

BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – February 5, 2020

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR			
5 th Gr. Field Trip Main St. Theater	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	February 6	
100 th Day of School	7:30 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.	February 7	
Bush Bingo Bash!	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. MP Rm. & Cafeteria	February 8	
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February 12	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. MP Rm.	2 nd Gr. Theater Performance PK – 1 st Gr., SpEd Parents Welcome
February 13	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. MP Rm.	2 nd Gr. Theater Performance 3 rd – 5 th Gr. Parents Welcome!
February 13	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	K Field Trip Children's Museum
February 14	6:45 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. Cafeteria	Bush Buddies Breakfast N-Z (Last Names)
February 14	7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Early Dismissal
February 24	4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts Mtg.
February 28		Go Texan Day!
March 16-20		Spring Break

BREAKFAST IS A GREAT START TO THE DAY!

Breakfast is served in the cafeteria every day. Fresh fruit is available! 7:15 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. HISD Nutrition Services (NO CHARGE)

HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO ARTWORK WINNER

HISD's 2020 Livestock Show and Rodeo winners have been announced and we are so proud of Ria Andavarapu! Ria won Best of Show and her artwork will be proudly displayed at the Rodeo in the School Arts Hayloft Gallery. Congratulations Ria!

2019-2020 YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are now on sale at <u>www.bbepto.com</u> for \$30. Fifth grade dedications are \$20 for 25 words.

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of February 3rd is **water cycle**.

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.

<u>BUSH BINGO BASH</u> SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

The 2020 Bush Bingo Bash is THIS Saturday at Bush! Discount tickets are on sale NOW at www.bbepto.com until midnight TONIGHT. Buy 10 tickets, get 1 FREE and buy 20 tickets, get 3 FREE! While you are there, please sign up to VOLUNTEER. We are looking for just a few more volunteers. Please consider sparing an hour and sign up. You can still enjoy the event with your family! Tickets will be sold at the event but not at the discounted price.

HEALTHY STUDENTS

Cold and flu season are upon us and we need to make sure that students are fever and vomit free for 24 hours before returning to school. Being sick and coming to school puts many students, teachers, and staff at risk of getting sick. The health of everyone at Bush Elementary is put in jeopardy when sick students come to school. We want students at school if they're healthy, but not when they're sick. Please stay at home to get better and return to school when well.

STUDENTS WALKING ACROSS BUS LANE

In the morning, parents have been seen parking in the faculty/staff parking lot and letting their children out. These children have then been walking unaccompanied across the busy bus lane. This extremely dangerous and unsafe behavior must not occur. All students must be dropped off in the carpool lane. Please do not park in the faculty and staff parking lot to drop off your child for school, it is reserved for Bush Elementary faculty and staff <u>ONLY</u>.

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.

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!

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Special thanks this month goes to Emiko Ohigashi whose name was drawn as the January Star Volunteer! Emiko received an edible arrangement from our business sponsor Edible Arrangements on Eldridge Parkway. We appreciate the energy that all of our fantastic volunteers contribute to support our school.

PTO NEWS

PTO BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are looking to fill several BBE PTO Board positions for the 2020-2021 school year. 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, 2020. Go to <u>www.bbepto.com</u> \rightarrow About Bush PTO \rightarrow Nominating Committee.

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 <u>www.bbepto.com</u> \rightarrow About Bush PTO \rightarrow 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.

SPIRIT EVENTS

American Martial Arts Academy is excited to invite you to their "Parents Night Out" event on Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14th from 6pm - 10pm. This event, which includes many fun activities, is FREE to Bush Elementary students!!! American Martial Arts Academy facility is located at: 12288 Westheimer #250 Houston Texas 77077. Only the first 60 students will be accepted on a first come basis. Use this link to register online: http://member-site.net/?FE--iJbwi

Visit <u>https://martialartshouston.com</u> or give them a call at 281-597-0580 for more details!

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