

PAWPRINTS

BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – February 26, 2020

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 28	Check the ancillary schedule below	Go Texan Day!
March 4	9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Main St. Theater	2 nd Gr. Field Trip
March 5	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. MP Room Parents Welcome!	Bobcat Players Performance PK, K, 1 st & 5 th Gr.
March 6	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. MP Room Parents Welcome!	Bobcat Players Performance SpEd, 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Gr.
March 13	11:05 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	Family Picnic
March 16-20		Spring Break
March 24	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. No Visitors	STAAR Practice 4 th Gr. Math 5 th Gr. Science
March 25	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. No Visitors	STAAR – Practice 3 rd Gr. Math 4 th Gr. Reading
March 26	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. No Visitors	STAAR – Practice 3 rd Gr. Reading
March 27	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	K Field Trip Oil Ranch
March 27		Report Cards Go Home
March 30		Chavez/Huerta Day No School!
April 3	8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Parents Welcome!	2 nd Gr. Knowledge Fest MP Room

SAVE THE DATE!

The Bush Family Picnic will be Friday, March 13th from 11:05 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Please look for specifics about a FASTPASS sign up in next week's Pawprints. This will allow you and your family to quickly meet up with your child(ren) for the picnic. The Family Picnic will NOT be in conjunction with Field Day. The students will be participating in STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Math) Day activities in the morning. Parents will be welcome to take their child(ren) home after the picnic by signing them out with their child's teacher.



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.

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of February 24th is **deposition**.

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 I.D. **Go Texan Day is a regular instructional day, please do not plan to pick up your child early or after “Go Texan Day” activities.**

NAME THAT BOOK K-2ND

The Bush K-2nd Gr. Name that Book Team competed on February 19th and came in 4th place. This amazing hard-working group of students exhibited excellent teamwork and good sportsmanship. The following students represented Bush: Vinamar Vanniarajan, Rishaan Debnath, Nivaan Debnath, Svana Dalal, Aarsh Kumar Singh, Rustam Yusifov. Ms. Hall, Ms. Miller and Ms. Jones, our team sponsors, appreciate the dedication of these students and the support of their parents, which made this all possible. Congratulations!

BIRTHDAY ETIQUETTE

We know birthdays are such an exciting time for students, and we want to make sure all visitors are reminded of the rules that need to be followed. With a large number of students in our cafeteria, and multiple birthdays in one day, we ask that you refrain from singing on birthdays to help keep the volume level down. If your student would like to hear their birthday over the announcements, please consider joining the Bush Birthday Book Club. For more information please visit, <http://bbepto.3dcartstores.com/Birthday-Book-Club-c-16.html>. Although we know students have friends outside of their homeroom and other classes, remember that birthday treats can only be shared with their homeroom class and not with friends in other classes.

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.bbepeto.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 presidentbbepeto@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 are nominees. 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.bbepeto.com → About Bush PTO → Nominating Committee.

YEARBOOK

Yearbooks are now on sale at www.bbepeto.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.bbepeto.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!

BUSH BOBCATS – OUR LEARNING KNOWS NO LIMITS 2019-20

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