

# PAWPRINTS

## BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – MARCH 20, 2019

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 19-22	7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<b>PK Packet Drop-Off for Sibling(s) of Currently - Enrolled Bush Students</b>
March 21	9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip Museum of Fine Arts</b>
March 23	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Spring Carnival</b>
March 25	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR Math Practice – NO VISITORS</b>
March 26	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR Reading Practice – NO VISITORS</b>
March 27	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade STAAR Writing Practice; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR Science Practice – NO VISITORS</b>
March 28	7:30 – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Spring Picture Make Up Day</b>
April 2 - 5	7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<b>PK Packet Drop-Off for Zoned Bush Students</b>
April 19		<b>No School</b>

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### SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Words for the week of March 18<sup>th</sup> are rotation/revolution.

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# 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!

### Zoned PK Registration

For the 2019-2020 school year, all PK students must meet the federal guidelines to qualify for PK. There will be NO PK tuition students for the 2019-2020 school year. The PK application packet is currently available for pick up in the office.

If your PK-age (4 on or before September 1) child is a sibling of a currently-enrolled Bush student, then drop off your completed PK application to the front office during the following window:

**March 19 - 22 (7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)**

If your PK-age (4 on or before September 1) child is zoned to Bush, but **NOT** a sibling of a currently-enrolled Bush student, then drop off your completed PK application to the front office during the following window:

**April 2 - 5 (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)**

Completed PK application/registration packet must be turned in to the Bush front office **ANY TIME** during the drop-window. Since it is a lottery process, it is **NOT** first come, first served.

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### STAAR PRACTICE TESTING DATES

**March 25<sup>th</sup>** 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR Math Practice Test  
**March 26<sup>th</sup>** 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR Reading Practice Test  
**March 27<sup>th</sup>** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Writing, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR Science 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!

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 TICKETS ONLINE:

Visit [BBEPTO.com](http://BBEPTO.com) —> Programs & Events —> Carnival

#### TO BUY TICKETS AT SCHOOL:

Visit the School Store this Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

A limited number of Carnival t-shirts (in youth sizes) will also be sold - first come, first served - at the school store during regular store hours on Friday, March 22nd (\$10 each).

The weather forecast is currently predicting a chance of rain this weekend. We will make a decision by early Saturday morning if the Carnival can be held as planned, moved indoors, or if it needs to be postponed to our back-up date. **The final update on scheduling will be sent early Saturday via a BBE PTO Eblast and also posted to the BBE PTO Facebook page. Please check one of these two sources early Saturday morning.**

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

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

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## FAMILY PICNIC FAST PASS

The Family Picnic on Field Day is a fun time for parents to come have lunch with their children. We've created a Fast Pass to speed up entry to the picnic. **To qualify for Fast Pass, parents, grandparents, and guests must complete these pre-registration steps:**

**March 25 – April 9 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Front Office**

- Driver's license or passport scanned in at the Bush Elementary front desk by Ms. Platt. One person can bring a photocopy of the driver's license/passport photo pages for all guests who will attend from that family. Photocopies are acceptable.
- Show your driver's license/passport photo page to Ms. Ayala so she can record the name as it appears on the driver's licenses/passport photo page on the Fast Pass guest list.

**April 12** – Fast Pass line opens at 10:30 a.m. at the designated gates (see below). **You must have your driver's licenses/passport (original or photocopy) to show so your name can be located and checked off the Fast Pass guest list.**

- **1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Ms. Rose and Mrs. Tiet will be at the opening to the field to check in all visitors (for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students) who have completed the Fast Pass process.
- **PK, K, Special Education:** Ms. Shaw and ancillary teachers will be at the gate to the primary playground (in the carpool lane) to check in all visitors (for PK, K, and Special Education) who have completed the Fast Pass process.

**10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. PK-2<sup>nd</sup> Picnic Lunch**  
**11:00 a.m. -11:45 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Picnic Lunch**

If you don't pre-register for Fast Pass by **April 9 at 2:00 p.m.**, then all visitors on the day of the Family Picnic will need to go through the front office to check in with their driver's license or passport.

## NAME THAT BOOK TEAM MAKES HISTORY!

The Bush 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Name That Book Team made history on March 7 when they won first place in the District competition for the second year in a row! This amazing, hard-working group of students exhibited excellent teamwork and good sportsmanship, along with their in-depth knowledge of twenty-five books. The following students represented Bush well and brought home two trophies: Mary Munk and Priya Sekhri (Grade 5); Amruta Nangarla, Shruti Sathish, and Aidan Xu, (Grade 4); and Pravar Bhat and Tvisha Singh, (Grade 3). Ms. Hall and Mrs. Miller, team sponsors, appreciate the dedication of these students and the support of their parents, which made this all possible!

## READING ROUND UP

Throughout March, students will round up and read a variety of books to complete their Reading Rodeo Roundup charts. Prizes will be given in April to students who complete the Reading Rodeo charts and turn them in by **March 29<sup>th</sup>**. Students, round up some great books and read!

## SHIRTS OF MANY COLORS

All students will begin tie-dyeing t-shirts this week 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 Ziploc 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!

## 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!

### 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/30e0c4cacia2ea0fb6-bbepto1>

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