



**BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – October 30, 2019**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

November 1	7:30 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.	College Readiness College T-shirts/Jeans
November 3	2:00 a.m. Turn clocks back 1 hour	Daylight Savings Time Ends!
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 25- 29	No School	Thanksgiving Break

**Fall Back!**

Daylight Savings Time ends this **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at **2:00 a.m.** Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour.

**SAFETY FIRST!**

Morning arrival and drop off is a very busy time at and around Bush Elementary. We've received reports from concerned community members that parents are parking the wrong direction on streets, especially on Manderly, and making for extremely unsafe situations. For the safety of your child and all the other students, parents, and community members in the Bush area, please practice safe behaviors. Arrive at school just a few minutes earlier to ensure a safe morning arrival. All traffic and parking rules must always be followed.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Congratulations to the following students who had perfect attendance and were selected through a drawing to serve as Principal for a Day, Alberto Zerpa Drozd and Adithi Raja.

The following students received all E's in conduct and were selected through a drawing to serve as Assistant Principal for a Day, Utkarsh Anant and Anfisa Bogdanova.

Please be on the lookout for these new executives on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**SPECTACULAR SCIENCE**

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of October 28<sup>th</sup> is **properties.**

**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.

**UNIVERSAL GT TESTING**

HISD screens kindergarten and fifth grade students who were not previously identified as gifted and talented in what is called Universal Testing. This process begins the week of October 29, 2019.

The universal testing of kindergarten and fifth grade students allows identified students to receive G/T services in HISD's Gifted and Talented Programs during the Spring of their current school year. All students who are identified as gifted and talented in HISD will retain their G/T status providing they subsequently enroll in an HISD Gifted and Talented Program upon identification and are continuously enrolled in an HISD Gifted and Talented Program thereafter.

**PARENT GT INFORMATION MEETINGS**

HISD's Gifted and Talented Department will host Gifted and Talented Parent Informational Sessions to inform parents about the services offered within the district. Each session will contain the same content. The intended audience is parents who would like to learn more about the Gifted and Talented/Vanguard Program within HISD. Students are not required to attend, nor will there be childcare.

Session dates are:  
Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

Each session will be held from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the HMW Boardroom located at Hattie Mae White ESC, 4400 West 18th St. Houston, TX 77092-8501.

Parents are not required to attend the meeting to apply for the Gifted and Talented Programs. The sessions will review frequently asked questions surrounding the Gifted and Talented Program.

## 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.

## VISITOR PARKING LOT

In preparation for dismissal, please do not park in the visitor parking lot after 2:15 p.m. To ensure a safe dismissal, the visitor parking lot will be inaccessible after 2:15 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup>  
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](http://www.westbriarpto.com)

## DO YOU WANT TO DANCE!

### **Dance with Pride**

Westside High School  
Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Open to ages Kinder – Sophomore  
\$35 at the door

## PTO NEWS BOOK FAIR

You can still set up an eWallet for your student! No cash on hand? Not comfortable sending cash to school? No worries – our school offers Book Fair eWallet as a digital payment option. Simply set up a free account and have funds immediately available for your student to shop the Book Fair. Safe and secure – it's easy shopping. How it works:

1. Go to <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/parent-how-it-works.html>
2. Create an account
3. Add funds
4. Shop

Online shopping has begun, and books ordered online will be delivered directly to your home! Online shopping will end on November 5, 2019.

## BUSH BUCKS

Show your appreciation to your child's teacher by purchasing Bush Bucks that they can use to buy book and other materials for their classroom during Book Fair. You can purchase Bush Bucks at the Book Fair registers. They will be delivered directly to your teacher.

Book Fair Hours:

Thursday: 7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Friday: 7:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## BOOK FAIR DINNER

We hope you enjoyed the Book Fair Dinner as much as we enjoyed hosting it! We would like to thank our sponsors: Petit Café, Punbar Air, Kroger, Aureore Artus, Realtor, Coldwell Banker United Realty, Sadaf Javaid, Cognitive Psychiatry, Durrani MD and Associates, Maylis Curie, Compass Real Estate Texas. Thank you to our PTO Family Hospitality members for planning this event, and to all the parents who volunteered at the dinner.

## SAVE THE DATE

Nature Center Event

Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Come join us for a wonderful treasure hunt! This will take place during our early dismissal day so get your children and meet us at the Nature Center to explore the nature elements. **Students must be picked up by their parent/guardian to be supervised at this event.**

## PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

Congratulations to our volunteer winner of Principal for a day, Riya Chowdhary! Her father, Harsh, was randomly selected from all the volunteers that dedicated their time for Boo Bash. Thank you to ALL the volunteers that helped. We appreciate all the time and effort put in to create such an amazing event.

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

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