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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – FEBRUARY 20, 2019

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 22 nd	MP Room	Go Texan Day See Times Below
February 26 th	8:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. NO VISITORS	STAAR Practice Writing Test – 4 th Grade
February 26 th	8:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. NO VISITORS	STAAR Practice Math Test- 5 th Grade
February 27 th	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. NO VISITORS	STAAR Practice Reading Test – 5 th Grade
March 11 th - 15 th		SPRING BREAK

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of February 18th is erosion.

SPRING CARNIVAL!

The 2019 Bush Elementary Carnival will be held on **Saturday, March 23rd, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** We hope that all BBE families will join us for games, activities, prizes, food, and fun!

Now is a great time to buy your Carnival tickets! Please take advantage of our pre-sale discount ticket packages. Tickets will be sold at the event, but if you buy now, you can receive 11 for the price of 10 (\$1 saving) or 23 for the price of 20 (\$3 savings) – not only will you save money, but you will help us estimate how many families are planning to attend the Carnival.

TO BUY ONLINE:
Visit BBEPTO.com —> Programs & Events —> Carnival

TO BUY AT SCHOOL:
Visit the School Store on during opening hours:
Tuesdays 7:30 am - 8:00 am
Fridays 7:30 am - 8:00 am & 11:30 am - 12:30 pm*.

GO TEXAN DAY

Students are encouraged to wear their “Go Texan” clothes to school on **Friday, February 22nd**. Please make sure they leave their horses, guns, and lassos at home! Parents are invited to watch their children perform during their ancillary times as they sing & dance to celebrate “Go Texan Day!”

ANCILLARY TIMES

Pre-K & 5th Grade- 9:05 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.
Kindergarten – 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Third Grade – 10:55 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.
First Grade – 12:10 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.
Second Grade – 12:55 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.
Fourth Grade – 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Remember ALL adults, including grandparents, must show their driver’s license or passport before entering the building for Go Texan Day – no one will be allowed to enter the building without a driver’s license or passport.

BUSH TOY

Mrs. Robin Brown was named the Bush Elementary Teacher of the Year for the 2019-2020 school year. She graduated from East Central University specializing in history and math for K-8 and went on to receive her Masters in Elementary Education with an option for Special Education. Mrs. Brown has been teaching first and second grade for 27 years, with the last 17 years being a Barbara Bush Elementary. She is a product of HISD having graduated from Robert E. Lee High School, now known as Wisdom High School.

CONGRATULATIONS



Our K-2 Name That Book team came in first place! Congratulations to our outstanding team members: Vidhuna Vijayendran, Anthony Ayutsede, Nicolas Gonzelez Pulido, Swarit Kurupathi, Rishaan Debnath, & Toms Thomas.

Thank you to our hardworking coaches: Ms. Hall & Ms. Miller.

BUSH SCHOOL TOURS

We will have a tour for parents of prospective students on **Monday, March 4th at 9:00 a.m.**

This one-hour information session will provide parents with a general school overview, classroom visits, and a question and answer period. Please bring government-issued photo identification to be able to take part in the tour.

HEALTHY STUDENTS

Cold and flu season is upon us, and we need to make sure that students are free of fever and vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school. Being sick and coming to school puts many students, teachers, and staff at risk of getting sick. The health of everyone at Bush Elementary is put in jeopardy when sick students come to school. We want students at school if they’re healthy, but not when they’re sick. Please stay at home to get better and return to school when well.

STAAR PRACTICE TESTING

DATES

February 26th 4th Grade STAAR Writing Practice Test
 February 26th 5th Grade STAAR Math Practice Test
 February 27th 5th Grade STAAR Reading Practice 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 for 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!

PLAYGROUND REMINDER

Our school playground and outdoor track is open for our families to enjoy on Saturday mornings, during soccer time and Nature Center Events. We kindly remind parents to please leave dogs or other animals at home as they are not allowed into the grounds. Thank you for understanding!

DOGS & DISMISSAL SAFETY

During dismissal, please do not bring dogs or other pets on campus as some adults and students are afraid and nervous around dogs. This is for the health and safety of pets as well as our students and families. Dismissal can be very crowded which can also distress any pet. Thank you for your understanding.

YEARBOOK PICTURES

We are looking for some extra pictures for the yearbook. If you have any from ice cream social, the first day of school, field trips, class parties or any special event happening at school, please share them with us no later than February 28th. Group pictures or pictures with 3 or more kids are the ones that will be more helpful. Since we will receive many pictures, not all submitted will be published.

Please go to commpe.pictavo.com to send the pictures. You will need to log in and create an account choosing Barbara Bush Elementary. Once inside, the page will guide you to arrange the pictures in different folders. Please choose the folder that the picture best represents so that we can arrange them as best as possible. If you have any questions, please let me know at thejessmckay@gmail.com

Thanks for your help!!
 The Yearbook Committee

BUS LANE – NO DROP OFFS

Please do not drive into the bus lane to drop off your child before school. It is a very busy area with day care vans and HISD buses. Students dropped off in the carpool lane can walk to the cafeteria for breakfast.

PTO NEWS!

We are looking to fill some BBE PTO Board positions for 2019-2020. Our first step is to put together a Nominating Committee, whose function will be to review eligible nominee applications and prepare a slate of nominees for next year's PTO Board. The Nominating Committee is comprised of members of the PTO general membership as well as current PTO board members. Members of the Nominating Committee are not barred from being nominees themselves but must recuse themselves from discussion and voting for any positions for which they are nominees.

If you would like to apply to be part of the PTO Nominating Committee, please complete the online application at www.bbeppto.com by March 1, 2019.

BBE PTO SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS!

Application deadline: March 18th, 2019

Dedicated teachers, staff, and PARENTS help make Barbara Bush Elementary a great school!

- Would you like your students to have a great school year full of learning and fun?
- Are you interested in deciding how PTO fundraising money is spent to help our school?
- Would you enjoy planning events such as our Italian Dinner, Teacher Appreciation, Fall and Spring Fundraisers?
- Would you like to help Barbara Bush Elementary to be one of the best schools in Texas?

If you said yes to any of the questions above, please consider joining the BBE PTO board– this volunteer work is rewarding, it's important to our school's success and it's even fun! Nominations are now being accepted for all board positions online at www.bbeppto.com. Details of each of the PTO chairperson roles are detailed on our website, and you will see that there is a range of different roles, with varying time commitments and skills required. Please complete the online form by March 18th. If you have any questions, please do reach out to the current PTO board members or email: presidentbbeppto@gmail.com. The nominating committee will contact you about your application shortly after the deadline.

BUSH SPIRIT EVENTS

Marco's Pizza Box Week

Marco's Pizza Box Week is coming back for Grades Pre-K and 3-5. Blank Pizza Boxes and Instruction Letters will go home this week. Bring out your colored pens and crayons and help your child design a cool Pizza Box and proudly display his/her art at the dinner table.

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