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## BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – JANUARY 28, 2014

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January is School Board Recognition Month

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 30		Kindergarten – Children's Museum
February 3	7:00-7:30 a.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Writing Session
February 3	3:00-3:30 p.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Writing Session
February 12	12:30 p.m.	PTO Board Meeting
February 18		Class & Individual Pictures

### HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

It is imperative that all information on each child's enrollment card be complete and kept current. **If phone numbers (home, work, emergency or doctor) change, please notify the school office immediately.**

Be sure that you have a plan for picking your child up during the day should he/she get sick at school. Students should **not** be picked up from school early except in emergency situations or for appointments that **cannot** be scheduled at other times. Be sure that changes in "pick-up procedures" are clearly communicated and discussed **before** the child leaves home. Notify the teacher in writing when such changes occur.

Students will **not** be called out of class to talk on the phone. In emergency cases, messages will be relayed to students. This will not be done for messages that are of a routine nature. **Plan ahead!** Your child's instructional time is important.

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### SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Concept for the week of January 26 is water cycle.

## 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.

### FOURTH GRADE WRITING

Fourth grade parents have an important event on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00-7:30 a.m. **or** 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 of the process and be able to assist their child at home. Two sessions are being offered to accommodate parents' schedules, so please choose to attend one. **These sessions are designed only for the fourth grade parents.**

### BINGO NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who came to Bingo Night at Bush last Saturday! The turnout exceeded our expectations, and we hope you had a good time! Thank you for your continued support of these critical fundraisers that are helping to create the best year ever at Bush Elementary.

### PARENTS WE HAVE A PROBLEM!

Parents are parking in the faculty and staff parking lot when they chaperone their children on field trips. Please do not park in the faculty and staff parking lot **at any time!** The space is very limited and we need all the spaces for faculty and staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **SAFETY NEWS**

There will be no crossing guard at Briar Forest and Parkway Plaza until **February 10**. Please be extra vigilant when crossing the street at this busy intersection.

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION AT HEB**

When you buy 15 participating Box Tops for Education products in a single shopping trip at HEB you will get 100 bonus box tops for Bush Elementary. If you buy 10 participating Box Tops for Education products in one shopping trip, you will get 60 Bonus Box Tops. This promotion will run until **February 3, 2015**.

## **PRE-K TESTING FOR VANGUARD NEIGHBORHOOD KINDERGARTEN AUGUST 2015**

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 2015-16 may submit their application to the office. If your child is applying for a Vanguard Magnet program at another school (i.e. T.H. Rogers, Askew, etc.), complete the application/testing process with that school **ONLY** – 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 30**. 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 2015.

## **LOST & FOUND**

We have 21 pairs of unclaimed prescription eye glasses in the school office. If your child has lost his/her glasses, please stop by the office.

## **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, February 11.

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## **STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

Penny Wars for Warriors winning grade level will be announced on Thursday.

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## **PTO NEWS**

### **January 28:**

Early Dismissal - Bush Spirit Day at Monkey Joe's

### **February 6:**

Bush Spirit Night at Idea Lab Kids (6:30pm - 9:30pm)

### **February 12:**

Bush Spirit Day at Chick-Fil-A

## **SCHOOL STORE**

Starting this week, the school store will be open on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 7:35-8:15 a.m., and Friday lunchtime from 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. School directories will also be on sale for \$15.00 each.

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

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