☻ PAWPRINTS ☻

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 19	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal
October 26	1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Westside Homecoming Parade
November 3	3:00 p.m.-6:00p.m.	Bush Bingo Bash
November 9	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal
November 19-23	No School	Thanksgiving Holiday- NO SCHOOL
December24th – January 4th	No School	WINTER BREAK

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CROSSING GUARDS

Bush Elementary is very fortunate to have numerous crossing guards assigned to the streets close to our school. Cross the streets only where the crossing guards are stationed**. Drivers must be extremely careful when driving around Bush and follow the directions from the crossing guards.** Crossing guards have a very important and difficult job. Practice and teach your child safe habits by using the crossing guards to cross streets. The entire handbook is available at:
www.houstonisd.org/subscribe

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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 31, 2019.

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EARLY PICKUPS

Please do not plan to pick up your child between 2:15 p.m. and 2:50 p.m. To ensure a safe dismissal, students will not be called to the office to be picked up early after 2:15 p.m. Thank you for helping us make dismissal safe for all our students.

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SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of October 8th is **variables.**
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BOBCAT NEWS

GT TESTING

If you are interested in having your child tested for the Gifted and Talented Neighborhood program at Bush for **Grades 1-4** for the **2019-2020 school year**, please download an application at http://www.houstonisd.org/Page/59885 and turn it in to the front office. Applications for the Bush Gifted and Talented Program are due by **December 7, 2018**. All kindergarteners and all fifth graders not already identified will be universally assessed later in the fall semester. More information will be forthcoming about the universal assessment of kindergarten and fifth grade students. Please do not turn in an application for a currently enrolled kindergartener or 5th grader.

If you are applying to a Vanguard Magnet school (Askew, T.H. Rogers, etc.), do not submit an application to Bush. Instead, Vanguard Magnet applicants that are not G/T identified in HISD must request testing with Jessica Ayala in the front office. The deadline for Vanguard Magnet applicants to request G/T testing at Bush is **December 8, 2018**.
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SUMMER READING CELEBRATION!

Last week we celebrated all of our summer readers at our Summer Reading Celebration! We had 428 students participate and the whole school read a total of 10,352 books over the summer. That is fantastic! Although all students are winners when they read, here is the list of students who read the most books in their class: Lalitha Marouthu, Riona Hiwale, Hannah Arablouei, Amira Aburas, Caden Virgilio, Krithik Sathish, Jameel Robinson, Sai Rohan Goli, Miles Kaucher, Ali Moss, Jonathan Hoang, Dignash Lakshmipathy Reddy, Jaideep Oshahan, Serana Lim, Saanvi Ghosh, Thomas Toms, Sala Al Nahi, Vidhuna Vijayendran, Saiayush Pondugula, Valeria Pardo, Vivan Gupta, Avantika Manish, Nehaam Ramanujakootam, Shyam Gaddam, Lucas Nanny, Melanie Gutierrez, Noami McKay, Brandon Tan, Aditya Ahuja, Natalia Santacoloma, Razan Alobaidi, Luis Miranda, Meha Mehta, Cristian Kim, Ronak Hiwale, Caleb Emebo, Rexanna Hsu, Kesena Orette, Akyra Rosales and Priya Sekhri.

The following students read the most books in their grade level: Krithik Sathish, Vidhuna Vijayendran, Shyam Gaddam, Natalia Santacoloma, Caleb Emebo and Priya Sekhri.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in our summer reading program and keep reading!

COMMUNITY NEWS!

EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE

Friday, October 26th is the Westside High School Homecoming Parade. The parade will be from 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. All Bush students will be watching the parade as it passes by Bush Elementary School. Please do not plan on picking up your child between 1:30 p.m. and 2:50 p.m. on this day.

DANCE WITH PRIDE CAMP

When: Saturday, October 20th
Where: Westside High School
14201 Briar Forest Dr. Houston, TX 77077
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Come out and learn fun dance routines with the Westside Dance Team! Be sure to register by Friday, October 12th. The cost of the dance camp is $40 (cash only). Please contact Westside High School at 281-920-8000 for more information.

WATER BOTTLE SAFETY

Parents, make sure when sending water bottles to school that the tops are secured properly to prevent water leaks. We've already had several people slip and fall on water spills in the hallways. Please make sure your child knows how to securely close their water bottles. Water bottles should be inside or on the side of the backpacks during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal.

PARENT ACCESS TO THE BUILDING

All parents who plan to volunteer in your child's room, help in the cafeteria, eat lunch with their 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 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 4 – 5 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.

PTO NEWS

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our winners of the "Our Future Is Bright" Art Competition! It was tough to decide the winners from so many wonderful entries! Thank you to everyone who took part.

PK- Mohana Thammineedi (Ms. Johnson)
K- Hasifa Shaik (Ms. Baker)
1st- Kirtika Jain (Ms. Kimberling)
2nd- Ana Cristina Salavarria Montilla (Ms. Strange)
3rd- Clara Trepie (Ms. McMaster's)
4th- Shruti Sathish (Ms. Solis)
5th- Taylor Park (Ms. Butera)

ITALIAN DINNER & BOOK FAIR

We hope you enjoyed the Italian Dinner as much as we enjoyed hosting it! We would like to thank our sponsors: Heritage Texas Properties, Idea Lab, Vista Energy Corridor, Villages of Briar Forest and our local Kroger store!

BBE STAR VOLUNTEER

We are excited to announce the first BBE star volunteer for this year: **Horea Owen** was the winner out of about 50 volunteers who helped out last month. Horea is the room parent of Ms. Malmer's PK class and helped by coordinating volunteers to help in class, in the cafeteria during lunch, as well as working on her room parent duties.

Horea was presented with a beautiful edible arrangement by our business sponsor, "Edible Arrangement" during the Italian Dinner.
We highly appreciate the support by ALL the volunteers last month as well! Thanks!!!
Do you want to get involved? It does not have to be a big commitment time wise. Check out www.bbepto.com or email: Bushpto.vips@gmail.com.