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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 18		LAST DAY FOR UNDERWRITING FUNDRAISER
October 21-25		Book Fair Week
October 24	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Book Fair Night & Dinner
October 25	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Kindergarten – Main Street Theater
October 30	12:20 p.m.	EARLY DISMISSAL
October 30		Bush Spirit Day at Chuck E. Cheese
November 1	1:30 p.m.	WHS Homecoming Parade
November 1	2:50 p.m.	Report Cards Go Home
November 1	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	Family Movie Night Gates Open Costume Parade Movie
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 27-29		THANKSGIVING BREAK NO SCHOOL
December 23-January 7		WINTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

BOOK FAIR

The annual Bush Book Fair will be held October 21-25. Students will preview books with their classes early in the week and may bring cash or a check (payable to Bush PTO) to purchase books **any time during the week**.

Students love the excitement of selecting items and making purchases all by themselves! Parents and other family members are welcome to shop during the week as well. Our big event is the Book Fair Dinner and Book Fair Night on Thursday, October 24. The Book Fair will be in the Multi-Purpose room all week long, and our hours will be:

7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Thursday

7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Friday

Look for more information to come home soon!

The library will be closed after school October 21-25 due to the book fair.

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of October 14 is conclusion.

PTO NEWS

Bush Elementary Underwriting Fundraiser

Deadline - Friday, October 18, 2013,

Please Give Today!

This is a reminder: **the most important school fundraiser of the entire year** - the “Underwriting Campaign” concludes this Friday, October 18, 2013. The money raised ensures our school and children are properly funded with the academic resources and tools they need to succeed. If you give only once this year- this is it! Generous donations from parents have gotten us almost there, but we need everyone’s help.

Remember we are all in this together. Donation information is online and a PTO member will be at the carpool line every day to help. If you have already donated, proudly display your donation form sent Monday on your car dashboard this week to show you are a supporter of every child and teacher at Bush Elementary. Thank you for your support to make Barbara Bush Elementary a top school not only in Texas, but in the nation.

LUNCH VISITORS

Parents are always welcome to come and eat lunch with their child(ren). Due to our increased enrollment at Bush, seats at the cafeteria tables must be reserved for the students. Please feel free to sit and eat with your child at the table set aside by the windows at the far side of the cafeteria or outside at one of the four new picnic tables. Thank you for your understanding!

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

Last week, students brought home a very special art work along with a packet of information from The Original Works Company. Parents will have the opportunity to have this art printed on a variety of products perfect for keepsakes and gifts. The products are of a very high quality and make wonderful holiday presents for loved ones. Orders are due by October 21 and may be placed in Dr. Buza's mailbox or sent to the art room with your student. Be sure and enclose the art work with your check made out to Barbara Bush PTO. The art will be returned. Thank you for supporting your child's artistic efforts and providing funding for art supplies with your orders!

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.

SCHOOL NEWS NETWORK

(articles submitted by other area schools)

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Westside High School's Lady Wolves Softball team invite you to Rise with the Pack Fun Run on Saturday, November 2nd. For more information visit www.whssoftball.com.

VIVA ITALIAN

Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 24th. It's our annual Italian Dinner and Book Fair night at Bush. Dinner will be catered by Piatto Ristorante. Don't miss the opportunity to sample the food and fun! Dinner will be served from 5:30-7pm. Tickets are \$8 each and will include chicken marsala, pasta pomodoro, vinaigrette salad, bread and herb butter, a drink and dessert. Look for the flyer to be sent home next week in the RED communication folder. See you at the Italian Dinner!

SCHOOL STORE SALE

The school store is having a sale of long sleeve polo shirts at the Italian Dinner on Thursday, October 24, just in time for the cooler weather! The original price of these shirts was \$25 each. You can buy 2 for sale price of \$40, 3 for \$50 and 4 for \$60. The more you buy the more you save!

YEARBOOK PROMOTION

Bush Elementary needs a parent to lead the marketing of the Bush annual yearbook. This position involves creating flyers to promote the yearbook, selling pre-orders at Bush events, and distributing the yearbooks in the spring. If interested, please contact Maria Graf at Malala.68@gmail.com

BUSH SPIRIT DAYS

Please mark your calendar for the following Bush Spirit events:

Wednesday October 16 - Marcos Pizza

Wednesday October 30 - Early Dismissal- Chuck E. Cheese.

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Parents may bring donuts, cupcakes, brownies, or cookies at lunch time for a student's birthday. However, the treat may only be distributed and eaten in the last 5 minutes of the lunch period. Also, only one treat may be distributed to each child. Candy may not be handed out at any time.

Parents are strongly encouraged to bring mini-cupcakes especially for Prekindergarten and Kindergarten, cupcakes with less than 1/4 inch of icing, and cupcakes without rings, cars, or other plastic items on top of them. Donuts are a popular item to bring.

Please do not plan to have a birthday party in the cafeteria or in the classroom. Party hats, favors, decorations, balloons, etc. should be reserved for off-campus parties. Invitations to off-campus birthday parties are not to be distributed at school.

Please do not have flowers, balloons, gift baskets, singing telegrams, etc. delivered to school for individual students. Such items will not be delivered to the classroom.

The entire handbook is available at:
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