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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – APRIL 3, 2019

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 25 – April 9	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Family Picnic Fast Pass Pre-registration
April 2 - 5	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	PK Packet Drop-Off for Zoned Bush Students
April 9	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	LAST DAY to pre-register for Family Picnic Fast Pass
April 9	NO VISITORS	4 th Grade STAAR Writing Test
April 9	NO VISITORS	5 th Grade STAAR Math Test
April 10	NO VISITORS	5 th Grade STAAR Reading Test
April 12		Athletic and Academic Field Day
April 12	10:30 a.m.	Family Picnic Fast Pass line opens (see article for grade-specific entrance locations)
April 12	10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	PK-2 nd Picnic Lunch 3 rd – 5 th Picnic Lunch
April 19		No School
April 25	7:45 a.m.	General PTO Meeting

2018 STAAR TESTING DATES

April 9th 4th Grade STAAR Writing Test
April 9th 5th Grade STAAR Math Test
April 10th 5th Grade STAAR Reading Test

HISD requires each campus to have procedures in place to ensure the least amount of disruptions on testing days. Therefore, parents will **NOT** be able to volunteer in the lunchroom, classroom, or workroom on the testing days listed above. Parents and visitors will be able to access the office, but all other areas need to remain secure due to testing purposes. Bush Elementary is fortunate to have so many incredible parents and volunteers, but on testing dates we must limit the number of people on campus. Thank you for understanding!

Parents of fourth and fifth grade students, please do not schedule any doctor or dentist appointments on test days or plan to pick your child up early on these days. **Also, parents should NOT drop lunch off for their child on testing days as the office will be unable to communicate with teachers.**

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of April 1 is organism.

FAMILY PICNIC FAST PASS

The Family Picnic on Field Day is a fun time for parents to come have lunch with their children. We've created a Fast Pass to speed up entry to the picnic. **To qualify for Fast Pass, parents, grandparents, and guests must complete these pre-registration steps:**

March 25 – April 9 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Front Office

- Driver's license or passport scanned in at the Bush Elementary front desk by Ms. Platt. One person can bring a photocopy of the driver's license/passport photo pages for all guests who will attend from that family. Photocopies are acceptable.
- Show your driver's license/passport photo page to Ms. Ayala so she can record the name as it appears on the driver's licenses/passport photo page on the Fast Pass guest list.

April 12 – Fast Pass line opens at 10:30 a.m. at the designated gates (see below). **You must have your driver's license/passport (original or photocopy) to show so your name can be located and checked off the Fast Pass guest list.**

- **1st – 5th Grades:** Ms. Rose and Mrs. Tiet will be at the opening to the field to check in all visitors (for 1st – 5th grade students) who have completed the Fast Pass process.
- **PK, K, Special Education:** Ms. Shaw and ancillary teachers will be at the gate to the primary playground (in the carpool lane) to check in all visitors (for PK, K, and Special Education) who have completed the Fast Pass process.

10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. PK-2nd Picnic Lunch
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. 3rd-5th Picnic Lunch

If you don't **pre-register for Fast Pass by April 9 at 2:00 p.m.**, then all visitors on the day of the Family Picnic will need to go through the front office to check in with their driver's license or passport.

K SIBLING ENROLLMENT

Do you have a child currently attending Bush Elementary? Do you have another child that will be 5 on or before September 1st and would you like to guarantee that the prospective kindergarten child will be at Bush Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year? If you answered yes to **BOTH** questions, then come to the office any time on **Monday, April 8th – Thursday, April 11 from 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** to register your kindergarten child for school next year.

K sibling registration packets are now available in the office. You will need to complete a kindergarten enrollment packet and bring the required documents. **If you use this process to enroll your kindergarten child for the 2019-2020 school year, then you will not need to come to one of our future registration dates.**

Zoned PK Registration

For the 2019-2020 school year, all PK students must meet the federal guidelines to qualify for PK. There will be NO PK tuition students for the 2019-2020 school year. The PK application packet is currently available for pick up in the office.

