35 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. There will be an altered ancillary schedule and lunch times will run one hour and ten minutes earlier on these days only. Students must be picked up at 12:20 p.m.

## SHIRTS OF MANY COLORS

All students will begin tie-dying t-shirts in Art class during the week of February 23<sup>rd</sup>. These shirts will be worn for our fabulous Bush Olympiad and Family Picnic on March 6<sup>th</sup>. All students will need a **laundered** white t-shirt in order to participate. **Please put your student's name inside the neck of the shirt using a permanent marker.** Enclose the shirt in a zip-loc bag in case we need to send them home to dry. Each grade level will be allocated a different color: pre-k – royal blue, kindergarten – sunshine orange, first grade – Kelly green, second grade – red and blue, third grade – yellow and red, fourth grade – blue and fuchsia (neon pink), and fifth graders may use all the colors listed to decorate their shirts. Donations of RIT dye in these colors would be appreciated! The shirts will become part of the dress code starting **May 11. Come and help on your child's art day. However, due to limited space and safety concerns, please do not plan to bring siblings!** Please check your child's ancillary schedule and plan on joining us to tie-dye!

## BUSH ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC OLYMPIAD AND FAMILY PICNIC

The Bush Academic and Athletic Olympiad and Family Picnic will be held on Friday, March 6:

8:05 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Athletic Olympiad Events
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	FAMILY PICNIC
11:40 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.	Pre-K – 2 & Sp.Ed. Athletic Olympiad Events

## SUPER STAR BOBCAT!

Congratulations to Janine Teh from Mrs. Butera's fifth grade class for taking 9<sup>th</sup> place at the district spelling bee! Woo Hoo, Janine!

## GO TEXAN DAY

Students are encouraged to wear their "Go Texan" clothes to school on Friday, February 27. Please make sure they leave their horses, guns, and lassos at home!

## LOST & NEVER FOUND

**We have 65 jackets in Lost and Found. If your child has lost a jacket, please stop by Lost and Found to see if it is there!**

## PROSPECTIVE PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Do you have a child coming to Bush next year? Then come and join a prospective parent information session that will answer all your questions about Bush Elementary programs and curriculum. We will tour the school and discuss all of the wonderful things Bush has to offer. If you know a neighbor or friend who would like to attend one of these information sessions, please pass the invitation on to them. The next session for this school year will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11.

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## PTO NEWS LASTING MEMORIES

Order your 2014-15 yearbook today! Each yearbook will be between 72-80 pages, hard-bound and will feature never-before seen pictures from in school and after school activities. The cost is \$25 and the order deadline is Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Buy your yearbook online by going to [www.PictavoCommunity.com](http://www.PictavoCommunity.com). Yearbooks will be delivered to your child's teacher in May.

## SPIRIT EVENTS

**February 18:** Bush Spirit Day at Marco's Pizza

**February 25:** Early Dismissal – Idea Lab Kids

## SCHOOL STORE

The school store hours are Tuesday and Friday mornings from 7:35 a.m.-8:15 a.m., and Friday lunchtime from 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. School directories are also on sale for \$15.00 each.

## COURTYARD BEAUTIFICATION

Parents interested in volunteering to complete the courtyard beautification project may join us on Wednesday, February 25 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. as we lay mulch on our new flowers.

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## SCHOOL NEWS NETWORK

(articles submitted by other area schools)

Westside High School will be hosting a jazz evening on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. It is called "Shades of Blue" and features the incredibly talented WHS Big Band/Jazz Combo & Percussion Ensembles. Also performing that evening will be the Westside Chamber Orchestra, and West Briar Middle School's Jazz Band.

This will be a jazz club-style performance held in The Commons instead of our large auditorium. The evening will be enhanced as well by works of art created by Westside's award-winning Art Department.

We are hopeful that you, your students, and families can join us as we celebrate the many "Shades of Blue!" For more information, please email Jerry Gonzalez at [ggonza29@houstonisd.org](mailto:ggonza29@houstonisd.org).

## BUSH BOBCATS - STUDENTS TODAY, LEADERS TOMORROW - 2014-15

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