**SPECTACULAR SCIENCE**
The Spectacular Science Word for the week of February 17th is **erosion**.

**TEACHER OF THE YEAR**
Please join me in congratulating Ms. Rebecca Busse, our 2020-2021 Teacher of the year.

Hi! I'm Rebecca Busse, the Barbara Bush PSI teacher. I am honored to be Bush's Teacher of the Year for 2020-21! Although this is only my 2nd year at Bush, it's my 3rd in HISD and my 8th as a classroom teacher. Before I got my Master's in Special Education, I received a Bachelor's of Fine Art, with a focus in oil painting and printmaking. I was born and raised in Chicago, and moved to Houston with my husband and our 2 cats, Clark and Larry.

Teddy Roosevelt once said, "Far and away, the best prize that life has to offer is a chance to work hard at work worth doing." I am so grateful for my time here at Bush, and to all the teachers, administrators, staff members, families and students that support me. I love being a special educator, because I get the chance to work hard at work worth doing, and I get to do that alongside the Bush Family.

**ROCKETS READ NATION CHALLENGE**
The Rockets and Whataburger are sponsoring the Read Nation Challenge to encourage leisure reading. Students, keep track of your reading minutes from January 20 – February 21 and submit your reading logs to your teacher by February 24. Reading logs and guidelines were sent home by the classroom teachers and will also be available in the library.

**GO TEXAN DAY**
Students are encouraged to wear their “Go Texan” clothes to school on **Friday, February 28th**. Please make sure they leave their horses, guns, and lassos at home! Parents are invited to watch their children perform during their ancillary times as they sing & dance to celebrate “Go Texan Day!”

Kindergarten - 8:25 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.
1st Gr. – 9:20 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
2nd Gr. – 10:20 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
3rd Gr. – 12:45 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.
PK & 5th Gr. – 11:45 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.
4th Gr. – 1:40 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.

Remember, ALL adults, including grandparents, must present a valid driver’s license or passport before entering the building for Go Texan Day – no one will be allowed to enter the building without a valid government issued ID. **Go Texan Day is a regular instructional day, please do not plan to pick up your child early or after “Go Texan Day” activities.**

**DRESS CODE UPDATE**
Some of the classrooms inside the building are cold and students are needing to wear multiple jackets, sweaters, and/or sweatshirts. Until the HVAC system can be properly regulated, there will be a temporary change in the dress code jacket section. Students may wear a non-dress code colored jacket/sweater/sweatshirt inside the building. If you have a dress code colored (red, navy, khaki) jacket/sweater/sweatshirt, then continue to wear that dress code colored outer garment. There will be a note in Pawprints when jackets inside the building must return to Bush dress code colors.

**CORRECTION**
Last week’s Pawprints issue had a name misprint in our UIL section. Please join us in Congratulating:

**Dictionary Skills 5th Grade**
9th Anika Prakash
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 third 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 third nine weeks 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 third nine–week grading period for each incentive. The Principals and Assistant Principals for a Day will be notified of their “work” day after the drawing.

PK 2020 – 2021 LOTTERY

HISD has taken over the lottery process for all PK programs. To be considered for the PK lottery at Bush Elementary, parents need to apply online at http://hisdchoice.com. Priority is given to students who are four on or before September 1st and who have an older sibling already enrolled at Bush Elementary. Then, the next priority is for students who are four on or before September 1st and live in the Bush zone. Due to the limited spaces available in our PK, no out of zone students will be included in the lottery for the Bush PK spaces. Students must qualify for PK following the federal guidelines that are outlined on the previously listed website. Tuition PK will not be available at Bush Elementary. It is highly recommended to complete the online application on an iPad. Do not forget to click on English or Spanish for the type of Home Language Survey that needs to be completed and uploaded. HISD will accept online applications until February 28, 2020. Please apply now.

PK LOTTERY HELPFUL HINTS

Please make sure to complete and upload the Home Language Survey and Birth Certificate. Many people have applied online without uploading any of the required documents.

FREE IMAGINE MATH PROGRAM

Did you know that Houston ISD provides unlimited access for students to practice their math skills through the Imagine Math computer program? Students can work on their math skills at their level at anytime, anywhere from a computer, iPad, tablet or smart phone. Join Bush Elementary as we support our students in improving their math fluency and computation skills. This program gives students a chance to work on one lesson at a time on a given topic. As they complete each lesson, a report is sent to their teacher to help track their progress and accuracy. This program has helped many students understand and practice difficult math concepts they may be struggling with. Students can access Imagine Math by going to houstonisd.org/hub and logging in using: “Student/S and their student ID number. The password is their 8-digit birthday, (MMDDYYYY). For more information, please go to the Houston ISD homepage and type in Imagine Math in the search bar. Then click on the link that says: “Imagine Math Parent Letter”.

PTO NEWS

BBE PTO SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS!

Application deadline: March 18, 2020

Dedicated teachers, staff, and PARENTS help make Barbara Bush Elementary a great school!

• Would you like your students to have a great school year full of learning and fun?
• Are you interested in deciding how PTO fundraising money is spent to help our school?
• Would you enjoy planning events such as our Book Fair Dinner, Teacher Appreciation, Fall and Spring Fundraisers?

If you said yes to any of the questions above, please consider joining the BBE PTO board. This volunteer work is rewarding; it’s important to our school’s success, and it’s even fun! Nominations are now being accepted for all board positions online at www.bbepto.com. About Bush PTO. Board Nominations. Details of each PTO chairperson role are on our website, and you will see that there is a range of different roles, with varying time commitments and skills required. Please complete the online form by March 18th. If you have any questions, please reach out to the current PTO board members or email presidentbbepto@gmail.com. The nominating committee will contact you about your application shortly after the deadline.

PTO BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are looking to fill some BBE PTO Board positions for 2020-2021. Our first step is to put together a Nominating Committee, whose function will be to review eligible nominee applications and prepare a slate of nominees for next year’s PTO Board. The Nominating Committee is comprised of members of the PTO general membership as well as current PTO board members. Members of the Nominating Committee are not barred from being nominees themselves but must recuse themselves from discussion and voting for any positions for which they re-nominate. If you would like to apply to be part of the PTO Nominating Committee, please complete the online application by March 1st. Go to www.bbepto.com. About Bush PTO. Nominating Committee.

YEARBOOK

Yearbooks are now on sale at www.bbepto.com for $30. Fifth grade dedications are $20 for 25 words. Also, we are looking for pictures of Bush siblings for the yearbook. Please send the sibling picture in Bush uniform to thejessmckay@gmail.com.

SCHOOL STORE

Stop by the school store (or shop online at www.bbepto.com) and take advantage of our latest special: 2 long sleeve polo shirts for $40! Keep your kids warm in these comfy polos on these chilly Houston mornings. Happy shopping!

SPIRIT EVENTS

Pick up dinner at Chick-Fil-A @Parkway Village, 13142 Briar Forest Dr., on Tuesday, February 25th. Tell them you are a Bush parent and 10% of your order will come back to Bush Elementary.

Barbara Bush Elementary PTO thanks the following sponsors for their support of the Bush Buddies Breakfast on February 14th:

• American Martial Arts Academy
• Karate Samurai Dojo
• Mathnasium of West Houston

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