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JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TONIGHT		Bush Spirit Night @ Marcos Pizza
January 23	5:30	COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
January 29	12:20 p.m.	Early Dismissal
February 12	9:00 a.m.	Prospective Parent Information Session
March 7	8:00 a.m. – 2:30	Field Day – Schedule to follow
March 7	11:00 – 11:30	Family Picnic

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE BOX

The “June Box” is a name that preceded the current school calendar! It was coined when school was not over until early June, but the box still works in the same way.

Non-instructional items such as cards, toys, games, etc. that are “taken up” by the teacher are placed in a “June Box.” The items are returned to the student on the last day of school. Parents may come to school and retrieve such items before the end of the year.

The entire handbook is available at:
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BOBCAT NEWS

THANK YOU, MR. MEYERS

January is School Board Recognition Month. We greatly appreciate all the hard work put forth by our school board member, Mr. Greg Meyers. Thank you, Mr. Meyers, for all that you do to support the efforts of the students in HISD.

SPELLING BEE

The annual Bush Spelling Bee was held on Friday, January 17. Forty-eight 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students participated in this exciting event. The winner was Janine Teh from Mr. Wilson’s fourth grade class! The runner-up was Gloria Huan from Mrs. Butera’s fifth grade class. The winner will compete in the District Spelling Bee in February. Congratulations to all of our super spellers!

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of January 20 is gravity.

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS 2013-2014

HISD has selected five early dismissal days that are to be used for professional development or parental involvement. All schools will participate in the early dismissal schedule and the school day will be reduced by two hours and thirty minutes.

The next Early Dismissal Day is Wednesday, January 29. 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.**

FOOD DRIVE

February is Boy Scouts of America National Food Month. Cub Scout Pack 1038 is committed to serving our community and constantly strives to lend an extra hand. The Scouting for Food Campaign is one huge way that we give back, and we need **YOUR SUPPORT** to make this campaign successful!

Please bring canned or boxed food items to school before January 31 and place items in the boxes near the front office. **Thank you for your support!**

PRE-K TESTING FOR VANGUARD NEIGHBORHOOD KINDERGARTEN AUGUST 2014

Parents who are interested in having their Pre-K students, zoned to Bush or currently attending Bush, tested for the Vanguard Neighborhood program for kindergarten at Bush in 2014-15 may submit their application to the office. **If your child is applying for a Vanguard Magnet program at another school (ie. T.H. Rogers, Askew, etc.), complete the application/testing process with that school ONLY – please do not submit another application to Bush.** According to HISD Board policy, applicants may be assessed only once a year, and results of the testing process at the Vanguard Magnet school are accepted in any HISD Vanguard Neighborhood program. The deadline for submitting applications for the February cycle is **January 31**. Parents of these Pre-K applicants will be notified of their child's specific test date. Students who meet eligibility criteria through this process will begin Vanguard Kindergarten services in August 2014.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS NETWORK (articles submitted by other area schools)

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Westside High School is holding a Community Open House tomorrow, Thursday, January 23 starting with tours at 5:30 p.m. Learn about Westside High School's academic programs, award-winning visual & performing art programs, 16 UIL athletic programs as well as additional club sports, and a multitude of clubs and organizations.

BUSH BOBCATS WILL DISCOVER A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES IN 2013-2014

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