

# PAWPRINTS

## BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – NOVEMBER 20, 2013

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 20		Bush Spirit Night at Marco's Pizza
November 27-29		THANKSGIVING BREAK NO SCHOOL
December 23-January 6		WINTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
January 7	7:35 a.m.	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

## HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

Handbook Highlights will return after Thanksgiving.

The entire handbook is available at:

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## SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of November 18 is energy.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## BOBCAT NEWS

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

(Thanksgiving Holiday – November 27-29)

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving Holiday, I realize I am thankful for many things: time off to spend with my family, over 760 exemplary students, the incredible and supportive Bush “family,” and a hard-working and dedicated faculty and staff. I hope you enjoy spending time with your families. Please have a safe and happy Thanksgiving. I look forward to seeing everyone rested and ready to resume their excellent ways at 7:35 a.m. on Monday, December 2.

## ATTENDANCE

Last week's attendance rate was low with 20 – 28 students absent each day. HISD requires elementary schools to have a 98% attendance rate and Bush Elementary has slipped below that requirement as a result of last week's attendance. Fall is here and the temperature is cooler. Cooler temperatures are not a reason to keep children at home. As long as your child has been fever and vomit free for 24 hours, then your child must be at school. The Bush Elementary teachers work hard to provide meaningful and enriching learning activities each and every day. Your child must be at school to be part of the engaging learning environment at Bush Elementary.

*Theresa Rose, Principal*

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

**There will be no after school tutorials or library next Tuesday, November 26. All students must be picked-up at 2:50 p.m.**

## EVERY DAY IS IMPORTANT

School is in session on Monday, November 25 and Tuesday, November 26. All healthy students must attend school on these two days.

## THANK YOU PTO

The Bush faculty and staff would like to say a big thank you to the PTO and our parents for the amazing Japanese feast they served last Friday!

## FREE DRESS PASS DAYS

In honor of meeting and exceeding our Underwriting Campaign goal, there will be a few free dress pass days. **The first free dress pass day is Tuesday, November 26.** Carefully read each week's Paw Prints to find out when students have the next free dress pass day!

## HOLIDAY PARTY SIGN-IN

The holiday parties are just around the corner.

**Please make sure you have completed the background check before December 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**ALL** adults (including grandparents) who come to volunteer or just want to attend the holiday parties must be accompanied by the parent or have the parent's approval (in the form of a note or the person must be listed on the enrollment card). Remember **ALL** adults must show their state issued ID before entering the building.

## FOOD DRIVE

Our special education classes will be collecting donations of non-perishable food such as canned foods and meats (tuna, Vienna sausage), rice, beans, dried mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, and dried milk until November 25<sup>th</sup>. Please help us support our local food pantry and help make the holidays special for some of our less fortunate neighbors. For more information, please see the Food Drive flyer that came home last week in your child's communication folder. Donation boxes are located by the front office.

## LOST AND NEVER FOUND!

We are fast approaching the end of the first semester and there are still many jackets left in lost and found. If your child is missing a jacket or sweater, please stop by lost and found to look for it. Since the number of jackets is becoming unmanageable, we will be taking the unclaimed jackets to families in need on Friday, December 20.

### 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 January 22.

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## PTO NEWS

### ***SCHOOL STORE WINTER SPECIAL***

November 15 thru December 13

Just in time for the cool weather!

FREE jacket embroidery with new jacket purchase.

Jackets are \$30.00 each (all sizes available). Long Sleeve T-Shirts will be on sale, two for \$25.00 (regular \$17.00 each).

Visit the school store on Tuesdays at 7:30 -8:30 a.m. and Fridays 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. (***cash or checks only***).  
(The school store will be closed on Friday, December 20).

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

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