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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – DECEMBER 12, 2018

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 18 th	8:00 a.m.	Winter Chorus & Orchestra Performance – MP Room Pre-K, K, 1 st , 2 nd & Sp. Ed. & Parents
December 19 th	8:00 a.m.	Winter Chorus & Orchestra Performance – MP Room 3 ^r -5 th Grade & Parents
December 20 th	11:30 a.m.	Winter Holiday Parties
December 21 st – January 4 th	No School	WINTER BREAK
January 7 th	7:30 a.m.	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
January 18 th	7:00 a.m. – 7:40a.m. (MP Room)	Bush Breakfast Buddies Families with A-K last names
January 18 th	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal
February 15 th	7:00 a.m. – 7:40 a.m. (MP Room)	Bush Breakfast Buddies Families with L-Z last names
February 15 th	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal

DRESS CODE CHECK

The winter weather has finally made its way to Houston. Please be sure students' jackets that are worn inside the building and long sleeve shirts (worn under all short sleeve shirts) are solid red, white or navy.

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS : BUS LANE

The red curb in the bus lane is a **“NO PARKING”** and **“NO DROP OFF”** zone for passenger cars.

CROSSING GUARDS

Bush Elementary is very fortunate to have numerous crossing guards assigned to the streets close to 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:
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WINTER READING

Two weeks off from school shouldn't mean two weeks off from reading! Keep reading during the upcoming winter break by participating in the Houston Public Library's Winter Reading Program. Follow this link to learn how to log your reading and earn rewards. <http://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/blog/winter-reading-program>. The program is open December 15 – January 15 and participants are encouraged to read or be read to for 20 minutes a day for 10 days. Give the gift of reading this holiday season by making reading part of your child's daily routine.

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of December 10th is **refract.**

BOBCAT NEWS

SPRING FUNDRAISER!

Our spring fundraiser this year will be a Carnival, which will be held from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, 2019. Traditionally, carnivals are held to mark the transition from the cold, dark winter months to the brighter days of spring. We would like to celebrate the spring – and our school – by showcasing the many vibrant cultures that are represented in the BBE community with booths featuring games and activities that would be found at festivals, fairs, bazaars, and carnivals in the home countries of BBE families. If you are interested in helping to organize and host a booth, please contact Katy Bate: donatetobush@gmail.com.

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RAFFLE TICKETS!

Raffle tickets will be sent home this week for the chance to win the baskets not awarded at the Bush Bingo Bash and other fun prizes. Entries will be \$10 each and must be purchased by Friday, December 14, 2018.

WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Bush Elementary's chorus and orchestra will perform their holiday program on **Tuesday, December 18th** at 8:00 a.m. and on **Wednesday, December 19th** at 8:00 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Parents are welcome to attend these performances. Please make sure all adults have valid government photo identification to enter the building.

HOLIDAY PARTY ATTENDANCE

The holiday parties are just around the corner! **Please make sure you have completed the background check before December 19th to come to Bush to help at the holiday parties. Remember ALL adults must show their driver's license or passport before entering the building. Any adults who have not completed the background check and plan to attend a holiday party must be in the company of a background-approved parent at the time of arrival and for the duration of their visit. No adult will be allowed to enter the building without a driver's license or passport.**

SAVE THE DATE BUSH SPELLING BEE

The annual Bush Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, January 10th at 8:15 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

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 second 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 second 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.

SOCCER 2019 AT BARBARA BUSH

The last session of the Fall Soccer program at Barbara Bush is this Saturday. However, do not worry! Memorial Soccer Academy will be back on February 3, 2019.

Sign up early for the next season:

<https://form.jotform.com/83359473656167>

LOST & FOUND

We have many jackets, hoodies, sweaters, water bottles, lunchboxes in our Lost and Found. If your child has lost one of these items, please stop by the Lost and Found. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity on December 21, 2018.

NO PARKING

Please do not park in the faculty and staff parking lot at any time; it is reserved for Bush Elementary faculty and staff ONLY.

BUSH CHESS TEAM NEWS!

Congratulations to our Bush Chess Team for placing third in the TH Rogers tournament last weekend! Our team of about 40 students competed against over 500 students from around the city of Houston. The following students won individual trophies: Miguel Salavarría, Amith Shenoy, and Miheer Parasnis – 1st place, Ronak Hiwale – tied for 1st, Architha Kurupathi, Archit Mirasdar, Nehaan Ramanujakootam and Miles Ingram – 2nd place, Nimesh Ramanujakootam, Zain Ahmed, Ryan Zhu, Kriish Mehta, Aditya Ahuja and Alejandro Fonseca – tied for 3rd, and Vamsi Yadagiri, and Ronit Chheda tied for 4th place. Woo Hoo to all who competed and represented Bush Elementary so well!

PTO NEWS!

BBE PTO HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has graciously donated to our Holiday Toy Drive, which supports our local Texas Children's Hospital. Our boxes have been overflowing with your generosity! The last day for donating **new** and **unwrapped** toys is **Friday, December 14th**.

NATURE CENTER

The Nature Center is open this **Saturday, December 15th** between 10am and 12pm for a special event. Bring the whole family along to make Origami Tree Ornaments.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Special thanks this month goes to **SHILPA THACKER** whose name was drawn as the **November Star Volunteer!** Shilpa is the room mom for Ms. Francis' 4th grade class and she helps with classroom activities and chaperoning field trips. Shilpa received an edible arrangement from our business sponsor Edible Arrangements on Eldridge Pkwy.

BUSH SPIRIT EVENTS

RUSSO'S PIZZERIA

This week's spirit event is pizza night on **Wednesday, December 12th** at **Russo's New York Pizzeria** located at **13346 Briar Forest Drive Suite #100**. 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.

SKY SPORTS TRAMPOLINE PARK

Join us on **Thursday, December 20th** at **The Sky Sports Trampoline Park** located at **144409 Parkhollow Dr.** after the holiday parties from **1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Tell them you are a Bush parent and a part of your ticket price comes back to Bush PTO. Grip socks are required for jumping and are available at an extra charge. Parents must sign a waiver for their children to jump and parents must remain at the venue to supervise their children.

BUSH BOBCATS – OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT 2018-19

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