



Virtual PAWPRINTS



Week of: May 18th-22nd

BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS

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Returning Items Begins this Week!

Do you still have school library books at home? How about classroom library books or novels that belong to the school? The time has come to bring those back to school. Below are the dates we will be collecting specific items:

9:00-10:00	Thursday, May 21 st	Dry Cleaned Chorus & Orchestra Shirts Safety Patrol Belts
8:30-2:00	Thursday, May 21 st & Friday, May 22	Library Books & 5 th Grade Novels

Material Pick-Up

Stay in your car! Drive up to the white table identified with your teacher's name, put your car in park, pop open the trunk of the car, wait for teachers to load materials and take anything that you would like to give them, then wave bye to your teachers. We can't have any direct person to person distribution of materials. As much as we have missed the students, this is VERY Important as we are REQUIRED to observe all social distancing and CDC guidelines.

Date	Time	Grade Level
Tuesday, May 26	8:30 – 9:30	First
	1:00 – 2:00	PK, K, Mi, Busse
Wednesday, May 27	8:30 – 9:30	Second
	1:00 – 2:00	Third
Thursday, May 28	8:30 – 9:30	Fourth
Friday, May 29	10:30 – 11:30	Fifth



Farewell Parade

Please come join us for our Farewell Parade, on Monday, June 1st from 9:30-10:30 am! All teachers and staff members will be stationed along the carpool and bus lane to wave good-bye to our families as they drive through the lanes. We would love to see you and your students one last time this school year! Families are welcome to decorate their cars to celebrate the last day of the 2019-20 school year! You cannot hug, high-five, fist-bump or get out of your car. We must follow all social distancing guidelines.

The Route:

Families in cars will drive westbound on Westerloch and enter the carpool lane, then exit the carpool lane, take a right at the stop sign onto Parkway Plaza and then enter the bus lane and exit onto Parkway Plaza.



Kindergarten Registration

Please let your Bush-zoned friends or neighbors know that we will be holding online registration for incoming kindergarteners from May 26th at noon until May 29th. Please have them visit the Bush Elementary website at www.houstonisd.org/bushelem for additional information and online registration forms. All registration forms for incoming kindergarteners must be emailed to the registrar by June 1 at 8:00 am.

2020-2021 School Supplies Pre-order

Help prepare your student(s) for the coming 2020-2021 school year by ensuring they have all their school supplies available:

Pre-order ONLINE at www.BBEPTO.com

**Refunds will be available for families who are faced with unexpected changes.*

Contact our BBE School Store with any questions: mybushstore@gmail.com

2020-2021 PTO Board

We have a full PTO board ready to represent Barbara Bush Elementary for the 2020-2021 year! Thank you again to everyone who has stepped up during this uncertain time. Can't wait to see what next year holds. I'm sure it will be PAW-some!

President- Kara Bemis

Vice President- Michelle Jackson

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Art Coordinator- Kati Collins

Birthday Book Club- Mayra Gonzalez

Library Coordinator- Rebecca Minnock

Music Coordinator- Martha Gonzalez

Drama Coordinator- Katy Bate

Yearbook Coordinator- Jessica McKay, Maha Aburas

PayPal Coordinator- Ayesha Durrani

5th Grade Coordinator- Kristina McFarland, Robin Preston

Website Coordinator- Kang Jingqian



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Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts, have had to adapt while at the same time, offer programming so that girls are still able to earn badges and learn skills that will last a lifetime. This resource, *Girl Scouts at Home*, allows your girls to learn about Girl Scout and earn badges this summer. They also looking to have virtual troops this summer that girls can join also.

To find out more during this time, please check out their website:

<https://www.gssjc.org/en/covid-19-information.html>



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BobChat

Connecting Parents, Students & Teachers

Together
we make a
difference.



May 20, 2020

President's Message

What a way to end the year!

As we close out this year, I look back at all the hard work that was put forth to implement our events and programs. I am grateful to all my AMAZING board members, coordinators and volunteers for dedicating their time. We would not have all these wonderful events without your commitment! With this year being cut short unexpectedly we are working just as hard to end the year virtually and safely.

A BIG thank you to our wonderful staff and teachers for supporting all our PTO activities. Your help makes it easy for us to host our events and raise money for the school. It has been amazing to see you adapt so quickly to the changes of virtual learning. Our Teacher Hospitality team enjoyed organizing fabulous breakfasts and luncheons throughout the year and is working on a way to end the year to show them our appreciation.

