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## BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – JANUARY 7, 2014

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January is School Board Recognition Month

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 8	3:00 p.m.	Westside High School Parent Information Session @ Bush
January 9	8:15 a.m.	Spelling Bee
January 9	2:50 p.m.	Report Cards go Home
January 12		Student Council Penny Wars Fundraiser begins
January 24	3:00-6:00 p.m.	BINGO Night at Bush

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### **SAFETY ABOVE ALL ELSE**

One of the core values of HISD is “Safety Above All Else.” In order to provide a safe environment for every student, Bush Elementary now has a new buzzer/camera system at the main door. In order to gain access to the building, you will have to use the buzzer. Please make sure you have your state-issued picture ID ready before you are buzzed into the building.

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### SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of January 5 is magnetism.

## **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.

### **REPORT CARD**

Please check your child’s red communication folder today for the TEA 2013-14 School Report Card.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Bush Elementary has received the Campus Award from the Texas Honors Circle from the Texas Comptroller’s Office. This award honors campuses for successfully combining cost-effective spending with academic excellence. The Texas Comptroller’s Honor Circle Awards recognize campuses across Texas that achieve the highest level of student success and responsible fiscal management as determined by the Financial Allocation Study for Texas (FAST) report. Our efforts set an example of wise management of educational spending while preparing students for success in college or the workforce – an effort crucial to the future of Texas. Woo Hoo, Bush Elementary!

## **WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL** **INFORMATION SESSION**

Whether you are a property owner or parent in this community, how well do you know Westside High School? Come meet Principal Peggi Stewart from Westside High School on **Thursday, January 8 at 3:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Bush Elementary**, and learn about the amazing enhancements of its academic programming to prepare students for regional, national, and international career marketplaces. As a stakeholder in the Westside community, she understands the importance of engaging all parents in our community so they truly know what happens inside the walls of Westside High School.

## SPELLING BEE

The annual Bush Spelling Bee will be held on Friday, January 9 at 8:15 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Over forty 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in this exciting event.

## NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 19, is a holiday honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. Please enjoy this day off from school to spend time with your families, read a good book, and relax.

## EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS 2014-15

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 28. 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.

## 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.

## 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:

The Bush Student Council is planning our first fundraiser called Penny Wars.

Each grade level has one mission... to fill up their jar the fastest! Penny Wars will be from January 12 - January 23. All coins and bills are welcome, and these funds will benefit Wounded Warriors. The winning grade will get a free dress day! Good luck from your student council!

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## PTO NEWS

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## SCHOOL NEWS NETWORK

(articles submitted by other area schools)

### WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

#### Westside High School's Showcase Evening

Let the journey begin for your student as you visit Westside High School's campus on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. During the evening, you and your student will be able to take a campus tour, watch an exciting program showcasing Westside's talent, and choose from an array of academic informational sessions to attend. The academic informational sessions will showcase the various programs within our walls:

**Advanced Academics** – Pre AP, AP, and Dual Credit classes

**Digital Media & Design Academy**

**The Health Science Academy** - The Futures Academy and Health Science Tracks

**Business and Culinary Arts Academy**

**Engineering Academy**- preWEGA and WEGA

**Performing and Visual Arts**

**Information Technology**

You and your student will also be able to learn about the many sports programs and clubs Westside has to offer as well while you enjoy meeting our students and staff in the Commons.

**Make plans now to be at Westside High School, on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tours and informational sessions begin at 5:30 p.m.**

**Program begins at 6:45 p.m.**

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

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