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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – NOVEMBER 7, 2018

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 8	7:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Flu Vaccines for pre-registered students.
November 9	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal
November 19-23	No School	Thanksgiving Holiday- NO SCHOOL
December 21 st – January 4 th	No School	WINTER BREAK
January 18 th		Bush Breakfast Buddies Families A-K
January 18 th	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal
February 15 th		Bush Breakfast Buddies Families L-Z
February 15 th	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of November 5th is **classify**.

REMINDER

Early Dismissal Day is Friday, November 9th. **The school day will be from 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

BOBCAT NEWS

BUSH BINGO BASH

Congratulations to everyone who won a prize at the 2018 Bush BINGO Bash! The event was a huge success - thank you to everyone who attended; we hope you had as much fun as we did playing for the wonderful baskets that the classes put together (with the help of the fabulous Room Moms)! THANK YOU to all of the parents and BBE staff/teachers who served as volunteers on Friday and Saturday - we couldn't have done it without you! And a final THANK YOU to our Diamond Sponsors: Brimhurst Kindercare, Doody Calls, Goddard School, Heritage Texas Properties: Nancy Scott/Rebecque Demark, and OXXO Care Cleaners. We would like to also thank the sponsors who made extra contributions to the event: West Houston Orthodontics, Adventure Kids Playcare, and The Villages of Briar Forest – your support of our school and our community is so greatly appreciated!

The remaining baskets will be raffled off in December. Watch the Pawprints, and look in your students' folders, for more information about your chance to buy raffle tickets.

FLU SHOTS

Students whose parents had submitted paperwork at the beginning of school for their child to receive a flu shot here at school will be receiving their flu shot **TOMORROW, November 8**. The shots will be administered in the PTO room and volunteer moms will pick up the listed students from their classrooms. While parents are permitted to accompany their child, they will meet their child at the PTO room and the volunteers will return all students to class. A specific time slot for students is not available as there are over 200 students receiving a flu shot tomorrow. However, all shots will be administered between 7:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in this order: Chorus, PK, 5th, 4th, K, 3rd, 2nd and 1st.

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, first 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:

Jan. 18 – 2nd grade, Busse, and Oloruntoba
Feb. 15 – 3rd grade, Busse, and Oloruntoba

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our special education classes will be conducting a **Thanksgiving Food Drive** beginning Friday, November 9th through Friday, November 16th. We will be collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to a local food pantry. We will have large boxes in the hallways to collect donations of canned fruit and vegetables, canned soups, dried pasta, rice, dried milk, baby food and cereal. Please help Bush Elementary School give our neighbors a Happy Thanksgiving.

GT TESTING

If you are interested in having your child in grades 1-4 tested for the Gifted and Talented Neighborhood program at Bush for the **2019-2020 school year**, please download an application at <http://www.houstonisd.org/Page/59885> and turn it in to the front office. Applications for the Bush Gifted and Talented Program are due by **December 7, 2018**. All kindergarteners and all fifth graders not already identified have already begun the assessment process.

If you are applying to a Vanguard Magnet school (Askew, T.H. Rogers, etc.), do not submit an application to Bush. Instead, Vanguard Magnet applicants that are not G/T identified in HISD must request testing with Jessica Ayala in the front office. The deadline for Vanguard Magnet applicants to request G/T testing at Bush is **December 8, 2018**.

OUTDOOR PARENT LUNCH

Fall is finally here and with that comes chilly and wet weather. Please be advised that the courtyard will be closed off for parent lunch visits when it's wet or too cold. Bush Elementary is an over-crowded campus and there is no room for parents to eat lunch inside the building, so please do not plan to come eat lunch with your child when it's wet or cold.

NO PARKING ZONE

Our curbs were recently repainted red and yellow. Parents are not allowed to park along **red curbs at any time for any reason**. This is a direct violation of the fire code. Law enforcement can issue tickets to any and all vehicles parked along red curbs as it is against the law. The red painted curb areas are for emergency vehicles such as police, ambulances, and fire trucks. Please do not park and leave your car for any amount of time in the red curb areas. Thank you for making Bush Elementary a safe and emergency vehicle accessible school.

RESIDENTIAL COMPLAINTS

We've been receiving multiple complaints from residents on Darnley Street about parking and the safety of our students. Please do not block driveways on any streets. Please do not drop off your child in the middle of the street. Your child's safety is the number one priority every day. Please keep your child safe.

CHESS CLUB

NEWS

Members of the Barbara Bush Chess Team competed in the Texas State Scholastic Chess Tournament this past weekend. Congratulations to Miheer Parasnis, Ryan Zhu, Nehaan Ramanujakootam, Aarav Jain and Amith Ashoka Shenoy on our second-grade team for coming in 2nd place. Congratulations also to our fourth-grade team consisting of Ronak Hiwale and Nimesh Ramanujakootam for coming in 5th place. And a huge congratulations to Travis Feng who came in 1st place in the fifth-grade section. Woo hoo to all who competed for a job well done!

FREE MYON READING PROGRAM!

Did you know that Houston ISD provides unlimited access for students and teachers to more than 6,000 engaging digital books through the myOn computer program? Students can read books of their interest and at their reading level anytime, anywhere from a computer, iPad, tablet or smart phone. Join Bush Elementary as we participate in the "Read to Succeed" competition where all PK-5 students across the district compete against each other to see who can read myOn web-based books for the most number of minutes. The purpose of this competition is to motivate and reward students for reading, increase the time they are engaged in reading, and increase their reading stamina while using myOn. Students can access myOn by going to houstonisd.org/hub, and logging in using: "**Student/S** and their student ID number. The password is their 8-digit birthday. For more information, please refer to the flyer that came home in your child's red communication folder today or visit the following webpage: <http://myon.muses3.com/index.php/houston-isd-read-to-succeed/>

PTO NEWS

BUSH SPIRIT EVENTS

Get your Poutine Fix and support the school on **Thursday, November 8th starting at 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** at the **Tubs Poutine, 13429, Briar Forest Drive**. 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the school. Show the ad posted on Facebook at the register while ordering.

Turn Fun into Funds – Take your child and enjoy an afternoon of Roller Skating and snacks at **Dairy Ashford Roller Rink** on **Friday, Nov 9th** on Early Dismissal Day. Tell them you are a Bush parent and they will give 10% cashback to BBE PTO.

COMMUNITY NEWS!

Barbara Bush Elementary families are invited to Westside High School to visit the Westside Community & Magnet Showcase on Thursday, November 15th from 5:30pm-8pm. Questions? Please contact Magnet Coordinator, Jane Miller, at emiller4@houstonisd.org.

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