



## BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – March 4, 2020

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 5	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. MP Room Parents Welcome!	<b>Bobcat Players Performance PK, K, 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Gr.</b>
March 6	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. MP Room Parents Welcome!	<b>Bobcat Players Performance SpEd, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Gr.</b>
March 13	11:05 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	<b>Family Picnic</b>
March 16-20		<b>Spring Break</b>
March 24	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. No Visitors	<b>STAAR Practice 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Math 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Science</b>
March 25	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. No Visitors	<b>STAAR – Practice 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Math 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Reading</b>
March 26	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. No Visitors	<b>STAAR – Practice 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Reading</b>
March 27	8:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.	<b>PK &amp; K Field Trip Oil Ranch</b>
March 27		<b>Report Cards Go Home</b>
March 30		<b>Chavez/Huerta Day No School!</b>
April 3	8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Parents Welcome!	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Gr. Knowledge Fest MP Room</b>
April 9	8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Field Day</b>

## FAMILY PICNIC FAST PASS SIGN UP

The Family Picnic will be Friday, March 13<sup>TH</sup> from 11:05 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. Parents are asked to sign up all adults (mom, dad, grandparents, etc.) that plan to attend in advance. Starting tomorrow morning at 7:15, a parent can bring in copies of the government issued photo identifications for all the adults that plan to attend. The identifications will be scanned and the parent will receive a wrist band for each adult that plans to attend the picnic. On Friday, March 13, the adults that have pre-registered must have their wrist band on to access our Fast Pass lanes at the office. If the wrist band is lost or parents don't register in advance, then those adults will need to wait in line with their government issued photo identification to get to the picnic.

Once parents are in the building, they will go to their child's classroom to pick up their child(ren). Then, parents will go to the teacher's picnic location. Teachers will be notifying the parents of their class picnic location. Parents will pick up in the classrooms from 11:05 – 11:25. From 11:25 on, parents will go directly to their child's picnic location to meet up. Parents will sign out with the classroom teacher if they would like to take their child(ren) home after the picnic and start their Spring Break.

## SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of March 2<sup>nd</sup> is **fossils**.

## HLSR – AGRICULTURE EDUCATION RODEO ART CONTEST

Mia Cruz, a third grader in Ms. Mayce's class, was selected as one of the winners of the HLSR Agriculture Education Rodeo Art Contest!

Mia's artwork will be displayed in the lobby of Hall B inside NRG Center from March 3 – March 12.

**Congratulations Mia!**

## SAFETY UPDATE

The bus lane and faculty/staff parking lot are very busy places in the morning. The bus lane is reserved for buses, day care vans and the cars of our special education students. No one else is to use this lane to drop off students in the morning. Parents are not to enter the faculty and staff parking to park or to drop off students. Recently, there were two very close calls with students in the faculty/staff parking lot walking across the bus lane by themselves. For your child's safety, drop off your child in the carpool lane or park your car and use the crosswalks and sidewalks to walk up to Bush to safely drop off your child in the morning.

## BREAKING NEWS

Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> is the new last day of school. Kindergarten graduation, last day festivities and final report card distribution will happen on this day.

## 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](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.

## SHIRTS OF MANY COLORS

On Tuesday, March 24th, students will begin tie-dying t-shirts in art class. These shirts will be worn for our fabulous Bush Olympiad on April 9th. All students will need a laundered white t-shirt in order to participate. Please put your child's name inside the neck of the shirt using a permanent marker. Enclose the shirt in a zip-loc bag in case we need to send it home to dry. Each grade level will be allocated a different color:

Pre-K – Royal Blue  
Kinder – Sunshine Orange  
1st Grade – Kelly Green  
2nd Grade – Red & Blue  
3rd Grade – Yellow & Red  
4th Grade – Blue & Fuchsia (neon pink)  
5th Grade – any of the colors listed above

Donations of RIT dye in these colors are greatly appreciated! The shirts will become part of the dress code starting May 18th. If you are an HISD – approved volunteer, come and help on your child's art day. Due to limited space and safety concerns, please do not plan to bring siblings! Please check your child's ancillary schedule and plan on joining us to tie-dye.

## 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.

## 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. (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

## YEARBOOK

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

## BBE PTO SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS!

**Application deadline: March 18, 2020**

Have you considered being on the PTO Board? Not sure if you can dedicate the time? Many positions only require an average 1-2 hours per week and some even less. Here is a description of the breakdown of every position on the board. This volunteer work is rewarding, fun, and important to our school's success! If you have any questions, please reach out to the current PTO board members or email [presidentbbepto@gmail.com](mailto:presidentbbepto@gmail.com)

### VOTING POSITIONS

**President** – Leader and key contact of the PTO, presides at all PTO meetings.

**VP** – Deputy of PTO President, responsible for PTO memberships, Ice Cream Social and Field Day

**Secretary** – writes and retains PTO meeting minutes, & distribution of general information for the board.

**Treasurer and Vice Treasurer** – Bookkeeper of PTO budget/finances/filling in all means. Prepares financial reports and books for audit and tax filing.

**Fundraising** – Organizes the Underwriting Campaign and at least two fundraising events bringing BBE community together and promoting school spirit.

**Business Partnerships** – Raises funds for school via partnership with local business and responsible for spirit events and store loyalty/rewards programs.

**Directory** – responsible for collecting student information and creation of school directory.

**Publicity** – publicize PTO events & activities to the BBE community via weekly e-blast, social media and bi-yearly BobChat flyer.

**School Store Coordinator** – Runs the school store, orders school supply packs and apparel sold through the school store.

**Teacher Hospitality** – plan and host events throughout the year to honor BBE faculty and staff in a creative hospitable way.

**Family Hospitality** – organizes social events for Bush families such as Welcome Morning Coffee, Book Fair Dinner and 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Writing Night in a creative, hospitable way.

**Safety** – Responsible for coordination of carpool numbers as well as running Safety Week twice a year.

**Nature Center** – Coordinates all activities related to the Nature Center including caretaking of garden, courtyard & grounds.

**VIPS Coordinator** – Coordinates all activities related to volunteer opportunities/necessities for PTO events throughout the school year.

### NON-VOTING COORDINATORS

**Website** – Maintains PTO website, updates with events and new products for sale, monitors the "contact us" mailbox

**Birthday Book Club** – manages and organizes the registrations of students in the Birthday Book Club program.

**Music** – works with the Music teacher and advocates for BBE music program.

**Art** – works with the Art teacher. Helps with coordination of art fair & rodeo season, & tie dye field day program.

**Drama** – works with Drama & advocates for the program

**Library** – works with Librarian & coordinates volunteers

**5<sup>th</sup> Gr.** – coordinates needs & special programs for 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. as point of contact for teachers.

Pay Pal – Processes incoming payments for online sales through PayPal & Quickbooks as part of the Treasury team.

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