Thank YOU Bush Families for supporting our fundraising programs through PTO Membership, Birthday Book Club, Spirit Events, Underwriting Campaign, School Store, Bush Boo Bash and Bingo! Through these fundraisers we are able to give you family fun events this semester such as Fourth Grade Writing Night, Nature Center Events and Bush Buddies Breakfasts. We are also able to update playground equipment, offer classroom supplies, teacher trainings, stage upgrades, school assemblies, and playground toys! We hope you continue to support our efforts.

I want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve you as PTO president this year and I would like to wish the new 2020-2021 PTO board the very best next year!

Stay safe and enjoy your summer,

Maha Aburas

PTO President

*** 2020-2021 Online School Supply Packs are now on sale ***

Order deadline is August 14th, 2020. Ensure your child has all school supplies available when school re-opens by ordering now **ONLINE ONLY** at www.bbeppto.com.

We plan to re-open the school store as soon as school is back in business. As always, our well-stocked school store will be open in the morning on Tuesdays and Fridays 7:30-8:00 am, and for lunch on Fridays 11:30-12:30pm. We offer a wide range of school dress code approved BBE apparel (T-shirts, polo shirts, short/long sleeve; blue, red and white, \$15-\$25). Please come check out our new cozy fleece sweaters (blue and red, \$30). Remember, while the sun is beaming outside, the school is kept at a steady fleece friendly temperature! We now also have BBE logo umbrellas to keep rain AND sunshine at bay! Online apparel orders will re-open the second week of school.

Thank you for supporting the Barbara Bush PTO, and we can't wait to see the Bobcats back at school!



2020-21 SCHOOL SUPPLY PACKS

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Sale Ends: 8/14

Save Time & Money on School Supply Shopping this Year

ORDER ONLINE

www.BBEPTO.com



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Business Partnerships

Barbara Bush Elementary PTO thanks all its 2019-20 Business Sponsors. We truly appreciate all that they do to support our BBE community. If you need the services that they provide, we hope you will consider supporting them in return.

Diamond Sponsors: Better Home and Gardens- Nancy Scott/Rebecque Demark, Cognitive Psychiatry- Sadaf Javaid, Houston Orthodontic Specialists, OXXO Care Cleaners, Primrose School of Eldridge Parkway, Punbar Air, Rilion Gracie Jiu Jitsu Academy, The Goddard School and The Villages of Briar Forest.

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"The Book Fair Dinner" sponsors - Cognitive Psychiatry- Sadaf Javaid, Durrani MD and Associates, Kroger, Maylis Curie - Compass Real Estate Texas, Petit Café and Punbar Air.

"The Bush Buddies Breakfast" sponsors - American Martial Arts Academy, Karate Samurai Dojo and Mathnasium of West Houston.

"The Bingo Bash" sponsors – Language Kids World and Mathnasium of West Houston.

BBE PTO is grateful to all Bush families who have registered for the Community Rewards Program that benefit our school. In case you have not yet registered, please do so:

Link your Kroger Card to BBE. Follow the link provided and use BBE PTO # AU292

<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>

Shop at smile.amazon.com and designate Barbara Bush Elementary PTO (76-0414615) as your charity.

This year our Spirit Events calendar was cut short due to unprecedented and unforeseen circumstances. We still managed to have a few successful ones like The Marcos Pizza Box Week, Chick-fil-a, Skysports Trampoline Park and American Martial Arts Academy. We hope to return in the next school year with more appealing and interesting Spirit Events. Gear up for an amazing school year once we return after summer.

Meanwhile, Stay Safe, Stay Healthy and Take Care!!

Volunteers in Public Message

This year has had its turn of events, but regardless of this unprecedented time, we would like you to know that because of all the volunteers throughout the year, we had a very successful year!

No PTO event would be possible without those that go above and beyond. No matter the task, whether it was helping at carpool, the Book Fair, Boo Bash, the weekly maintenance of the Nature Center, Bush Buddies Breakfast, Bingo Bash or even now in the community by making masks or sending special uplifting videos, we are so very grateful for all the volunteers! We want to express a HUGE THANK-YOU!

Bobcat Volunteers Are Paw'some!



We were also so fortunate to have had a room parent for each class this year and appreciate all their efforts. They are such an important link between the teachers, PTO, and all class parents. We wouldn't be able to accomplish so much without your continued support.

Thank you all for making a difference in the lives of our students, teachers, and staff!