



**BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – November 13, 2019**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

November 15		Progress Reports go home
November 18	4:30 p.m. -6:00 p.m. MP Room	Girl Scouts #149044
November 18-22	GT Testing	K-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Universal Screening
November 25-29	No School	Thanksgiving Break
December 3	8:00 a.m. MP Room	2020-21 PK Lottery Meeting
December 5	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Cafeteria	Girl Scouts #149099

**2020-21 PK LOTTERY**

HISD is taking over the PK lottery process. Come to an informative meeting to learn how to apply **ONLINE** for Bush’s PK for the **2020 – 2021** school year. Eligible (non-tuition) prekindergarten applicants with older siblings already enrolled at Bush Elementary will be given first priority for admission via the **online** lottery. Next, Bush zoned applicants will have second priority as Bush Elementary is engaging our zoned applicants to ensure all eligible, neighborhood students have access to their community school.

Ms. Rose will hold the PK Lottery Information meeting on **Tuesday, December 3 at 8:00 a.m.** in the Multi-Purpose room. All adults will need a government issued photo ID to enter the building. Please plan to attend this meeting as there will not be a PK registration at Bush Elementary. The Bush PK program lottery will all occur online following the timeline shared at the meeting.

**OUTDOOR PARENT LUNCH**

Fall is finally here and with that comes chilly and wet weather. Please be advised that the courtyard will be closed off for parent lunch visits when it’s wet or too cold. Bush Elementary is an over-crowded campus and there is no room for parents to eat lunch inside the building, so please do not plan to come eat lunch with your child when it’s wet or cold.

**UNIVERSAL GT TESTING**

Our kindergarten and 5th grade students who have not been previously identified as GT will be participating in the HISD Universal Screening next week. We need all of our students to arrive to school on time because we will start first thing in the morning. Please make sure your child gets a good night’s sleep and eats a healthy breakfast so they can do their best!

**SPECTACULAR SCIENCE**

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of November 18<sup>th</sup> is **mixture**.

**TEMPERATURE IS DROPPING!**

Now that cooler weather is finally in Houston, we need to make sure that all students are dressed appropriately. All students have at least 30 minutes a day outside for recess. Therefore, students must come to school with a jacket . If it is cooler outside, shorts should not be worn. Please check the weather report each morning as we know how unpredictable the weather is in Houston.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

Our special education classes are conducting a Thanksgiving Food Drive that starts on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and ends on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to a local food pantry. We will have large boxes in the hallways to collect donations of canned fruit and vegetables, canned soups, dried pasta, rice, dried milk, baby food, and cereal. Please help Bush Elementary School give our less fortunate neighbors a Happy Thanksgiving.

**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”.

**BREAKFAST IS A GREAT START OF THE DAY!**

Breakfast is served in the cafeteria every day.

Fresh fruit is also available!

7:15 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

HISD Nutrition Service  
(NO CHARGE)

# GT APPLICATIONS DUE!

If you are applying to a Vanguard Magnet school (Askew, TH Rogers, etc.), you need to submit an application online to HISDChoice.com. If your child is not already identified as Gifted and Talented, you must also request testing for your child with Jessica Ayala in the front office. The deadline for Vanguard Magnet applications and to request G/T testing at Bush is December 6, 2019.

## 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 second 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 second 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 second 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.

## CHESS TEAM WINS BIG!

Members of the Bush Chess Team competed in the 23rd Annual 2019 Texas State Grade Chess Championships and we have the huge trophies to prove it! Congratulations to the following students for making Bush Elementary proud!

Our 1st Graders are ranked 2nd in the State of Texas

Vikram Jaiswal	tied for 20th place ind.
Riona Hiwale	tied for 22nd place ind.
Julia Zhu	tied for 22nd place ind.
Rose Thomas	27th place ind.

Our 2nd Graders are ranked 3rd in the State of Texas

Brayden Li	tied for 19th place ind.
Nivaan Debnath	tied for 19th place ind.
Toms Thomas	tied for 34th place ind.
Rishaan Debnath	tied for 34th place ind.
Darren Liu	42nd place ind.

Our 3rd Graders are ranked 2nd in the State of Texas

Nehaan Ramanujakootam	tied for 8th place ind.
Ronit Chheda	tied for 8th place ind.
Amith Shenoy	tied for 8th place ind.
Miheer Parasnis	tied for 8th place ind.
Aarav Jain	tied for 23rd place ind.
Ryan Zhu	tied for 42nd place ind.
Dhruv Sathiyawageswaran	tied for 65th place ind.
Vivan Gupta	tied for 65th place ind.

Aryan Adappa (4th grade) tied for 27th place ind.

Our 5th Graders are ranked 4th in the State of Texas

Ronak Hiwale	tied for 12th place ind.
Nimesh Ramanujakootam	tied for 29th place ind.
Kriish Mehta	tied for 52nd place ind.

# TIME TO GET YOUR “CHEER” ON!

The Westside High School Cheerleaders invite all kindergartners through 10th graders to participate in their annual cheer clinic on Saturday, November 16th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Participants will learn the skills and fundamentals of cheerleading including cheers, chants, jumps, and tumbling. By the end of the clinic, the participants will be ready to show off everything they have learned at the 12:00 p.m. performance. Please drop off your registration and payment to Westside High School. You may pay by cash or online by scanning below. \$30 pre-register or \$35 at the door.



## PTO NEWS

We are looking for some extra pictures for yearbook. If you have any pictures from ice cream social, the first day of school, field trips, class parties, themed dress day, Boo Bash, or any special event happening at school, please share them with us! Please send NO MORE THAN 10 photos to [thejessmckay@gmail.com](mailto:thejessmckay@gmail.com), and please label pictures with your child’s grade level. Group pictures are given priority over individual students.

## 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% off your purchase back to BBE PTO.

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIPS

Link your Kroger card to BBE. Follow the link provided and use BBE PTO #AU292 [www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow](http://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow) It is free and does not affect your Kroger Rewards Points.

Shop at smile.amazon.com and designate Barbara Bush Elementary PTO (76-0414615) as your charity. Every time you shop, Amazon gives back to the school.

## SCHOOL STORE HOURS

Tuesday & Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  
Friday: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Credit Cards are accepted.

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

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