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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 8	8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Chorus @ Nutcracker Market
November 8	8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	1 st Grade @ Arboretum
November 12	6:00-7:30 p.m.	4 th Grade Writing Night
November 20	12:20	EARLY DISMISSAL
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

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

TARDIES

School begins at 7:35 a.m. each day. We have a full schedule and it is important that children are at school on time in order to take full advantage of their day. Students who arrive tardy, after 7:45 a.m., must have a written excuse. Excused tardies are in the same category as excused absences (see Attendance). Oversleeping, alarm clock trouble, no ride, etc., are considered unexcused tardies. Plans and backup plans should be made to ensure that students arrive on time each day. Remember, students who are tardy **must be signed in at the office by a parent** and have a note stating the reason for the tardy. Students will be allowed two unexcused tardies each nine weeks. Repeated late arrival may result in loss of privileges.

NOTE: HISD Code of Student Conduct states: Unexcused tardiness to class is a Level 1 Act of Misconduct.

The entire handbook is available at:
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SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of November 4 is classify.

BREAKING NEWS

Underwriting Fundraiser, Final Announcement

Bush PTO is pleased and proud to announce its official Underwriting Fundraiser total:

\$41,004

Thank you to all of the families, faculty and staff, businesses, and the many children who donated their precious funds to make this possible. This great spirit of donation conveys to everyone your support and care for every child at this school. Prizes will be drawn in the coming weeks and Principal Rose will announce shortly when the cupcake-eating contest will take place! Again, **Thank You! Bush PTO**

BOBCAT NEWS

Movie Night - Thank You! We Hope You Had a Great Time!

Bush PTO would like to thank everyone who came to Movie Night! 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! Again, **Thank You! Bush PTO**

NEW CONSTRUCTION

The new covered walkway has been a welcome addition to Bush Elementary. On rainy days, parents are now able to drop off and pick up their children throughout the entire lane and not just right up by the door. Thank you to all parents who participate in the PTO fundraisers as this project was completely funded by the PTO. Thank you, PTO, for making Bush Elementary safer for arrivals and dismissal.

FOURTH GRADE WRITING NIGHT

Fourth grade students and their parents have an important event on November 12th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Bush Elementary. The fourth grade teachers will be explaining the writing process used in class so parents will have a better understanding and be able to assist their child at home. **The evening is designed only for the fourth grade students and their parents.** Please bring your ticket for admittance to this informative session. Also, bring a pencil since everybody will be writing!

FREE DRESS PASS DAYS

In honor of meeting and exceeding our Underwriting Campaign goal, there will be a few free dress pass days. Carefully read each week's Paw Prints to find out when students have a Free Dress Pass Day!

VACATIONS

Please remember to plan your family vacations and trips during regular school holidays like Thanksgiving, winter break, and spring break. Family vacations cannot be considered excused absences by the State of Texas. As a result, they are recorded as unexcused absences. All students must have a 98% attendance rate. Every day at school is important. All students **must** attend school up to and including the last day on May 29, 2014.

RAINY DAY PLAN

Make a plan for rainy or "bad" days. Be sure you have a rainy day plan for your child. Make sure that your child knows what he or she is to do if it is raining at dismissal time. **Please do not call the school office with instructions and messages. This should be handled in advance.** As the weather in Houston is very unpredictable, it is highly recommended that parents purchase an inexpensive fold-up rain poncho and place it in their child's backpack. This poncho can be "saved for a rainy day." We can load more students into cars if they can walk farther down the driveway to enter waiting cars. **Remember every day at school is important, please do not keep your child home just because it's a rainy day!**

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 November 13.

PTO NEWS

BUSH SPIRIT NIGHT

The next Marco's Pizza spirit night, is Wednesday, November 20th. This is also Bush Box Night for all 5th graders. 5th graders will decorate a pizza box during art classes in the upcoming weeks, and when parents order from Marco's, the pizza will be placed in your child's box. Three boxes will be chosen as "best design" and those students will win a prize.

SCHOOL NEWS NETWORK

(articles submitted by other area schools)

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Westside High School's Pride Dance Team is hosting a golf tournament on November 9 at Bear Creek Golf World. For more information and registration details, please contact Brook DeMartino at bdemarti@houstonisd.org or Donna Gabaldon 281-772-8643.

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

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