



BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – October 8, 2019

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 9	NO SCHOOL .	Fall Student Holiday
October 11	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Main Street Theater	K Field Trip
October 18	7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Early Dismissal
October 19	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Fall Festival
October 28 – November 1	MP Room	Book Fair Week
October 29	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. MP Room / Cafeteria	Book Fair Night and Dinner

UIL INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS

The district hosts several UIL (University Interscholastic League) meets throughout the school year. Our Bush students have done very well at these meets in the past including winning first place in the district last year! If you are interested in having your 2nd – 5th grade child try out for one of our many UIL teams, please join us on Wednesday, October 16th at 10:00 in the cafeteria for an informational meeting. We will have the district UIL representative here to make a presentation and answer any questions you may have. Keep an eye out in the Pawprints for the dates of our UIL tryouts in the coming weeks.

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.

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS MONTH

October is College and Career Readiness Month in HISD. Yes, even in elementary school our students need to think about their post-high school future and need to be prepared to enter the work force and/or go to college. Students are encouraged to wear college shirts on Fridays during the month of October. Students may wear college shirts on the following Fridays: Oct. 11, 18, and 25. This is a great time to talk about all the incredible collegiate opportunities that await your child. Make sure your child knows why he/she is wearing a shirt from that college. Did any of your family members attend the college? Are you supporting a local college? Is this where you and/or your child want to attend college?

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of October 7th is variables.

FALL HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL!

Tomorrow, Wednesday, October 9th is a fall holiday. Please enjoy your extra time with your children.

FALL CARNIVAL BUSH “BOO” BASH

Make sure to mark your calendars for our Fall Carnival, the Bush “Boo” Bash! Join us on Saturday, October 19th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for over 20 games, rides, attractions, and delicious snacks! It will be a day of family fun for all ages. There will also be “Haunted Woods” which will be run by our Bush 5th graders. The school store will also be open. Feel free to wear your Halloween costumes and participate in the Halloween costume contest taking place at 3:30. Parents are encouraged to dress up as well! Go online to www.bbpto.com -> Programs & Events -> Bush “Boo” Bash to order pumpkins and tickets. You can also sign up to volunteer online!

ORIGINAL WORKS ART

All student art work for the Original Works art project has been completed and sent home. If you would like to order a product with your child's unique masterpiece on it, please send in your order by Monday, October 14th. Sample products are on display across from the Art Room. Questions? Email Dr. Buza at lbuz@houstonisd.org

NURSE’S RULE

Please do not send your sick child to school. If your child has fever, pink eye, or upset stomach, please keep him or her at home. We have lots of folks under our roof every day. For the health and safety of ALL students, it is very important that children stay at home when they are ill. Students who have thrown up during the night or who are running a fever cannot be sent to school. Students must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.

When your child returns to school, please send a signed note stating the days and reason your child was absent.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

One of the core values of HISD is “Safety Above all Else.” In order to provide a safe environment for every student, HISD enacted a policy requiring a voluntary criminal history check for persons who volunteer in our schools.

ALL parents who plan to volunteer in their child’s room, help in the cafeteria, eat lunch with their child or would like to serve as a chaperone on future field trips, must follow these procedures for the background check. Log on to: www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin and follow the directions. It takes at least three weeks to get clearance, so it is important to do it now. Even if you’ve completed the process in the past, all parents must register again this year.

EXECUTIVE POSTION

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 first 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 first 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 first 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.

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:

Monday, October 14, 2019

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.

PTO NEWS!

NATURE CENTER EVENT

Come join us in repairing our bridge and the edges of the path! Bring the whole family on **Saturday, October 12th** at **9:00 a.m.**

Questions? Email: bushnaturecenter@yahoo.com

BOOK FAIR DINNER

Bring the whole family and join us for our Book Fair Dinner on **October 29th**. The Book Fair is open from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. while dinner is being served. This year we will be serving **Petit Café!** Come enjoy a delightful array of Mediterranean cuisine. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of reading with your children, purchase books, and gifts, while socializing with other Bush families. Children can even come dressed up as their favorite storybook character! Parents are encouraged to join in the fun. **Dinner Tickets** (\$8.00/person) need to be purchased before next Tuesday, October 15th. The choices are; Beef Kafta Kabob, Chicken Tawouk, or Falafel (Vegetarian) Every meal is served with rice, hummus, pita bread, dessert, and a drink.

Dinner **TICKETS ARE PREORDER ONLY.** Tickets will not be sold at the door. Go online to www.bbepeto.com -> Programs & Events -> Book Fair Dinner.

BOOK FAIR & BUSH BUCKS

This year’s Book Fair theme is in the Artic! Please send in a picture of your child in a SNOWY, COLD, or ARCTIC setting for us to display on the PTO board in the school hallway leading up to Book Fair. Please write your child’s name, grade, and teacher on the back of the photo if you would like your photo back.

You can also purchase BUSH BUCKS online. Show your appreciation to your child’s teacher by purchasing Bush Bucks that they can use to buy books and other materials for their classroom during Book Fair. You can purchase them online at www.bbepeto.com -> Programs & Events -> Book Fair. The Bush Bucks will be delivered to your child’s teacher. See the Book Fair Bush Bucks Flyer for more information.

BUSH “BOO” BASH

October 19th 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Two more days to preorder your pumpkins! Preorders for pumpkins are until October 10th. Tickets are on sale until October 16th to get a deal of buy 10, get 1 free or buy 20, get 3 free! Go online to www.bbepeto.com -> Programs & Events -> Bush “Boo” Bash to order pumpkins and tickets. You can also sign up to volunteer online!

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