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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – DECEMBER 19, 2018

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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.	BACK TO SCHOOL
January 10 th	8:00 a.m.	Spelling Bee Grades 3-5 MP Room
January 18 th	7:00 a.m. – 7:40a.m. (MP Room)	Bush Breakfast Buddies Families 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 L-Z last names
February 15 th	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

Handbook Highlights will return after the winter break.
The entire handbook is available at:
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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Thank you to all the members of the Bush family for a wonderful first half of the school year. Enjoy spending time with your families during this two-week holiday. Pick up a good book or two to read over the break. My goal is to read 4 books. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday! See you on Monday, January 7th at 7:30 a.m.

Theresa Rose, Principal

SAVE THE DATE!

BUSH SPELLING BEE

The annual Bush Spelling Bee will be held on **Thursday, January 10th at 8:00 a.m.** in the Multi-Purpose Room. Parents are welcome to watch our third, fourth, and fifth graders compete.

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of December 17th is translucent.

BOBCAT NEWS

LET THE FESTIVITIES BEGIN...

Thursday, December 20, starting at 11:30 a.m., all Bush Elementary students will be celebrating the end of the first semester and the start of the winter holidays. We are grateful that so many parents, grandparents, and family members come to Bush to help out with the parties. In order to provide a safe environment, a few requests are listed below:

Please **do not** bring other school-age children to the parties. West Briar, Westside, and other older school-age students should not be attending elementary parties.

Also, please do not take a child out of one grade level class party to accompany the parent to another grade level party. For the safety of all students on the campus, students need to stay with their class until a parent has signed the child out from the classroom teacher. If you leave with your child before dismissal at 2:50 p.m., please make sure you sign out on the dismissal sheet in your child's classroom.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE BACKGROUND CHECK BEFORE

DECEMBER 19. 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.

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.**

UIL RESULTS

This past Saturday, we had approximately 60 Bush students compete in our second UIL tournament at Milby High School. Bush Elementary earned **FIRST PLACE** Sweepstakes (that's a **FIRST** in Bush history)!! We're so proud of our Bush Bobcats! A HUGE thank you to Ms. Hall for attending the meet as our school representative!

Creative Writing Grade 2

8th – Valentina Cedeno Ramirez

Social Studies Grade 5

1st – Neel Chandalia

9th – Andrei Krasko

Ready Writing Grade 3

1st – Athrv Dwivedi

2nd – Manuela Farah Cunha

Impromptu Speaking Grade 4

2nd – Denim Sasser

Listening Grade 5

Sharda

1st – Oluwatise Omidiran

5th – Neel Chandalia

Maps, Graphs & Charts Grade 5

4th – Neel Chandalia

10th – Oluwatise Omidiran

Modern Oratory Grade 3

2nd – Holt Nguyen-Lee

2nd – Vatsal Sharda

3rd – Raaga Bukkaraju

Modern Oratory Grade 4/5

1st – Shruti Sathish

1st – Priya Sekhri

2nd – Ronak Hiwale

Number Sense Grade 3

1st – Harshil Sanklecha

Number Sense Grade 4

1st – Aidan Xu

2nd – Hrishik Yendluri

5th – Ronak Hiwale

Grade 4

7th – Archit Mirasdar

Number Sense Grade 5

1st – Allan Xu

3rd – Tisha Patel

10th – Neel Chandalia

Spelling Grade 2

1st – Avantika Manish

5th – Aditya Chowdhury

8th – Mihika Agrawal

Ready Writing Grade 5

4th – Maria Campos

7th – Mar Brenner

Spelling Grade 3

1st – Pravar Bhat

4th – Holt Nguyen-Lee

5th – Vatsal

Spelling Grade 4

2nd – Archit Mirasdar

3rd – Yash Ambre

Spelling Grade 5

2nd – Tisha Patel

3rd – Priya Sekhri

Storytelling Grade 2

1st – Avantika Manish

3rd – Miheer Parasnis

Storytelling Grade 3

1st – Eliza Smith

1st – Soha Nimbalkar

1st – Holt Nguyen-Lee

Oral Reading Grade 3

1st – Manuela Farah Cunha

1st – Architha Kurupathi

1st – Eliza Smith

Oral Reading

1st – Akhil Velagaleti

1st – Ethan Nguyen

1st – Shruti Sathish

Oral Reading Grade 5

1st – Priya Sekhri

3rd – Artemiss Pooya

Congratulations to **ALL** of the Bush UIL Academic Team members who competed this past Saturday: Yusuke Nakano, Yash Upadhyay, Yash Ambre, Vijay Moorthy, Vatsal Sharda, Vamsi Yadagiri, Valentina Cedeno Ramirez, Tisha Patel, Temilade Bello, Sumodh Prabhu, Soha Nimbalkar, Shruti Sathish, Shritha Mandula, Ronak Hiwale, Richard Huang, Raaga Bukkaraju, Priya Sekhri, Pravar Bhat, Pranav Limaye, Poorvi Kurgod, Oluwatise Omidiran, Nicolas Roger Bernabeu, Neel Chandalia, Naomi McKay, Mukesh Mannava, Mihika Agrawal, Miheer Parasnis, Maria Campos, Mar Brenner, Manuela Farah Cunha, Lydia Smith, Joshua Askew, Josefina Vidaurri Gomez, Jay Semlani, Isabella Urdaneta, Hrishik Yendluri, Holt Nguyen-Lee, Harshil Sanklecha Gloria Chilewa Ethan Nouven

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 helping to make reading part of your child's daily routine!

PTO NEWS!

SPRING FUNDRAISER

The spring fundraiser 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.

BUSH BUDDIES BREAKFAST

In 2019, BBE PTO will be hosting Bush Buddies Breakfasts for our Bush families to enjoy. Students can invite their favorite buddy to enjoy light refreshments with them at school. A buddy is a parent, relative or special adult. There will be invitations sent in January to students with a last name beginning with A-K for their event on January 18th at 7a.m. Students with a last name beginning with L-Z will receive their invitations in February. These events rely on our volunteers to be successful. If you would like to volunteer, please consider helping out at the event which you will not be attending as a "Buddy." If you have questions, please email: presidentbbepto@gmail.com

BUSH SPIRIT EVENTS

JUMP TO SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL

Visit **Sky Sports Trampoline Park** located at **144409 Parkhollow Dr. on Thursday, December 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at after the holiday parties to enjoy a full afternoon of fun and frolic! Tell them you are a Bush parent and a part of your ticket sale comes back to Bush PTO. Grip socks are available at an extra charge. Parents must sign a waiver for their children in order to jump and they must be present at the venue to supervise their children.

Thank You!

A big thank you to all families for supporting the PTO during the Marco's Pizza Box Week. Your invaluable help made this fundraiser enjoyable successful!

Congratulations to Ms. Baldwin and her first-grade class for winning a Pizza Party from Marco's Pizza. They bagged the prize for the maximum number of orders during the Marco's Pizza Box Week!

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