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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – MARCH 27, 2019

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 25 – April 9	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Family Picnic Fast Pass Pre-registration
March 28	7:30 – 12:00 p.m.	Spring Picture Make Up Day
March 29		Reading Rodeo Roundup Charts due to library
April 2 - 5	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	PK Packet Drop-Off for Zoned Bush Students
April 9	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	LAST DAY to pre-register for Family Picnic Fast Pass
April 12		Athletic and Academic Field Day
April 12	10:30 a.m.	Family Picnic Fast Pass line opens (see article for grade-specific entrance locations)
April 12	10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	PK-2 nd Picnic Lunch 3 rd – 5 th Picnic Lunch
April 19		No School
April 25	7:45 a.m.	General PTO Meeting

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 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.

PICTURE RETAKES

If you wish for your child to have his/her individual spring picture retaken, we will have a retake session on **Thursday, March 28**.

Please return THE WHOLE PICTURE PACKAGE on Thursday, March 28 if you want your child's picture to be retaken. **THIS WILL NOT BE A FREE DRESS DAY.**

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of March 25th is season.

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.**

- **1st – 5th Grades:** Ms. Rose and Mrs. Tiet will be at the opening to the field to check in all visitors (for 1st – 5th 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-2nd Picnic Lunch
11:00 a.m. -11:45 a.m. 3rd-5th 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.

Houston Public Media Spelling Bee 2019

Our very own, Archit Mirasdar, represented Barbara Bush Elementary in the Houston Public Media Spelling Bee this past Saturday, March 23. He has made Bush history by being the very first Bush student to ever achieve this level of competition! As a participant in the bee, he was one of the 53 best spellers from 1,069 schools in 37 counties. We are so proud of Archit and all he's accomplished!

HISD PARENT UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP

On Thursday, March 28, Westside High School will host HISD's fifth and final Parent University workshop of the year. The theme for the evening is "Getting Your Child Ready for College and Careers." The event begins at 5:30 PM and takes place in the Commons. Westside's culinary students will serve up homemade chili and HISD will be offering a free resource fair. Information will be offered on district programs, parent engagement, community resources, and how parents can become active partners in the successful education of their children. **The session on college and career readiness will follow at 6:30 PM.** The event is free, including dinner and child care, and all parents are encouraged to attend.

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 29th**. Students, round up some great books and read!

SHIRTS OF MANY COLORS

Students have begun tie-dyeing t-shirts already! These shirts will be worn for our fabulous Bush Olympiad and Family Picnic on April 12th. 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 16th**. **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 Thanks!

We hope you all had as much fun as we did at the Carnival on Saturday!

A huge thank you to our 2019 Bush Elementary Carnival sponsors:

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- Language Kids World

We would also like to send our greatest appreciation to the volunteers. You all went above and beyond to make the event a success - we couldn't have done it without you!

School Spirit Event

Sample some tasty South Indian cuisine....

Come join us for a mouthwatering fundraiser @ **Anjappar Chettinad** located at **2310 S Texas 6** on **Friday, March 29** from **5:00pm onwards**. Let them know you are a Bush Parent and 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the Bush PTO. Includes Dine-In/ Carryout/Delivery.

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