

# PAWPRINTS

## BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – JANUARY 16, 2019

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 a.m. – 7:40 a.m. (MP Room)	Bush Breakfast Buddies <b>Students A-K last names</b>
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	NO SCHOOL	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 a.m. – 7:40 a.m. (MP Room)	Bush Breakfast Buddies <b>Students L-Z last names</b>
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal

### EARLY DISMISSAL LUNCH SCHEDULE

Since it is a super early dismissal, not all classes will go to the cafeteria for lunch. Each early dismissal day will have a grade level or two that will go eat a sack lunch or their own lunch in the cafeteria. For the early dismissal this Friday, second grade, Mrs. Busse's, and Mrs. Oloruntoba's classes will go to the cafeteria for a sack lunch or lunch from home starting at 10:00 a.m. The classroom teachers will supervise their classes during lunch time.

**All other students will just eat lunch at home with their parents. If your child rides home with a daycare service, please be sure to notify the daycare and/ or have a lunch prepared for your child to eat at daycare.**

**Why is this happening?** State law does not allow lunch to be served before 10:00 a.m. There is no way more than a grade level or two can cycle through the cafeteria from 10:00 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

**Why sack lunches only?** The cafeteria workers will not have time to prepare a hot meal to be served by 10:00 a.m.

**Are students missing lunch?** No, students are dismissed so early that they will go home for lunch.

**Will parents be able to come eat lunch at Bush with their child?** No, parents can eat lunch at home with their child at 11:30 a.m.

**Here is the schedule for who will go to lunch on the other early dismissal days:**

Feb. 15 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Busse, and Oloruntoba

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## SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Please join HISD Board of Education Trustee Holly Vilaseca, at **Revere Middle School tonight at 6 p.m.** for a community meeting to discuss the search for HISD's next superintendent.

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### SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of January 14<sup>th</sup> is **magnetism.**

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### REMINDER

Early Dismissal Day is Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. **The school day will be from 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

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### NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 21, is a holiday honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. Please enjoy this day off from school to spend time with your families, read a good book, and relax.

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### SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

Thank you to Holly Flynn Vilaseca for serving as our HISD School Board Trustee.

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### 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](mailto:donatetobush@gmail.com)

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### THE SPELLING BEE WINNER IS...

Congratulations to all the third, fourth, and fifth graders that participated in the Spelling Bee last Thursday. After nine exciting rounds, Archit Mirasdar was named the winner.

1st: Archit Mirasdar – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Runner Up: Pravar Bhat – 3rd Grade

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### LOCAL PHONE NUMBERS NEEDED

It is imperative that all information on each child's enrollment card be complete and kept current. We have several parents who still have long distance phone numbers listed. Please make sure we have local phone numbers on file because we are unable to make long distance calls from school.

## HEALTHY STUDENTS

Cold and flu season is upon us, and we need to make sure that students are fever and vomit free 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.

## 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 third 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 third 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 third 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<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

Sign up early for the next season:

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

## WEST BRIAR CHEER & DANCE CLINIC

Come join the West Briar Cheerleaders and Kinetic Dance Company for a day of Fun, Cheer, and Dance! Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

The clinic will introduce the girls to basic cheer and dance techniques. They will learn a routine and experience the thrill of performance. Each child will receive a T-shirt, bow, snacks, and drink. Registration forms can be found on the West Briar Middle School homepage [www.houstonisd.org/westbriar](http://www.houstonisd.org/westbriar). Registration forms must be turned into the West Briar Middle School office by Friday, January 25, 2019 to guarantee a clinic t-shirt.

The clinic is open to girls in grades K- 8<sup>th</sup>, the cost for the clinic is \$25 cash or money orders only the clinic is **non-refundable**. If you have not turned in your money by January 25<sup>th</sup> the cost for the clinic at the door will be \$35.

Location: West Briar Middle School  
13733 Brimhurst Dr. Houston, Tx 77077

Date & Time: Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> Check-in 8:00 a.m.  
Dance Clinic Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Showcase Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Attire: Comfortable Athletic Attire

Parents are invited to attend the Showcase performance.

# PTO NEWS!

## BUSH BUDDIES BREAKFAST

To celebrate our wonderful community, the PTO is hosting two Bush Buddies Breakfast Events. Students can invite their favorite adult buddy to spend some quality time with them before school starts. **Light refreshments** will be provided; however, please note that the refreshments won't replace your child's normal healthy breakfast meal. We are sure your student will walk into school proud that they have "shown off" their significant buddy / role model to their friends and managed to sneak in an extra hug before school!

As we are a large elementary school, students with a last name beginning with A-K will have their event **this Friday, January 18 at 7am**, while students with a last name beginning with L-Z will have their event on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to thank our generous local sponsors: Omar Durrani MD, Villages of Briar Forest, Mathnasium West Houston, Vista Energy Corridor, and ALISO Briar Forest. We also thank Josephine's Day Spa, Eldridge for providing a raffle prize!

If you have questions, please email:

[presidentbbepto@gmail.com](mailto:presidentbbepto@gmail.com)

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## BBE STAR VOLUNTEER

We are excited to announce the BBE star volunteer: **Ana Ramirez** was the lucky winner of about 30 volunteers who helped out in December. We are really happy with Fortunas choice as -Rain or shine- Ana helps many mornings directing traffic in the car pool lane to help it run smoothly Ana wins a beautiful Edible Arrangement by or business sponsor during Bush Buddies Breakfast this Friday.

We highly appreciate the support by ALL the other volunteers last month as well, especially as it was the holiday season.

Do you want to get involved? It does not have to be a big commitment time wise. Check out [www.bbepto.com](http://www.bbepto.com) or mailto:[Bushpto.vips@gmail.com](mailto:Bushpto.vips@gmail.com).

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## BUSH SPIRIT EVENTS

### **Spirit Night at Panera Bread**

Join us **Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** for Pizza Night at **Russo's New York Pizzeria**, located at **13346 Briar Forest Drive**. Let them know you are a Bush Parent and 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the Bush PTO. Orders includes Dine-In, takeout, online orders and orders by phone.

Enjoy a fun afternoon of painting on **Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** at **The Art Cellar**, located at **1460 Eldridge Parkway Suite #120** from **12:30 p.m.-5:30p.m.** 30% of the proceeds will be donated to Bush PTO. Register online at [artcellarhouston.com](http://artcellarhouston.com) to reserve your seat.

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