

# PAWPRINTS

## BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – OCTOBER 24, 2018

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 26	1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Westside Homecoming Parade
November 3	3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.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
January 18 <sup>th</sup>		Bush Breakfast Buddies Families A-K
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal
February 15 <sup>th</sup>		Bush Breakfast Buddies Families L-Z
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal

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### SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup> is matter.

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## BOBCAT NEWS

### 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 should have received a letter with the specific test date earlier this week. 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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## BUSH BINGO BASH

The Room Parents have been working hard to coordinate fabulous prize baskets for this year's Bush BINGO Bash, with themes such as "Rainy Day Activities", "MINECRAFT", "Techno Toys", "Breakfast in Bed", "Harry Potter", "Kid Crafting", "LEGO", "Camping", and "Pamper Mom". To find out more about this fun annual event (which will be held on Saturday, November 3rd, 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., here at Bush Elementary), please visit [www.bbpto.com](http://www.bbpto.com). Discount ticket packages will be on sale on the website through \*this Friday\* (October 26th), and we need more parents to sign up as volunteers to ensure the event is a success.

Ms. Rose held the drawing for the Guest Bingo Callers last Friday - congratulations to the winners!

Beck Matson  
Riggs & Naomi McKay  
Gabriel Villasmil  
Sebastian & Sofia Ford  
Cassius Collins  
Isabel Martinez  
Martin Guerrero  
Madeleine Hopewell  
Anezka Coronado  
Tanishka Shah

(A member of the Bingo planning team will contact the families of the Guest Callers with additional information.)

See you all on November 3rd!

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## A Note from the Principal

Thank you so much for all the kind notes, cards, and treats from the students, families, and faculty/staff that I've received during Principals' Appreciation Month. I am so proud to be the principal of Barbara Bush Elementary for the past fifteen years. I love my job because I get to watch the teachers teach and students learn! Thank you for being my Bush family!

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### FIRE DRILLS

All HISD schools are required to have a monthly fire drill. If parents are in the building when the alarm is sounding, then they **MUST** exit the building and go to one of the five visible staging areas around the school. No one is allowed to be in the building or in the temporary buildings during the fire drill. Safety above all else is our main concern for everybody at Bush Elementary.

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### RED FIRE LANE

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

## FIELD TRIP CHAPERONE POLICY

**CHAPERONE POLICY:** Parents must complete a background check and be approved prior to chaperoning a field trip.

- Log on to [www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin](http://www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin) and follow the prompts. Then you will be asked to take your picture ID to the school office.

**FIELD TRIP CHAPERONES** – If a parent is invited to chaperone a field trip, please do not bring non-school-aged siblings. Supervision is critical, and the chaperone must be solely concerned with watching the students on the field trip. Parent chaperones must ride the bus to chaperone the entire field trip.

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

## FACULTY & STAFF PARKING LOT

The faculty and staff parking lot is for the exclusive use of the Bush Elementary faculty and staff. All parking spots are assigned to Bush Elementary employees. If you need to quickly drop off something or if you have a parent conference, then park in the visitor parking lot or in the allowable parking areas on the other side of the street. Thank you for ensuring all Bush Elementary employees have a place to park at their work location.

## UNIVERSAL GT TESTING

HISD screens kindergarten and fifth grade students who were not previously identified as gifted and talented in what is called Universal Testing. This process begins the week of October 29, 2018. The Achievement Test has been scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>.

The universal testing of kindergarten and fifth grade students allows identified students to receive G/T services in HISD's Gifted and Talented Programs during the Spring or their current school year. All students who are identified as gifted and talented in HISD will retain their G/T identification providing they subsequently enroll in an HISD Gifted and Talented Program upon identification and are continuously enrolled in an HISD Gifted and Talented Program thereafter.

## PARADE WATCHING! **EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE**

Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> is Westside H.S. 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 2:30 p.m. on this day.

# PTO NEWS

## BUSH BINGO BASH

### SAVE THE DATE

Get excited for the 2018 Bush BINGO Bash on Saturday, November 3rd, 3-6pm, at Bush Elementary! Discount ticket packages are on sale NOW at [www.bbpto.com](http://www.bbpto.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>**

Bring your family over to the nature center this Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our PTO volunteers are hosting an event to teach you about watering techniques and kids can decorate Halloween bird houses. We hope to see you there!

## BUSH SPIRIT EVENTS

#### **CHIPOTLE SPIRIT EVENT**

**Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Do Good with Burritos-** Spirit Night on **Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at Chipotle 1120 Eldridge Parkway Suite 100** from **5:00 p.m. - 9:00p.m.** Tell them you are a Bush parent and 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Barbara Bush Elementary.

## UIL

Thank you to everyone who tried out for UIL. We had a great turnout for every contest category. Students who made the team have all been notified. Congratulations!

### **BUSH BOBCATS – OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT 2018-19**

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