

# **PAWPRINTS**

## BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – OCTOBER 17, 2018

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 19th	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal
October 26	1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Westside Homecoming Parade
November 3	3:00 p.m.-6:00p.m.	Bush Bingo Bash
November 9	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal
November 19-23	No School	Thanksgiving Holiday- NO SCHOOL
December 21 <sup>st</sup> – January 4 <sup>th</sup>	No School	WINTER BREAK

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### SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of October 15<sup>th</sup> is conclusion.

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## BOBCAT NEWS

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### REMINDER!

#### EARLY DISMISSAL

Early Dismissal Day is Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. The school day will be from 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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### CLASS SIZE WAIVERS

The state of Texas has a class size limit of 22 students to one teacher in kindergarten through fourth grade. This semester, Bush Elementary requested class size waivers for the following classes that are over the 22:1 ratio – KT Nguyen, Brown, Baldwin, Orta, Travis, Kimberling, Strange, Carlin, Narro, Dow, McMaster, Mayces, Conway, J. Nguyen, Sherman, Solis, & Jensen.

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### GT TESTING

If you are interested in having your child tested for the Gifted and Talented Neighborhood program at Bush for **Grades 2-4** 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 will be universally assessed later in the fall semester. More information will be forthcoming about the universal assessment of kindergarten and fifth grade students. Please do not turn in an application for a currently enrolled kindergartener or 5<sup>th</sup> grader.

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**.

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### EARLY PICKUPS

Please do not plan to pick up your child between 11:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. To ensure a safe dismissal, students will not be called to the office to be picked up early between 11:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Thank you for helping us make dismissal safe for all our students.

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### TEACHERS' BOXES

Parents have three methods to communicate with teachers via notes in the Red Communications folder, email, and phone. Please do not put items in the teachers' boxes as these are used for HISD communication with the teachers. If you come to the office with a message or item for the teacher, then please hand it to the front office staff and they will get it to the teacher.

The entire handbook is available at:  
[www.houstonisd.org/subscribe](http://www.houstonisd.org/subscribe)

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### 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, Pre-kindergarten, Kindergarten, 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 class's 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:

- Oct. 19 – PK, K, Busse, and Oloruntoba
- Nov. 9 – 1<sup>st</sup>, Busse, and Oloruntoba
- Jan. 18 – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Busse, and Oloruntoba
- Feb. 15 – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Busse, and Oloruntoba

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Our school is proud to announce that next week is Red Ribbon Week! Student Council is inviting you to participate in spirit week to celebrate our choice to be drug free!

Monday- **Sock it to drugs!** Wear crazy socks.

Tuesday-**Team up against drugs!** Wear your favorite sports shirt/jersey.

Wednesday- **Our Bobcat future is TOO bright for drugs!** Wear a neon shirt.

Thursday-**Say BOO to drugs!** Wear a black or orange shirt.

Friday- **We "blue" drugs away this week!** In honor of the Westside homecoming parade, wear a blue shirt!

## EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE

Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> is the Westside High School Homecoming Parade. The parade will be from 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. All Bush students will be watching the parade as it passes by Bush Elementary School. Please do not plan on picking up your child between 1:30 p.m. and 2:50 p.m. on this day.

## 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.

## KONA ICE

Kona Ice will be at Bush Elementary **after school on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** Parents may take their child(ren) after school to the truck that will be located on Parkway Plaza near the track for a tasty treat. The cost is approximately \$2 - \$5 depending on your selection. Parents do not need to send their child with the money; parents just need to plan to have the money if they would like to purchase a Kona Ice after school.

This is a great opportunity to try snow cones of different flavors in Regular or Color changing cups. Stick to one flavor or mix and match flavors. You have fun and we get to turn your fun into funds for our school.

## JOIN CUB SCOUT PACK 1038

When: Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Bush Cafeteria

For more information please contact Ashley Rex at Ashley.Rex@scouting.org

# PTO NEWS

## PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION MONTH

Barbara Bush Elementary PTO thanks our principal, Ms. Rose, for all her dedication and hard work to make our children's futures bright! Students and families are invited to recognize the work of our wonderful principal by sending messages and e-cards on our Barbara Bush Elementary PTO website. Be sure to add the hashtags #BBEMsRose and #ThankAnHISDPrincipal.

## BUSH BINGO BASH

### SAVE THE DATE

Get excited for the 2018 Bush BINGO Bash on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3-6pm, at Bush Elementary! Discount ticket packages are on sale NOW at [www.bbeppto.com](http://www.bbeppto.com). While you are there, please sign up to volunteer and help make BINGO a success.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### **NATURE CENTER EVENT**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>**

The cooler weather is finally here! Let's spend time outdoors by enjoying the Nature Center. Join us at the Nature Center on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm to decorate Halloween bird houses.

## BUSH SPIRIT EVENTS

Pizza Night at **Marco's Pizza, Dairy Ashford Road on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. Mention Bush Elementary at the time of your order and 20% of sales will be donated to Bush Elementary.

Tickle your brain cells at **Idea Lab on Friday, Oct 19** from **12:00 noon** onwards. Design and build your own Robot or make a digital movie.

## COMMUNITY NEWS!

### DANCE WITH PRIDE CAMP

When: Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

Where: Westside High School

14201 Briar Forest Dr. Houston, TX 77077

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Come out and learn fun dance routines with the Westside Dance Team. Please contact Westside High School at 281-920-8000 for more information.

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