

# PAWPRINTS

## BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – OCTOBER 31, 2018

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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 <b>Families A-K</b>
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal
February 15 <sup>th</sup>		Bush Breakfast Buddies <b>Families L-Z</b>
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 29<sup>th</sup> is properties.

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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 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**.

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## BUSH BINGO BASH

The 2018 Bush BINGO Bash is **THIS** Saturday, November 3rd, from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Bush! Discount ticket packages will be on sale at [www.bbpto.com](http://www.bbpto.com) until midnight tonight (Wednesday, October 31st). Not only are the packages a good deal for your family, the pre-sales also give us an idea of how many people plan on attending so we know how many concessions, seats, etc. are needed. We are also still in need of help at the event, so please consider being one of our Bush BINGO Bash Volunteers (sign-up at [www.bbpto.com](http://www.bbpto.com))! See you on Saturday!

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## LEAVING EARLY

Students who need to leave school for an appointment must be checked out through the office. Parents should plan to pick students up before 2:15 p.m. or plan to wait for them to be dismissed at 2:50 p.m. Students will not be called after 2:15 p.m. This plan is in place for the safety of all students. Parents may not pick up their child from the bus/daycare area. Parents must check out their child from the office.

The entire handbook is available at:

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

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## 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.

## FACULTY & STAFF PARKING LOT

The faculty and staff parking lots are 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.

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our special education classes will be conducting a **Thanksgiving Food Drive** beginning Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 needy neighbors a Happy Thanksgiving.

## SCHOOL SAFETY WEEK

As part of our commitment to overall school campus safety, please help us make safety our number one priority for all our children. Whatever way you travel to school, please remind yourselves of **ALL safety guidelines** within our Parent Handbook. We are thankful to all our parents who play their part in the smooth drop-offs and pick-ups at school. Please continue to teach your children by example when walking to and from school- they should cross streets only at designated crosswalks, street corners and traffic-controlled intersections. Please allow for an extra 5 minutes on your journey on colder, rainy days when the carpool lane is more popular!

## CARPOOL

Thank you for following all the carpool rules to keep our students safe and to help our carpool lane move smoothly. Once you've entered the carpool lane, even after your child has entered the car, please wait in line to go through the entire lane to the appropriate exit. Never back up in the carpool lane entrance due to oncoming traffic on Westerloch.

## 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.

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## PTO NEWS

### BUSH BINGO BASH VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of about 20 more volunteers for the Bush BINGO Bash this Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> especially during the second half of the event from 4:15-7:00 p.m. Please consider sparing an hour and sign up via [www.bbpto.com](http://www.bbpto.com) (double click on BINGO logo which will lead you to the signup link) - you can still enjoy the event with your family! Please also note that volunteering for this event can be done even if you have not completed the VIPS registration yet as it is an open community event.

## SCHOOL STORE HOURS

School Store Schedule

Tuesday & Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Friday at Lunchtime from 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Credit cards are accepted.

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

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