

# PAWPRINTS

## BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – OCTOBER 3, 2018

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 8-12		Book Fair Week
October 9	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Book Fair Night & Italian Dinner – MP Room
October 19	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

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### SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of October 1<sup>st</sup> is hypothesis.

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### BOBCAT NEWS

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### ITALIAN DINNER & BOOK FAIR

**Ciao!** Bring the whole family and join us for our annual **Italian Dinner and Book Fair Night** on **Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**. The Book Fair is open from **5:00p.m.-7:30p.m.** Dinner is catered by Russo's Italian Kitchen, and will be served from **5:30p.m.-7:00p.m.** This is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of reading with your children, purchase books and gifts, while socializing with other Bush families!

**Don't forget to purchase your dinner tickets** (\$8 per adult and \$5 per child) **before October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Online ticket sales: visit [www.bbepo.com](http://www.bbepo.com) > Programs & Events > Italian Dinner. Tickets can also be bought in person at the School Store on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday morning (7:30 a.m.-8:00a.m.) Friday afternoon (11:30a.m.-12:30p.m.) and at dismissal time on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> (2:20p.m.-3:00p.m.) Both Dine-In and Take Out Options are available but remember no dinner tickets will be sold at the door!

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### CARPOOL LANE HELPFUL TIPS

Just a few general reminders to keep our car rider line running smoothly and safely: Please make sure these guidelines are communicated to all carpool drivers for your children (grandparents, babysitters, etc.).

1. Do NOT get out of your vehicle to let your students in or out. It is not safe, and it holds up the line. The staff on duty and the Safety Patrols will assist students in and out of the car.
2. Have your student ALWAYS enter/exit on the curb side. Pull close to the curb so our staff on duty or Safety Patrols do not have to step into the street.
3. Pull tight to the car in front of you so we can be as efficient as possible. If the staff on duty are waving you forward, please follow their direction.
4. Have your students ready to go with their backpacks, lunchboxes, etc. in arms reach.
5. In the afternoon, please make sure your dismissal tag is hanging in the window and remains hanging through the entire car rider line.
6. Once you have pulled into the carpool lane, please pull all the way forward to the car in front of you, even if that means passing your child. Students will walk to their cars once they stop.
7. In the afternoon, staff on duty will input dismissal tag numbers until 3:05 p.m. Dismissal numbers of cars arriving after 3:05 p.m. will not be added, so parents will need to come in to the office to sign your student out.

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### BIKE RIDERS

For the safety of walkers and bike riders, students must walk beside their bikes at all street crossings and on the sidewalks on school property up to the bike rack. Bike riders must walk beside bikes at all street crossings and sidewalks adjacent to Bush Elementary to and from school. Helmets are required for all bike riders.

The entire handbook is available at:

[www.houstonisd.org/subscribe](http://www.houstonisd.org/subscribe)

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### SUMMER READING CELEBRATION

Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> will be our Summer Reading Celebration in the Multi-Purpose Room for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>. As a part of the celebration, students may bring sunglasses and/or baseball caps to wear during the assembly. This event is for students only due to space constraints.

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### YES! EVEN LUNCH!!!

The safety of all kids is our top priority. In order to avoid disappointment, please be informed, that every single person intending to enter the school needs to have the HISD VIPS registration completed and the background check confirmed - **EVEN IF IT IS JUST TO HAVE LUNCH!** And even if you have been approved in previous years, you must do it again, as HISD launched a new system.

It does not take long! So, in order to avoid disappointment, just go online and register via [www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin](http://www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin) - all manageable within 2-3 minutes! The background check itself takes about 4-6 weeks, so please plan ahead if you intend to come to school.

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### NURSE'S RULE

Please do not send your sick child to school. If your child has fever, pink eye, or upset stomach, please keep him or her at home. We have lots of folks under our roof every day. For the health and safety of ALL students, it is very important that children stay home when they are ill. Students who have thrown up during the night or who are running a fever **cannot** be sent to school. **Students must be fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication before returning to school.** When your child returns to school, please send a signed note stating the days your child was absent and the reason for the absence.

# WATER BOTTLE SAFETY

Parents, make sure when sending water bottles to school that the tops are secured properly to prevent water leaks. We've already had several slip and fall on water spills in the hallways. Please make sure your child knows how to securely close their water bottles. Water bottles should be inside or on the side of the backpacks during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal.

## COACH'S CORNER

### No Note, Must Play

If your child cannot participate in Physical Education class, Coach Pham needs a note from a doctor or parent excusing the child from participating. If a child must sit out for more than one week, the note must be from a doctor. If Coach Pham does not receive a note excusing the student, he/she **must** participate. Students cannot sit out just because they tell Coach Pham they cannot play. According to the Texas Education Code, 103.1003, Physical Education is mandatory for all students in elementary schools. Coach Pham appreciates your compliance!

## PARENT ACCESS TO THE BUILDING

All parents who plan to volunteer in your child's room, help in the cafeteria, eat lunch with their child, visit Knowledge Fest, watch the Chorus and Orchestra performance, or would like to serve as a chaperone on future field trips, must follow the procedures for the background check. Log-on to [www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin](http://www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin) and follow the directions. All parents are required to go through this process this year to **enter the building and participate or attend events during the 2018 – 2019 school year**. Please be advised that the process is taking approximately 4 – 5 weeks to grant parents approval. Parents will receive an email from HISD to confirm approval. Neither the front office nor the PTO VIPS Coordinator can provide a status report. If you have not registered and you plan to come to school, please do so ASAP.

## EXECUTIVE POSITION

Do you want to be Principal for a Day or Assistant Principal for a Day? Every student who has perfect attendance with two or fewer tardies for the first nine weeks will be eligible for his/her name to be placed in a drawing to be Principal for a Day. In addition, every student who earns "E" in conduct for the first nine weeks on the report card will be eligible for his/her name to be placed in a drawing to be Assistant Principal for a Day. One boy's name and one girl's name will be drawn from the pool of eligible students during morning announcements at the end of the first nine-week grading period for each incentive. The Principals and Assistant

# PTO NEWS

## Thank You!

Thank you again for all who joined PTO! The classes that had more than 70% participation are Ms. Fox's class, Ms. McMaster's class and Ms. Butera's class. Thank you to our business partnership with Kona Ice for providing the winners shaved ice! You can still join PTO online at [www.BBEPTO.com](http://www.BBEPTO.com) to support the school.

## BOOK FAIR BUSH BUCKS

Show your appreciation to your child's teachers by purchasing Bush Bucks that they can use to buy books and other materials for their classrooms during the Book Fair. You can purchase them online: [www.bbepeto.com](http://www.bbepeto.com)

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The Bush Bucks will be delivered directly to your child's teacher.

## BUSH SPIRIT EVENTS

Calling all Bush Students for an Open House on Saturday, Oct 6, 2018 at "Best in Class Education Center" located at 1009B Dairy Ashford Road. Participate in exciting activities, win attractive prizes, get awesome discounts and earn some cash back for BUSH PTO.

## 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! Be sure to register by Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, the cost of the dance camp is \$40 dollars cash only. Please contact Westside High School at 281-920-8000 for more information.

## UNDERWRITING CAMPAIGN

Thank you so very much to everyone who contributed to this year's Underwriting Campaign! We are always overwhelmed by the generosity of the BBE community. Keep an eye out for information about the tote bags that will be given to all families who donated. Our Future Is Bright! *"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."* -Helen Keller

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