

# PAWPRINTS

## BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – January 10, 2018

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m.	Bush Spelling Bee
January 15 <sup>th</sup>		MLK Day – No School
January 26 <sup>th</sup>		College Day
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Class Pictures

### SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of January 8<sup>th</sup> is opaque.

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## NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 15, is a holiday honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. Please enjoy this day off from school to spend time with your families, read a good book, and relax.

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# HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

### EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

It is imperative that all information on each child's enrollment card be complete and kept current. **If phone numbers (home, work, emergency or doctor) change, please notify the school office immediately.**

Be sure that you have a plan for picking your child up during the day should he/she get sick at school. Students should **not** be picked up from school early except in emergency situations or for appointments that **cannot** be scheduled at other times. Be sure that changes in "pick-up procedures" are clearly communicated and discussed **before** the child leaves home. Notify the teacher in writing when such changes occur.

Students will **not** be called out of class to talk on the phone. In emergency cases, messages will be relayed to students. This will not be done for messages that are of a routine nature. **Plan ahead!** Your child's instructional time is important.

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### EXECUTIVE POSITION

Do you want to be Principal for a Day or Assistant Principal for the Day? Every student who has perfect attendance with two or fewer tardies for the third nine weeks will be eligible for his/her name to be placed in a drawing to be Principal for a Day. In addition, every student who earns an "E" in conduct for the third nine weeks will be eligible for his/her name to be placed in a drawing to be Assistant Principal for a Day. One boy's name and one girl's name will be drawn from the pool of eligible students on Monday, March 28 during morning announcements for each incentive. The Principals and Assistant Principals for a Day will be "on duty" on Monday, April 2.

# PRE- K TESTING FOR VANGUARD NEIGHBORHOOD KINDERGARTEN AUGUST 2018

Parents who are interested in having their Pre-K students, zoned to Bush or currently attending Bush, tested for the Vanguard Neighborhood program for kindergarten at Bush in 2018-19 may submit their application to the office. If your child is applying for a Vanguard Magnet program at another school (i.e. T.H. Rogers, Askew, etc.), complete the application/testing process with that school ONLY – please do not submit another application to Bush. According to HISD Board policy, applicants may be assessed only once a year, and results of the testing process at the Vanguard Magnet school are accepted in any HISD Vanguard Neighborhood program. The deadline for submitting applications is **January 26, 2018**. Parents of these Pre-K applicants will be notified of their child's specific test date. Parent notification letters will be sent home/mailed on March 22. Students who meet eligibility criteria through this testing will begin Vanguard Kindergarten services in August 2018.

## SPELLING BEE

The annual Bush Spelling Bee will be held on Friday, January 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Over forty 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in this exciting event.

## GOOD NEIGHBORS

When dropping off or picking up your child or just visiting Bush, please be considerate of the homes neighboring Bush. Be a good neighbor and remember the following parking rules:

- **Don't park in front of fire hydrants.**
- **Park at least 20 feet from an intersection.**
- **Do not park in the designated "No Parking" zones**
- **Do not block driveways.**

We've received several complaints from our neighbors about the above concerns. Let's be good neighbors!

## FACULTY AND STAFF PARKING LOT

In the morning, parents have been seen parking in the faculty/staff parking lot and letting their children out. These children have then been walking **unaccompanied** across the busy bus lane. This extremely dangerous and unsafe behavior must **not** occur. **All** students must be dropped off in the carpool lane. Please **do not** park in the faculty and staff parking lot; it is reserved for Bush Elementary faculty and staff **ONLY**.

# PTO NEWS! Bush Spirit Events

**Place: Taotie Authentic Szechuan Cuisine**  
13346 Briar Forest Dr. Suite 140

**Date:** Tuesday, January 12 & Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 11:00a.m. -9:00p.m.

**Place: Chic- Fil- A**

13412 Briar Forest Dr.

**Date:** Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> -

**Time:** 4:00p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Place: Maggiano's Restaurant**

602 Memorial City Mall

**Date:** Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

## PTO POSITION OPENING

The PTO is in need of a treasurer. Anyone interested, please email [rebeccalouiseminnock@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccalouiseminnock@gmail.com)

## PTO REMINDER SAVE THE DATE!

March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Movie Star, Movie Night!

### **BUSH BOBCATS – JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE - 2017-18**

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