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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – FEBRUARY 25, 2015

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

2015 STAAR Testing Dates

March 30, 2015	STAAR Grade 4 Writing Day 1
March 31, 2015	STAAR Grade 4 Writing Day 2 STAAR Grade 5 Reading
April 20, 2015	STAAR Grade 5 Math
April 21, 2015	STAAR Grades 3 & 4 Math
April 22, 2015	STAAR Grades 3 & 4 Reading STAAR Grade 5 Science

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

Handbook Highlights will return next week.

The entire handbook is available at:

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SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of February 23 is fossils.

BOBCAT NEWS

VIP

Last week, we were honored to have Mrs. Barbara Bush visit our school and read books to the students. Not only did the chorus sing to Mrs. Bush, but so did all PK – 5th grade students. We are very fortunate that Mrs. Bush is able to visit her first namesake school. We would also like to thank Mrs. Miller, Mr. Watson, Dr. Buza, all the faculty and staff, and students for all your excellent efforts in making the event spectacular!

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!

HISD CELL PHONE POLICY

The use of cell phones or any other unapproved electronic devices by students or test administrators in a testing environment is not permitted. Procedures regarding cell phones during testing include:

- Student cell phones and other unapproved electronic devices shall be collected by the test administrator prior to testing and returned to the owners after testing has been completed for the day.
- Campuses must post signs reminding students about the telecommunications rules prior to any district or state test administration.
- Prior to the start of the first major test administration in the spring, test administrators must read the “HISD Electronic Device Advisory Statement” shown below to all test participants.
- After the statement is read to students, all students will be required to sign the statement form.

HISD ELECTRONIC DEVICE ADVISORY STATEMENT

“As per the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Houston ISD, the use of cell phones and other personal electronic devices during testing is not permitted. I understand that I must power off my electronic device(s) and turn it in to the Test Administrator to hold until ALL students have completed the test. Being in possession of any electronic device(s) will be reason to have my test picked up and NOT SCORED. I understand that I will then have to turn in my phone, and that disciplinary action will be taken by campus administration.”

DRESS CODE INFORMATION

The Bush Elementary Shared Decision Making Committee (BEC) voted to revise the dress code for 2015-2016. Beginning next school year, all tights or leggings worn under skirts, jumpers, skirts or shorts must be solid red, white, khaki or navy. In addition, leggings may not be worn as pants - only under skirts or jumpers. We wanted to give our parents advance notice of this slight change for those of you who may be doing some early shopping for next year.

Please remember that our current Bush dress code states that long sleeved shirts worn under uniform shirts must be solid red, white or navy. Also, any jackets worn in the classrooms or anywhere inside the school building must be solid red, white or navy as well. Jackets worn outdoors may be of any color.

BUSH ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC OLYMPIAD AND FAMILY PICNIC

The annual *Bush Family Picnic* will be held from 11:00-11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 6. Plan to come! Be sure to bring something good to eat, a blanket to sit on, and an umbrella or sun hat! The cafeteria will have sack lunches available for purchase. The *Family Picnic* is a great chance for working parents to use their lunch breaks to participate in a school event. Pick up your lunch early so that you will be able to spend more time with your child. For safety reasons, please do not allow your child/children to play on the playground equipment. Also, please be a good neighbor when parking around the school.

The picnic will be "sandwiched" in between the Bush Academic and Athletic Olympiad events for students. Tie-dye shirts are dress code for Friday, March 6. If the weather forecast indicates a chilly start to the day, please dress your child appropriately (i.e layers.) Starting May 11, the tie-dye shirts will become part of the regular dress code.

8:05 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	3 rd -5 th 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

Here are some Family Picnic Tips:

1. If you are bringing fast food for lunch, make sure you have enough time because fast food restaurants in the area will be busy.
2. Arrive at 10:30-10:45 to set up your picnic. We have many visitors sign-in on this day. If you arrive at 11:00 a.m., lunch may be over by the time you get to your child!
3. **MAKE SURE ALL VISITORS BRING THEIR PICTURE ID, INCLUDING GRANDPARENTS WHO ARE JUST VISITING FROM OUT OF TOWN!**
4. We are expecting a huge turnout for the family picnic. A big crowd means lots of traffic and street parking on all the streets around the campus, so be prepared to park and walk. Please be considerate of the homes neighboring Bush. Be a good neighbor and remember the following parking rules:
 - Don't park in front of fire hydrants.
 - Park at least 20 feet from an intersection.
 - Do not block driveways.

SHIRTS OF MANY COLORS

All students will begin tie-dyeing t-shirts in Art class starting this week. These shirts will be worn for our fabulous Bush Olympiad and Family Picnic on March 6th. 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!

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.

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 6th. Buy your yearbook online by going to www.PictavoCommunity.com. Yearbooks will be delivered to your child's teacher in May.

SPIRIT EVENTS

February 25: Early Dismissal – Idea Lab Kids
March 10: Bush Spirit Day at Chick-Fil-A
March 18: Bush Spirit Day at Marco's Pizza

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.

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