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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – MAY 21, 2014

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 22	7:00 p.m.	K Play & PTO Meeting
May 26		Regular School & Free Dress Day
May 28		AWARDS DAY (Schedule to follow)
May 29	8:15	Pre-K Graduation
May 29	8:30-2:30	5 th Grade – Bear Creek Park
May 29	9:15 a.m.	K Graduation Parade
May 29	9:30 a.m.	K Graduation (McCormick, Fox, Junco)
May 29	10:10 a.m.	K Graduation (Castaneda, Nguyen, Taylor)
May 29	2:50	Report Cards go home. School is Out for the Summer!

PTO BOARD 2014-2015

The PTO Nominating Committee has selected a slate of officers to be presented for election at the general PTO meeting on May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. We are thrilled that this talented group has agreed to serve our school and our children in this capacity.

- President - Jessica McKay
- Vice President - Florencia Muradas
- Treasurer - Kara Bemis
- Secretary - Emily Smith
- Safety - Mansi Arora
- Business Partnerships - Karen Mills
- Business Partnerships - Shimona Nijhawan
- VIPS Coordinator - Elvia Blanco
- VIPS Coordinator - Cossette Hurtado
- Hospitality, Teachers - Natalia Naymushina
- Hospitality, Teachers - Shannon Matson
- Hospitality, Families - Beatriz Barcenas
- Hospitality, Families - Liliana Leon Duarte
- Fundraising - Alexandria Erkal
- Fundraising - Estela Bentolila
- School Store - Mayra Atakan
- School Store - Patricia Robertson
- School Store - Alegna Pillot
- Directory - Shibani Gupta
- Directory - Sonya Mehta
- Publicity/Historian - Aman Venkat
- Nature Center/Grounds - Sarah Castro

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Words for the week of May 19 are characteristics/traits.

BOBCAT NEWS

A+

The Children At Risk foundation released their 2014 school rankings a month ago. They discovered they had made some major errors in their calculations! The results were corrected and released last weekend showing Bush Elementary is an “A+” school, not an “A” school. Bush Elementary is ranked the 11th best school in the 40 counties that make up the greater Houston area. Bush Elementary ranked higher than **EVERY** elementary school in the following school districts: Katy, Spring Branch, and Cy-Fair. Woo Hoo, to Bush Elementary’s students and teachers!!!

FREE DRESS DAY!

Ms. Rose has declared Monday, May 26 Free Dress Day for students, faculty and staff. Please make sure that everyone is dressed appropriately for school. Just as a reminder, Monday, May 26 is a school day. Yes, this is Memorial Day, but it was designated our make-up day for one of our ice days earlier this year. We have a great day planned with all students getting to enjoy jumping on the inflatables in the morning! Our school’s funding is directly tied to our attendance rate and a higher attendance rate means more funds for Bush Elementary. Attendance is taken at 9:00 a.m. every day. Please ensure your healthy child is at school by this time every day.

CONGRATULATIONS, FOURTH GRADE!

During the Read-A-Thon, fourth grade read **56,700 minutes** and raised **\$5,100.14** for the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy! A donation of \$5,000 to the foundation helps to establish a Teen Trendsetters™ Reading Mentors program in a community that will touch 40 students on average! Struggling first, second, and third graders are partnered with a high school student to improve their reading fluency. They begin the program at least six to seven months behind in reading, but by the end of the program, mentees have helped the students to advance their reading skills by one full academic year.

THANK YOU for supporting our namesake’s wonderful foundation!

WAY TO GO!!

- **Mrs. Jensen’s homeroom** for reading more than any other fourth grade class! **17,575 minutes!**
- Our TOP two readers...
 1. **Sankalp Singh** (2,851 minutes)
 2. **Lulu Collins** (2,001 minutes)
- Our TOP two fundraisers
 1. **Kayla Vincent**
 2. **Naomi Canny**

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

Following the general PTO Meeting tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. is the kindergarten play titled, "The Barnyard Moosical." **As seating is limited, please do not bring Bush students or younger siblings to the performance.** All Bush students will have already seen the play. The chairs need to be reserved for parents, grandparents, and other relatives. There will also not be room for strollers, as this is a crowded event.

PRE-K GRADUATION

Mrs. Malmer and Mrs. Johnson's Pre-K classes will have their graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 29 at 8:15 a.m. in the multi-purpose room. All family and friends are invited to this event. **ALL parents and visitors must show a state-issued ID, such as a driver's license or passport when entering the building.**

K GRADUATION

Ms. McCormick, Ms. Fox, and Mrs. Junco's classes will have their graduation ceremony in the multi-purpose room from 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 29. Ms. Castaneda, Ms. Taylor, and Ms. Nguyen's classes will have their graduation ceremony in the multi-purpose room at 10:10 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. The kindergarten graduation parade will take place at 9:15 a.m. **All family and friends are invited to this event. ALL parents and visitors must show a state-issued ID, such as a driver's license or passport when entering the building.**

LAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

On Thursday, May 29, our students will be having class parties. We cannot accommodate extra students in the building on that day. Parents, who are here for the parties, may bring other non-school age siblings with them. **Children without a parent on campus at Bush will not be admitted.** Bush students must stay with their own classes for the parties. Please do not take a student out of his/her class to visit a sibling's party. **ALL parents and visitors must show a state-issued ID, such as a driver's license or passport when entering the building.**

ATTENTION AVID READERS:

The 2014-2015 Name That Book lists are now available. Those of you that would like to get a head start on next year's Name That Book books can visit the Barbara Bush home page and click on *Name That Book* for more information and to see the lists for next year's K-2 and 3-6 Name That Book competitions.

AWARDS' DAY

Mark your calendars! Awards' Day will be in the multi-purpose room on Wednesday, May 28 as follows:

8:05 a.m.	2 nd Grade
9:00 a.m.	1 st Grade
10:00 a.m.	3 rd Grade
11:00 a.m.	4 th Grade
1:20 p.m.	5 th Grade

YOUR VOICE – SURVEY

Bush Elementary strives for excellence in everything we do and that includes survey completion rate. May 30th is the Your Voice Survey completion deadline. If you haven't already, please complete the paper survey and mail it in the pre-paid envelope or complete the survey online at the address provided.

UNIFORM NEWS!

Academy Uniforms is the new supplier for Bush uniform items for the 2014-15 school year! Academy Uniforms is located at 14520 Memorial Drive # 32 (in the Calliope Shopping Center). Stop by the school office to pick up a flyer to find out what they have to offer!

LOST AND FOUND

If your child is missing a lunchbox, jacket, sweater, or any other personal item, please stop by Lost and Found. Any items still in Lost and Found after May 29, will be donated to charity.

RECYCLE UNIFORM ITEMS

If your child has outgrown his/her uniform items, or he/she will not be at Bush next year, please consider donating clean, lightly-used items to the school.

REGISTRATION

The following items are required for registration to attend an HISD school. **ALL ORIGINAL** documents must be present at the time of registration: proof of birth date, proof of immunizations, proof of residency, parent or legal guardian's ID. For a more detailed list, please check the registration section on the Bush website.

REGISTRATION (PK-5)

June 4, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
August 19, 20, 21 – 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

The first day of school is Monday, August 25, 2014.

PRE-PACKAGED SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Order your child's supplies now for next school year! No waiting in lines; no carrying heavy packages. The PTO school store will deliver them to your child's classroom before the first day of school. Extra school supply forms are available in the school office.

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

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