



## BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – January 8, 2020

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 10	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. MP Room	Spelling Bee Grades 3-5
January 16	9:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Field Trip George Ranch
January 17	6:45 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. MP Room	Bush Breakfast Buddies A-M (Last Names)
January 17	7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Early Dismissal
January 20	NO SCHOOL	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 21	9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Gr. Field Trip HMNS
January 27	4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. MP Room	Girl Scouts Mtg. #149044
January 28	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. MP Rm. & Cafeteria	4 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Writing Night Students & Parents
January 29	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. MP Room	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gr. Theater Performance PK – 1 <sup>st</sup> Gr., SpEd Parents Welcome!
January 30	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. MP Room	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gr. Theater Performance 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Parents Welcome!
February 8	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. MP Rm. & Cafeteria	Bush Bingo Bash!
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)

## PHOTO ID

Parents and visitors to the building must have a valid government issued photo identification (driver's license, passport, etc.) to enter the building. Please be prepared to show your photo identification to the ladies at the front desk. The safety of your child is our utmost concern at Barbara Bush Elementary.

## CARPOOL REMINDERS

Here are a few reminders to help our carpool move as quickly as possible in the afternoons:

1. Make sure to have your white carpool number hanging from your rearview mirror so that it is easily visible. When we are entering numbers, the process is slowed down considerably if your number is not displayed when we walk by to type it in.

2. If you have lost your carpool number please make a new one. Make sure to use a dark, thick marker on plain white paper. Make the numbers at least 2 inches tall. We are unable to read carpool numbers that are displayed on your phones or written in pen or pencil.

If we all work together, our carpool can easily be finished by 3:05!

## SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of January 6<sup>th</sup> is opaque.

## SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

Thank you, Holly Flynn Vilaseca, for serving as our HISD School Board Trustee.

## BREAKFAST IS A GREAT START OF 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)

## BUSH SPELLING BEE

The annual Bush Spelling Bee will be held on **Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** in the Multi-Purpose Room. Parents are welcome to watch our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders compete.

## NO SCHOOL

**Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** is a holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Please enjoy this day off from school to spend time with your families, read a good book, and relax.

## GOOD NEIGHBORS

When dropping off or picking up your child or just visiting Bush, please be considerate of the homes neighboring Bush. Be a good neighbor and remember the following parking rules.

1. Do not block driveways.
2. Park at least 20 feet from an intersection
3. Do not park in the designated "No Parking Zones"
4. Don't park in front of fire hydrants.

We've received several complaints from our neighbors about the above concerns. Let's be good neighbors!

## MORNING DROP OFF PROCEDURES

Please remember that the bus lane is reserved for daycare vans and school buses only. All car riders are

## HELMET & CHAINS

If your child rides a bicycle to school, it is important to play it safe! Children are required to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle. Join the “helmet patrol” and see that all children are following bicycle safety rules.

We have a bike rack for parking. **All bikes and scooters should be chained and locked to prevent theft.** Be sure that your child has a bike lock he/she can operate.

## 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.

## GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR 2020!

Let’s start the new year off with a New Year’s resolution to have excellent attendance for the second semester of school! The district’s goal for every student is an attendance rate of at least 98%. Our school rating and our funding are based partly on our student attendance rate. Every child’s attendance makes a difference. Make sure you are at school every day you are healthy.

## 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](http://houstonisd.org/hub) and logging in using:

“Student/S and their student ID number. The password is their 8-digit birthday. (MMDDYYYYY)

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

### BUSH BUDDIES BREAKFAST

Students can invite their favorite buddy to enjoy light refreshments with them at our Bush Buddies event in the Multi-Purpose Room. A buddy is a parent, relative, or special adult. Invitations will be sent home with students with last names beginning with A-M for their event on **January 17th at 6:45 a.m.** Entrance to this event will be from the Cafeteria, not through the office.

**Students with last names beginning with N-Z will receive their invitations in February.**

### SPIRIT EVENTS

Spirit Mornings: Parents, do you wish to meet with other Bush parents for coffee and raise money for your school at the same time? Then consider going to Minuti Coffee on Tuesday mornings after dropping your children off at school. Let them know you are a Bush parent and they will give 10% back to BBE PTO.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### BINGO BASH

Saturday, February 8th  
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

#### NATURE CENTER EVENT

Saturday, January 18th at 9 am

### **BUSH BOBCATS – OUR LEARNING KNOWS NO LIMITS 2019-20**

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