If your PK-age (4 on or before September 1) child is zoned to Bush, but **NOT** a sibling of a currently-enrolled Bush student, then drop off your completed PK application to the front office during the following window:

April 2 - 5 (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

Completed PK application/registration packet must be turned in to the Bush front office **ANY TIME** during the drop-window. Since it is a lottery process, it is **NOT** first come, first served.

☆ **BBE STAR VOLUNTEER**

It was another busy month for volunteers! Not only did our fabulous volunteers help with our day-to-day activities, we also appreciate all the parents who helped out with this month's special events - tie dying and Carnival!

We are happy to announce that this month's **BBE Star Volunteer** is **Karen Chin**.

Karen helps every Thursday in Mrs. Malmer's PK class with journaling, lunch time and library. Karen was gifted a delicious reward from our Business Sponsor, **Edible Arrangements**.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported our school!

News from the Art Room

The Tie-Dye Art Project is complete for this year! The boys and girls will all enjoy wearing the shirts at our fantastic Field Day on April 12th. Until that date, please do not wash your student's shirt. A LOT of color rinses out the first time it is laundered. Ironing it will help set the color. If the shirt must be washed, do so separately in cold water and hang-dry outside.

A huge "Thank you" to all the volunteers who came in to assist, especially the Art Coordinator, Shere' Lipinski. You helped us make sure tie-dying was a fun and safe art experience for everyone!

SAFE MORNING ARRIVAL

Children have been observed being let out of their cars/minivans while in the moving lane of traffic at the stop sign on Manderly and Parkway Plaza. This is an **EXTREMELY DANGEROUS** practice. **This unsafe behavior must stop IMMEDIATELY.** Your child's safety is worth getting out of the house a few minutes earlier to use the carpool lane or park and use the crosswalks.

PTO NEWS

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

On **Friday, April 12th**, Barbara Bush Elementary School will host its annual Field Day and Family Picnic. We need **volunteers to help with all indoor and outdoor field day activities.**

Please note: Parents will not be able to follow their children's class around to the activities. Parents who volunteer through the PTO will be able to participate in the assigned Field Day activity, but need to stay at the assigned location. Volunteers need to consider that younger children/siblings cannot be present during the shift!

The volunteer opportunities are split up into 4 available shifts, but feel free to combine slots or sign up for multiple shifts.

Sign up for shifts at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CACAA2EA0FB6-bbefamily3>

PTO Nominating Committee

The BBE PTO Nominating Committee has selected a slate of officers that will be presented for election at the Spring General PTO meeting, which will be held on **April 25th, 2019 at 7:45am**, in the **multipurpose room**. We are delighted that this talented group has agreed to serve our school and our children in this capacity!

President: Maha Aburas

Vice President: Katy Bate

Secretary: Miral Mourad

Treasurer: Kara Bemis

Vice Treasurer: Ayesha Durrani

Business Partnerships: Jyoti Singh & Maria Hartley

Directory: Horea Owens & Mayrem Vilchez

VIPs: Meycy Zapata & Derya Poerschke

Fundraising: Kristen Papajohn

Family Hospitality: Valerie Shaikh & Michelle Jackson

Teacher Hospitality: Beatriz Cunha & Yoon Koo

Nature Center: Catalina Solaris

Publicity: Roberta Withers

Safety: Taisir Sarage & Ana Ramirez

School Store Coordinator: Jessica McKay & Snezana Kato

Art Coordinator: Shere Lipinski

Birthday Book Club: Mayra Gonzalez

Drama Coordinator: Horea Owens

Library Coordinator: Najwan Nayef

Music Coordinator: Katy Bate

Yearbook Coordinator: Jessica McKay

Fifth Grade Coordinator: Jenny Kim & Kirsty Giles

Website Coordinator: Karen Chin and Kara Bemis

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