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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – JANUARY 9, 2019

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 10 th	8:00 a.m.	Spelling Bee Grades 3-5 MP Room
January 18 th	7:00 a.m. – 7:40 a.m. (MP Room)	Bush Breakfast Buddies Families A-K last names
January 18 th	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal
January 21 st	NO SCHOOL	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
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 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

It is imperative that all information on each child's enrollment card be complete and kept current. **If phone numbers (home, work, emergency or doctor) change, please notify the school office immediately.**

Be sure that you have a plan for picking your child up during the day should he/she get sick at school. Students should **not** be picked up from school early except in emergency situations or for appointments that **cannot** be scheduled at other times. Be sure that changes in "pick-up procedures" are clearly communicated and discussed **before** the child leaves home. Notify the teacher in writing when such changes occur.

Students will **not** be called out of class to talk on the phone. In emergency cases, messages will be relayed to students. This will not be done for messages that are of a routine nature. **Plan ahead!** Your child's instructional time is important.

The entire handbook is available at:
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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.

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.

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of January 7th is **opaque**.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Please join HISD Board of Education Trustee Holly Vilaseca, at **Revere Middle School on Wednesday, January 16th** for a community meeting to discuss the search for HISD's next superintendent.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

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

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

HELMET & CHAINS

If your child rides a bicycle to school, it is important to play it safe! Children are required to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle. Join the "helmet patrol" and see that all children are following bicycle safety rules.

We have a bike rack for parking. **All bikes and scooters should be chained and locked to prevent theft.** Be sure that your child has a bike lock he/she can operate.

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 3rd, 2019.

Sign up early for the next season:

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

GOOD NEIGHBORS

When dropping off or picking up your child, or just visiting Bush, please be considerate of the homes neighboring Bush. Be a good neighbor and remember the following parking rules:

1. **Do not block driveways.**
2. **Park at least 20 feet from an intersection.**
3. **Do not park in the designated "No Parking Zones"**
4. **Don't park in front of fire hydrants.**

We've received several complaints from our neighbors about the above concerns. Let's be good neighbors!

FACULTY AND STAFF PARKING LOT

In the morning, parents have been seen parking in the faculty/staff parking lot and letting their children out. These children have then been walking **unaccompanied** across the busy bus lane. This extremely dangerous and unsafe behavior must **not** occur. **All** students must be dropped off in the carpool lane. Please **do not** park in the faculty and staff parking lot; it is reserved for Bush Elementary faculty and staff **ONLY**.

PTO NEWS!

BUSH BUDDIES BREAKFAST

Students can invite their favorite buddy to enjoy light refreshments with them at our Bush Buddies event in the school. A buddy is a parent, relative or special adult. There will be invitations sent to students with a last name beginning A-K for their event on January 18 at 7am in the MP Room.

Students with a last name beginning 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

Spirit Night at Panera Bread

Join us **Friday, January 11th** at **Panera Bread**, located at **851 Dairy Ashford**. Visit from **4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** and a portion of the proceeds from your purchase will be donated to the PTO. This great deal is valid for online orders as well enter "PRFUND" as your promocode.

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