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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – MARCH 6, 2019

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of March 4th is **fossils**.

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!

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 —> 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 23rd**. 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)

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

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.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Next week is a great time to refresh and recharge in preparation for the final months of the school year. Enjoy time with your friends and families, but still leave a little time each day for learning. Everyone should read every day. Don't forget to practice your math facts, so you will not be rusty when you return to school on Monday, March 18. Have a safe and happy spring break!

SHIRTS OF MANY COLORS

Tuesday, March 19th all students will begin tie-dying t-shirts in art class. 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 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 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!

FREE DRESS PASS

Friday, March 8th is a free dress day pass for students!

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!

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Yeeehaaawww - we are happy to announce that this month's BBE Star Volunteer is **Kara Bemis**. Kara spent countless hours teaching the dances to students from all grades for their "Go Texan Day" performances. We are sure you will agree that we all enjoyed watching our little cowgirls and cowboys! Thanks to Kara for making this possible. Kara received a beautiful Edible Arrangement from our sponsor!

As always, we appreciate all other volunteers who came to help throughout Bush this past month including additional support for dance practices, in the classrooms and during field trips!

Thanks y'all!

YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

Yearbooks are now on sale for \$30 until the end of Spring Break (March 17). We will not be ordering extra books, so please order now!

Please go to www.bbepeto.com to order your yearbook.

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!

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.

PTO NEWS!

BBE PTO SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS!

Application deadline: Monday, March 18th, 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.bbepeto.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 18th. If you have any questions, please reach out to the current PTO board members or email: presidentbbepeto@gmail.com

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

BUSH SPIRIT EVENTS

Marco's Pizza Box Week

The pizza boxes designed by your little artists are back at Marco's and ready to be used to deliver hot, fresh pizza to you and your family! If your child designed a pizza box, order pizza from Marco's Pizza anytime starting **Monday, March 4th – Saturday, March 9th** (dine in, takeout, online, or by phone), tell Marco's your child's name and his/her teacher's name, and your pizza will be delivered in your child's masterpiece! The class with the most orders will win a pizza party!!

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