

# PAWPRINTS

## BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – FEBRUARY 27, 2019

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.	Bush Tour for Prospective Parents
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip Houston Zoo
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	PSI/SLL Parents' Day
March 11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	NO SCHOOL	SPRING BREAK
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip Museum of Fine Arts
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Spring Carnival

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### SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of February 25<sup>th</sup> is **deposition**.

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### SPRING CARNIVAL!

The 2019 Bush Elementary Carnival will be held on **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](http://BBEPTO.com) —> Programs & Events —> Carnival

#### TO BUY AT SCHOOL:

Visit the School Store during opening hours:  
Tuesdays 7:30 am - 8:00 am  
Fridays 7:30 am - 8:00 am & 11:30 am - 12:30 pm\*.

### CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS

We hope you are planning to join us for the Carnival on **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**. This spring fundraiser is one of the events for which we need the help of many volunteers. There are about 120 slots to be filled, so every single helping hand is highly appreciated. This year, we created shifts that only last 1 hour & 15 minutes, so that our volunteers have time to enjoy the event with their families.

To sign up to volunteer (for one or multiple shifts), please visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4caciaa2ea0fb6-bbepto1>

(Alternatively, you can click on the link provided on the BBE PTO homepage: [www.bbepto.com](http://www.bbepto.com))

Thank you, in advance, and see you at the Carnival!

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### BUSH SCHOOL TOURS

We will have a tour for parents of prospective students on **Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 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. The PK lottery process will be presented at this meeting. Please bring government-issued photo identification to be able to take part in the tour.

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### CONGRATULATIONS!!

A group of students from our 5<sup>th</sup> grade social studies class competed in the Confucius Institute Research Competition this weekend and won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Group Display & was recognized for The Confucius Institute History Day Award for Research on Language, Culture, & Innovation.

Congratulations to: Anika Barua, Syna Nijhawan, Taylor Park, & Priya Sekhri.

Thank you to Mr. Rushing for your support!

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### SHIRTS OF MANY COLORS

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> all students will begin tie-dyeing t-shirts in art class. These shirts will be worn for our fabulous Bush Olympiad and Family Picnic on April 12<sup>th</sup>. All students will need a **laundered** white t-shirt in order to participate. **Please put your child's name inside the neck of the shirt using a permanent marker.** Enclose the shirt in a zip-loc bag in case we need to send it home to dry. Each grade level will be allocated a different color: pre-k – royal blue; kindergarten – sunshine orange; first grade – Kelly green; second grade – red and blue, third grade – yellow and red; fourth grade – blue and fuchsia (neon pink); and fifth grade - any or all of the colors listed. Donations of RIT dye in these colors would be appreciated! The shirts will become part of the dress code starting **May 16<sup>th</sup>**. **If you are an HISD-approved volunteer, come and help on your child's art day. However, due to limited space and safety concerns, please do not plan to bring siblings!** Please check your child's ancillary schedule and plan on joining us to tie-dye!

# **BUSH SPIRIT EVENTS**

## **Marco's Pizza Box Week**

Imagine your children being able to show their artwork while dinner is being served!!!

This is what **Marco's Pizza Box Week** is all about. Last week, students in grades **Pre-K and 3-5** brought home white pizza boxes. This week, bring out your colored pens and crayons and help them design a cool pizza box. Please return all pizza boxes to school by **Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**. **The following week, when you order pizza from Marco's, it will be delivered in your child's own masterpiece.** How cool is that?

To receive pizza in your child's decorated box, order from Marco's on the following dates:

Pre-K – March 4<sup>th</sup>

Grade 3 – March 5<sup>th</sup>

Grade 4 – March 6<sup>th</sup>

Grade 5 – March 7<sup>th</sup>

*If orders are placed on dates other than the designated dates above, Marco's cannot guarantee that your pizza will be delivered in your child's decorated box.*

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## **PLAYGROUND REMINDER**

Our school playground and outdoor track are 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 onto the grounds. Thank you for understanding!

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## **DOGS & DISMISSAL SAFETY**

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

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## **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.

# **PTO NEWS!**

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In order to fill BBE PTO Board positions for 2019-2020, a Nominating Committee is required. Its 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](http://www.bbeppto.com) by this **Friday, March 1, 2019**.

## **BBE PTO SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS!**

**Application deadline: Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 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, important to our school's success, and it's fun! Nominations are now being accepted for all board positions online at [www.bbeppto.com](http://www.bbeppto.com).

Responsibilities 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 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please reach out to the current PTO board members or email: [presidentbbeppto@gmail.com](mailto:presidentbbeppto@gmail.com)

The nominating committee will contact you about your application shortly after the deadline.

### **BUSH BOBCATS – OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT 2018-19**

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