

PAWPRINTS

BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – DECEMBER 5, 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 rd -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 18 th	7:00 a.m. – 7:40a.m. (MP Room)	Bush Breakfast Buddies Families A-K last names
January 7 th	7:30 a.m.	BACK TO SCHOOL
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

NO VISITORS

During the week of Monday, December 10th – Thursday, December 13th, students will be taking a mandatory district level assessment and the campus will be closed to visitors on those days and the only area accessible will be the Main Office. Please be sure that students have their lunches on the dates listed since we will not be able to interrupt the testing environment. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS COMMUNICATIONS' DAY

Wednesday is Communications' Day at BBES. We will make every effort to send all notices, calendars, newsletters, etc. home on Wednesday. **Please** purge your child's backpack each Wednesday; there will probably be at least one important note! Bush students use a red pocket folder to carry communications. Be sure to look for it and use it when sending notes to the teacher. The newsletter, *Pawprints*, is published weekly. It contains important dates and information regarding events and issues at Bush Elementary.

The entire handbook is available at: www.houstonisd.org/subscribe

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.

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of December 3rd is **reflect**.

BOBCAT 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.

Raffle tickets - for the chance to win the baskets not awarded at the Bush Bingo Bash and other fun prizes - will be sent home this week. Entries will be \$10 each and must be purchased by Friday, December 14th, 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. All Bush students will see the performance on those dates. Parents are also welcome. 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, including grandparents, must show their driver's license or passport before entering the building with a parent that has already completed the HISD background check – no one will be allowed to enter the building without a driver's license or passport.

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 4 p.m. THIS FRIDAY, December 7th.** All kindergarteners and all fifth graders not already identified have already been universally assessed. Please do not submit an application for a currently enrolled kindergartener or 5th grader.

If you are applying to a Vanguard Magnet school (Askew, T.H. Rogers, etc.) for grades 1-4, 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**.

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 "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.

ENTERING KINDERGARTEN GT TESTING

Due to budget cuts, the Entering Kindergarten GT Testing program is not available at Bush this year. However, if your child is identified as GT through the Entering Kindergarten testing process offered at Vanguard Magnet Schools (such as Askew & T.H. Rogers), then he/she will be served in a GT Kindergarten class at Bush for the 2019-2020 school year.

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.

OUTDOOR PARENT LUNCH

Fall is finally here and with that comes chilly and wet weather. Please be advised that the courtyard will be closed off for parent lunch visits when it's wet or too cold. Bush Elementary is an over-crowded campus and there is no room for parents to eat lunch inside the building, so please do not plan to come eat lunch with your child when it's wet or cold.

PTO NEWS!

BBE PTO HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Barbara Bush Elementary is supporting our local Texas Children's Hospital this holiday season by collecting donations for a Holiday Toy Drive. Texas Children's is the largest children's hospital in the United States and with your support, our Holiday Toy Drive will draw a smile on many faces of children from newborn babies to older teens.

Donate a **new** and **unwrapped** item by bringing them to school by **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14th**. Your donated item can include:

- Books, magazines, playing cards, puzzles, board games and inexpensive toys for various age groups [**CANNOT ACCEPT toy guns, remote controlled cars/planes or large toy sets**]
- Coloring books and crayons (crayons must be non-toxic; Crayola brand is preferred.)

All items must be new for infection control purposes.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness!

BUSH SPIRIT EVENTS

MARCO'S PIZZA BOX WEEK

The pizza boxes designed by your little artists are back at Marco's and ready to be used to deliver hot, fresh pizza to you and your family! If your child designed a pizza box, order pizza from Marco's Pizza any time starting **Monday, December 3 – Saturday, December 8** (dine in, takeout, online, or by phone), tell Marco's your child's name and his/her teacher's name, and your pizza will be delivered in your child's masterpiece! The class with the most pizza orders will win a pizza party!!

GOOD EATS FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Saturday, December 8th
Chili's West Oaks
2110 Hwy6 South

You can visit any time on Saturday, December 8th from **11:00a m to 12:00a m**. Tell them you are a

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