



BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – November 6, 2019

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 7	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. MP Room	Girl Scouts Troop #149099
November 8	7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Early Dismissal
November 18	4:30 p.m. -6:00 p.m. MP Room	Girl Scouts #149044
November 18- 22	GT Testing	K-5th Grade Universal Screening
November 25- 29	No School	Thanksgiving Break

**DID YOU HAVE PERFECT ATTENDANCE
ON YOUR REPORT CARD?**

So many of our students did! We had 585 students who had perfect attendance on their report cards with fewer than 3 tardies! That is over half of our students! We are so happy that so many Bush students came to school every day! If you were sick and missed a day or two, that is OK. We have started our second 9 weeks, so you have another chance! Let's see if we can have more than 585 for the next report card. Here are some tips to help you:

1. Come to school on time! If you are tardy to school more than 2 times in the 9-week period, you do not qualify for perfect attendance. We had 30 students who did not qualify for Perfect Attendance due to too many tardies. Make sure to be on time every day.
2. Try and make all doctor's appointments for afterschool or at least in the afternoon.
3. If you have a doctor's appointment during school and you return the same day with a doctor's excuse, you will be counted present for the day.
4. Make sure to get a good night's sleep to help keep you healthy and strong.

Congratulations to all our students who had perfect attendance in the first 9 weeks!

SAFETY FIRST!

Please remember that all students need to be dropped off in the carpool lane during morning arrival. **The bus lane is reserved for school buses and Daycare van drop off only.** We have also had reports of parents and students cutting across the grass by the teacher's parking lot and crossing the bus lane unsafely. Please remind your children to use the sidewalks along the bus lane instead of cutting through the grass. Plan on arriving to school a few minutes earlier to ensure a safe morning arrival.

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of November 4th is **classify**.

EARLY DISMISSAL THIS FRIDAY!

This Friday, November 8th is an early dismissal day. Students will be dismissed from school at 12:00 p.m. this Friday.

EARLY DISMISSAL LUNCH SCHEDULE

Our next early dismissal day is Friday, November 8th. The school day will be from 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Since it is an early dismissal, not all classes will go to the cafeteria for lunch. Each early dismissal day will have a grade level or two that will go eat a sack lunch or their own lunch in the cafeteria. For the early dismissal this Friday, 2nd & 3rd grade, Ms. Busse, and Ms. Mi's classes will go to the cafeteria for their lunch starting at 10:05 a.m. All other students will eat at home with their parents.

Why is this happening? State law does not allow lunch to be served before 10:00 a.m. There is no way more than a grade level or two can cycle through the cafeteria from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Why sack lunches only? The cafeteria staff will not have time to prepare a hot meal to be served by 10:00 a.m. Are students missing lunch? No, students are dismissed early enough to have lunch at home. If your PK – 5th grader goes to daycare, then please pack a lunch for your child to eat at daycare.

Will parents be able to come eat lunch at Bush with their child? No, parents can eat lunch at home with their child at 12:00 p.m.

Listed is the lunch schedule for Early Dismissal Days:
January 17th – 4th, Busse, Mi
February 14th – 5th, Busse, Mi

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.

GT TESTING

If you are applying to a Vanguard Magnet School (Askew, TH Rogers, etc.) you need to submit an application online. 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 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.

CALLING ALL FUTURE GRIZZLIES

WEST BRIAR MS

Ultimate Xpedition Carnival

Saturday, November 9th

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Come join the fun at the carnival!

Live Music*Basketball 3/3 Knockout*Ultimate Kickball*Face Painting*Petting Zoo*Home Run Derby* Plinko*Ring Toss*Minute to Win It*Loteria*Ultimate Volleyball*Dunk Tank*Ultimate Golf*Cub Fun Zone*Laser Tag

Buy your tickets NOW and get free bonus tickets! Tickets good for all games, activities, contests & food.

www.westbriarpto.com

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.



ORIGINAL WORKS ART ORDERS

If you missed the deadline to place an order with your students' art work on the wonderful products, it is not too late! We will be sending a late order this Friday, November 8th. You can also add additional products to your original order if you forgot Aunt Emmie! Send in the art order form and money by this Friday, November 8th for Thanksgiving delivery. Questions? Contact Dr. Buza at lbuza@houstonisd.org

PTO NEWS

NATURE CENTER

Friday, November 8th, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Come join us for a wonderful treasure hunt! This event will take place after early dismissal, so pick up your children and meet us at the Nature Center to explore the nature elements. **Note that access to the Nature Center will only be possible through the field gates.** *Access through the building will not be permitted and all doors will remain locked. This is due to dismissal and the faculty and staff meeting.*

BBE STAR VOLUNTEER

October was a *busy* month with the Boo Bash Festival, Annual Book Fair, Book Fair Dinner, field trips, and regular school events. We could not do all of this without the help of our wonderful volunteers! We appreciate that you are always there to help whether it's every day or just an hour. Special thanks this month goes to Evelyn Kitieu!

She was the lucky winner from the drawing of all volunteers. She received a beautiful Edible Arrangement from our business sponsor Edible Arrangements located on Eldridge Parkway. Be on the look out for more volunteer opportunities coming up!

YEARBOOK

We are looking for some extra pictures for the 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 and please label pictures with grade. Pictures of groups of children are given priority over pictures of single children.

EARLY DISMISSAL SPIRIT EVENTS

Turn Fun into Funds!

Take your child and enjoy a day of Roller Skating and snacks at **Dairy Ashford Roller Rink** on **Friday, November 8th** (12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.) Tell them you are a Bush Parent and they will give 10% cash back to BBE PTO.

GUESS THE NUMBER COMPETITION

Congratulations to our guess the number competition WINNER at our Book Fair Dinner! Aiko Ohigashi guessed 11,300, close to 11,573 orbeez in the entire snowman. Well done Aiko! Enjoy your free month of skating lessons at Memorial City Mall Skating Ice Rink.

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