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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 20		Book-a-Palooza Millionaire Reader Day
September 25	12:20 p.m.	Early Dismissal
October 1		Individual Picture Day
October 16	9:00 a.m.	Prospective Parent Information Session
October 21-25		Book Fair Week
October 24	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Book Fair Night & Dinner
October 30	12:20 p.m.	EARLY DISMISSAL
November 1	3:15 p.m.	Report Cards Go Home
November 1	TBA	Family Movie Night
November 12	6:00-7:30 p.m.	4 th Grade Writing Night

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Parents may bring cupcakes with a thin layer of frosting, cake, brownies, donuts, or cookies to be distributed during the last 5 minutes of your child's lunch time.

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.

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of September 16 is **mass/weight**.

BOBCAT NEWS

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS 2013-2014

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 first Early Dismissal Day is Wednesday, September 25. 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.

HAVE YOU JOINED THE PTO?

If you have not already joined the PTO, please consider doing so! **45%** of our total student body has joined and you don't want to be left behind! Our goal this year is to have **70%** of the entire student body join PTO. Thank you to the **120** families who have already joined the PTO! The PTO Membership drive has been extended to **September 20th**. If 70% of our student body joins PTO, then the grade level with the highest percentage of membership will receive a PIZZA RECESS LUNCH outside on the hardtop! Every family who joins PTO will receive **the school directory, BBE wristbands,** and a **\$5 gift certificate from Red Robin** for joining the PTO. If you have not joined the PTO yet, please fill out the membership form in your child's communication folder today!

MAGNET SCHOOLS ON LINE

HISD has adopted a new and exciting way for parents to apply to magnet programs: Online! The HISD Office of School Choice is conducting six Parent Orientation sessions in communities all around the city. The hub for the West area of town is Revere Middle School, and the event will take place on **Thursday, September 26, 2013, from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM.** The event at Revere Middle School is for all students K-11 who reside in the West region of HISD.

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 October 16.

PTO NEWS

PTO – Underwriting Fundraiser

September 23, 2013 kicks off our most important Bush Elementary Fundraiser of the year! In addition to needing your generous contributions, **we need great prizes** to offer as incentives for others to give. If you own a business or know business owners that might donate funds or prizes to this worthy cause, please contact Rhedonda or Florencia on the PTO at:

Ph# 281-741-3224; 281-814-7845

Or Email bushptohouston@gmail.com

Thank you for your help and support for a successful school year!

ATTENTION

BUSH FAMILY BUSINESS OWNERS

The Barbara Bush Student Directory is well underway. We are attempting to reach out to all Bush families who are business owners. Keep in mind the directory reaches 350 Bush families and is a great advertising tool that has the added benefit of helping your child's school. A full page ad is \$125(BW), \$300(color) and a half page ad is \$75(BW), \$150(color). The deadline to submit your ad is September 27th. If you are interested, please contact Shibani Gupta or Sonya Mehta at bushdirectory@gmail.com

CALLING ALL BOBCAT ARTISTS

Please send in artwork for the 2013-2014 Annual Bush Directory Artwork competition. Submit your artwork on size 8.5 X 11 paper to your Homeroom teacher by September 30th. Your artwork should show this year's theme "*World of Opportunities for Bobcats at Bush Elementary*." Top ten will be chosen by the PTO Board and published in this year's school directory.

BUSH SPIRIT DAY AT MARCO'S PIZZA

Tonight is Bush Spirit Night at Marco's Pizza dine-in, delivery, or take out. Enjoy a delicious pizza and earn money for our school!

NATURE CENTER NEWS

Thank you, Mrs. Vicky Fikaris, Mrs. Michel Hinton, Ms. Samantha King, Mrs. Maria Graf, Mrs. Jessica McKay, and the kids who volunteered in the Nature Center last week. Our next Nature Center event is Friday, October 4 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

FORKS, SPOONS, AND KNIVES

The cafeteria is no longer able to provide the utensils needed for lunches brought from home. Students bringing lunch from home must provide their own utensils.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Calling Future Girl Scouts and Girl Scout Leaders! The Buffalo Trails Community is hosting a rally in the Bush cafeteria 6:00-7:30 pm tonight, Wednesday, September 18th.

SCHOOL NEWS NETWORK

(articles submitted by other area schools)

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

LET'S DANCE

DANCE WITH INERTIANS is back!! Join Westside High School's nationally-acclaimed **INERTIA DANCE COMPANY** for an exciting performance experience! Come join us on Saturday September 28th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. for the dance clinic, and then **DANCE ON THE FIELD AT HALFTIME** that evening!!! Price is \$40/person and is open to BOYS AND GIRLS. For more information, please contact Kelly Cramer at n.cramer@sbcglobal.net or 713-898-9438.

WEST BRIAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

2013 DRILL TEAM "MINI" DANCE CLINIC

West Briar Honey Bears are inviting girls in grades K-7 to join them for a day of fun and dance on Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The camp will introduce the girls to basic dance technique. Each girl will receive a t-shirt, hair ribbon, snacks and drinks. Please call Maria Graf at 713-269-2311 for cost and registration details.

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

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