

# PAWPRINTS

## BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – JANUARY 30, 2019

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Spring Class Pictures
February 7 <sup>th</sup>		100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Kindergarten Field Trip Children’s Museum</b>
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Main Street Theater</b>
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 a.m. – 7:40 a.m. (MP Room)	<b>Bush Breakfast Buddies Students L-Z last names</b>
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. Library	Fourth Grade Parent Writing Info Session
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Library	Fourth Grade Parent Writing Info Session
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	MP Room	<b>Go Texan Day</b>

### PARENT ACCESS TO THE BUILDING

All parents who plan to volunteer in your child’s room, eat lunch with your child, visit Knowledge Fest, watch the Chorus and Orchestra performance, or would like to serve as a chaperone on future field trips, must follow the procedures for the background check. Log-on to [www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin](http://www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin) and follow the directions. All parents are required to go through this process this year to **enter the building and participate or attend events during the 2018 – 2019 school year**. Please be advised that the process is taking approximately 1 – 3 weeks to grant parents approval. Parents will receive an email from HISD to confirm approval. Neither the front office nor the PTO VIPS Coordinator can provide a status report. If you have not registered and you plan to come to school, please do so ASAP.

### UNNECESSARY ITEMS

This term applies to things that do not directly relate to the child’s instructional day. Toys, iPods, iPads, Mp3 players, other music devices, hand-held video-type games, trading cards and similar items should not be brought to school. The school will not be responsible if such items are lost or stolen. If “unnecessary” items are brought to school, the child may be subject to disciplinary action. Students who buy, sell or trade such items will be subject to disciplinary action. Unnecessary items that are “taken up” by the teacher will be placed in the “June Box.” Please monitor your child’s backpack and the items he/she brings to school so that distracting, non-essential items, are left at home.

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### SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of January 28<sup>th</sup> is **gravity**.

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### SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

Thank you to Holly Flynn Vilaseca for serving as our HISD School Board Trustee.

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### SPRING FUNDRAISER!

Planning is underway for the 2019 BBE Carnival (**March 23rd, 2019, 2-5pm**)! Our PTO fundraising chair, Katy Bate, has booked some carnival rides and activities already but we would really like to create an event unique to Barbara Bush Elementary (BBE). We aim to do so by showcasing the many vibrant cultures that are represented in the BBE community, including games and activities found at festivals, fairs, bazaars, fetes, and carnivals in the home countries of BBE families.

**Do you have an idea for a game or activity that we can have at the carnival?**

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact

Katy ([donatetobush@gmail.com](mailto:donatetobush@gmail.com) or [281.414.9201](tel:281.414.9201)).

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### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

From January 22<sup>nd</sup> through February 4<sup>th</sup>, all HISD schools are invited to participate in the 2019 Souper Bowl of Caring. This national food drive encourages students to help fight hunger and poverty. Please bring non-perishable food items and add your donations to the Souper Bowl of Caring box near the main hallway.

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### GO TEXAN DAY

Students are encouraged to wear their “Go Texan” clothes to school on Friday, February 22. Please make sure they leave their horses, guns, and lassos at home! Parents are invited to view the students during their ancillary times as they sing & dance to celebrate “Go Texan Day.”

## HEALTHY STUDENTS

Cold and flu season is upon us, and we need to make sure that students are fever and vomit free for 24 hours before returning to school. Being sick and coming to school puts many students, teachers, and staff at risk of getting sick. The health of everyone at Bush Elementary is put in jeopardy when sick students come to school. We want students at school if they're healthy, but not when they're sick. Please stay at home to get better and return to school when well.

## EXECUTIVE POSITION

Do you want to be Principal for a Day or Assistant Principal for a Day? Every student who has perfect attendance 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 "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 at the end of the second nine-week grading period for each incentive. The Principals and Assistant Principals for a Day will be notified of their "work day" after the drawing.

## YEARBOOK PICTURES

We are looking for some extra pictures for the yearbook. If you have any from ice cream social, the first day of school, field trips, class parties or any special event happening at school, please share them with us no later than February 28<sup>th</sup>. Group pictures or pictures with 3 or more kids are the ones that will be more helpful. Since we will receive many pictures, not all submitted will be published.

Please go to [commpe.pictavo.com](http://commpe.pictavo.com) to send the pictures. You will need to log in and create an account choosing Barbara Bush Elementary. Once inside, the page will guide you to arrange the pictures in different folders. Please choose the folder that the picture best represents so that we can arrange them as best as possible. If you have any questions, please let me know at [thejessmckay@gmail.com](mailto:thejessmckay@gmail.com)

Thanks for your help!!  
The Yearbook Committee

## 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:

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

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

# PTO NEWS!

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## BUSH BUDDIES BREAKFAST

Students can invite their favorite buddy to enjoy light refreshments with them at our Bush Buddies event in the school. A buddy is a parent, relative or special adult. Invitations have been sent to students with the last name beginning with L-Z for their event on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7am in the MP Room.

Please return your RSVP by Feb 11<sup>th</sup> so we can make sure we have enough coffee and hot chocolate.

These events rely on our volunteers to be successful. If you would like to volunteer, please consider helping out at this event if you already attended the first breakfast as a buddy.

Thank you to our generous local sponsors: Omar Durrani MD, Villages of Briar Forest, Mathnasium West Houston, Vista Energy Corridor, & ALISO Briar Forest.

If you have questions, please email: [presidentbbepto@gmail.com](mailto:presidentbbepto@gmail.com)

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## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

We are excited to announce the BBE star volunteer: **Ana Ramirez**. She was the lucky winner out of about 30 volunteers who helped out in December. Ana helps many mornings directing traffic in the car pool lane to help it run smoothly. Ana won a beautiful Edible Arrangement by our business sponsor during our Bush Buddies Breakfast.

We highly appreciate the support of ALL the other volunteers last month as well, especially as it was the holiday season.

Do you want to get involved? It does not have to be a big commitment time wise. Check out [www.bbepto.com](http://www.bbepto.com) or <mailto:Bushpto.vips@gmail.com>.

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## BUSH SPIRIT EVENTS

### **Spirit Night at Marco's Pizza**

This week's spirit event is pizza night on **Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** at **Marco's Pizza** located at **1315 Dairy Ashford Rd.** Let them know you are a Bush Parent and 20% will be donated to the Barbara Bush PTO. Orders includes dine-in, takeout, online orders and orders by phone.

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### **KROGER'S SPIRIT EVENT**

Link your **Kroger Card** to **BBE** and win exciting rewards for your child and his/her class. Follow the link provided and use **BBE PTO # AU292**

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