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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – FEBRUARY 5, 2014

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 12	9:00 a.m.	Prospective Parent Information Session
February 13	8:45	3 rd Grade Museum Fine Arts (Dow/Roe/½ McMaster
February 13	10:15	3 rd Grade Museum Fine Arts (Taylor/Rosales/½McMaster
February 18		Class & Individual Pictures
February 19	12:20 p.m.	EARLY DISMISSAL
February 28		GO TEXAN DAY
March 7	8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Field Day – Schedule to follow
March 7	11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Family Picnic
March 17-21		Spring Break
April 26	1:00-4:00 p.m.	International Festival

BREAKING NEWS

Mark your calendars: Make-up days have been finalized

HISD schools will now be open **April 18 and May 26** for students, faculty and support staff to make up the days lost to wintry weather on January 24 and 28.

The decision, made Thursday, adheres to the district's [2013-2014 calendar](#) adopted by the HISD Board of Education, which designated the Spring Holiday and Memorial Day as makeup days.

The Texas Education Agency mandates procedures for setting calendars and for designating and publicizing makeup days, and the public has an extended opportunity in advance of adoption of the calendar to comment on those days.

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of February 3 is fossil fuels.

BOBCAT NEWS

VIP

Yesterday, 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-5 grade students. We are very fortunate that Mrs. Bush is able to visit her first namesake school. We would also like to thank Mrs. Cooper, Mr. Watson, Dr. Buza, Mrs. Malmer, all the faculty and staff, and students for all your excellent efforts in making the event spectacular!

NEW CELL PHONE POLICY

On January 23, 2014, the Bush Excellence Committee (BEC/SDMC) approved our new cell phone policy.

*Students are allowed to have a cell phone in their backpack to use **only** to communicate with parents after school starting at 2:50 p.m. Cell phones are **not** allowed to be on or used during the school day. The first time a cell phone is visible (seen or heard) during the school day, it will be confiscated and turned in to the office. The teacher will notify the parent to pick up the phone from the office. At the time of pick up, the parent will sign an acknowledgement that he/she is aware of a \$15.00 administrative fee for any subsequent times the phone is confiscated thereafter. If the phone is not picked up within 30 days, the office will no longer be responsible for the phone. Multiple confiscations will result in a discipline referral. This cell phone policy will be effective beginning tomorrow, February 6.*

FOURTH GRADE WRITING

Fourth grade students and their parents have an important event this afternoon February 5th from 3:00-3:30 p.m. in the Bush Elementary Library. The fourth grade teachers will be explaining the expository writing process used in class so parents will have a better understanding and be able to assist their child at home. **These sessions are designed only for the fourth grade parents.**

SHIRTS OF MANY COLORS

All students will begin tie-dying t-shirts in Art class during the week of February 24th. These shirts will be worn for our fabulous Bush Olympiad and Family Picnic on March 7th. 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 on **May 12.** **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!

RAINY DAY PLAN

Make a plan for rainy or "bad" days. Be sure you have a rainy day plan for your child. Make sure that your child knows what he or she is to do if it is raining at dismissal time. **Please do not call the school office with instructions and messages. This should be handled in advance.** As the weather in Houston is very unpredictable, it is highly recommended that parents purchase an inexpensive fold-up rain poncho and place it in their child's backpack. This poncho can be "saved for a rainy day."

PROSPECTIVE PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Do you have a child coming to Bush next year? 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 February 12.

PTO NEWS

BUSH SPIRIT NIGHT AT MARCO'S PIZZA (Every 3rd Wednesday of the month)

Take a break from the kitchen and enjoy a hot pizza dinner. Say you're with Bush when you place your order and 20% of sales will come back to the school.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Link your Kroger Card to Barbara Bush Elementary and every time you shop at Kroger, a percentage will be donated back to the Bush PTO.

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