HISD Mask Update

Texas Gov. Gregg Abbott recently issued an executive order prohibiting governmental entities — cities, counties, school districts, public health authorities, and government officials — from requiring or mandating masks. Under the order, school districts may continue to follow their current mask guidelines through Friday, June 4, 2021. After that date, school districts are prohibited from requiring any student, teacher, parent, employee, or visitor from wearing masks.

In HISD, we will continue to adhere to our protocols and require masks for all individuals — students, employees, and visitors — through the close of business on June 4. Though masks will not be required on Monday, June 7 when we return to school, HISD encourages their use and recognizes that the decision to continue wearing a mask is a personal one.

Bush Elementary highly recommends that masks should still be worn on campus during the last week of school and during summer school. Temperature checks will still occur in the morning during the last week of school and through summer school.

Thank You Dr. Lathan!

Your contributions to HISD have been immense and tremendous, we know you will continue to do great things!
We've got spirit, how about you?

2020 - 2021 has been a year of flexibility and as we come to the close of this school year, let's have some fun by celebrating Spirit Week! We look forward to seeing everyone's creativity.

Spirit Week will be held the last week of school, June 7 - June 11.

This year has been a bit hectic and strange...
Bush bobcats worked harder than ever before!
Virtual and in-person students were all engaged,
So let's spread some fun! Check out what's in store...

Barbara Bush Elementary
SPIRIT WEEK
Monday, June 7 - Friday, June 11

HERITAGE DAY
Monday, June 7
Wear something to represent your heritage. This can be traditional clothing, cultural items, or even a team jersey from your country. Students can even represent a state!

TOURIST TUESDAY
Tuesday, June 8
Get ready for summervacation with your touristy gear such as sunglasses, cameras, and fanny packs!

WACKY WEDNESDAY
Wednesday, June 9
Dress as crazy and mismatched as possible. Silly socks, hats, & crazy hair are encouraged!

BOOK CHARACTER DAY
Thursday, June 10
Dress up as one of your favorite book characters!

GLOW DAY
Friday, June 11
Celebrate the LAST day of school with everything that GLOWS. Flashlights and neon clothes shine bright!

2021 – 2022 Student Dress Code Guidelines
Bush Elementary will be returning to a student dress code for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Please print and review the attachment as back to school clothing sales start early. If you were at Bush before this school year, you recall that shirts had to be solid colored red, white, or navy polo-style or button up. T-shirts could only be Bush Elementary t-shirts. Also, sweat pants, leggings, jeggings, athletic shorts were not dress code. Shorts, skirts, and pants have to be solid colored navy, khaki, or the "Bush plaid".

Please print or save the dress code guidelines below to be prepared for all back to school sales throughout the summer.

**Bush 2021 - 2022 Dress Code**

**Virtual Students Technology Drop - Off - Monday, June 7**

We will collect technology devices that were issued to all virtual students on Monday, June 7th in the bus lane. Please plan to drop off HISD technology devices (chromebooks, ipads, chargers, hotspots) at the times listed below.

- 8:00 a.m. - 5th Gr.
- 8:50 a.m. - PK & Kinder
- 9:40 a.m. - 1st Gr.
- 10:30 a.m. - 2nd Gr.
- 12:35 p.m. - 3rd Gr.
- 1:25 p.m. - 4th Gr.

**Future First Graders!!**

Our first grade team will be hosting a live event for incoming first graders. Please click on the flyer for details.


**Medication in School**
If your child keeps medication in the nurse’s office, please pick up your child’s medication(s) before the last day of school, **Friday, June 11th by 2:00 p.m.**

*Students are not permitted to pick up or transport medications to/from school.*

If you are unable to pick up your child’s medication, please email Nurse Guider dguider@houstonisd.org to make arrangements.

**Last day for School Store On The Go is June 10th!**

Now selling various goody bags (ranging from $1 - $5) packed with novelties in our brand new school store On The Go cart! Empty your piggy banks, and come shop one more time before the summer break: **THURSDAY June 10th, 2021.** We just received a new shipment of fun goodies to enjoy over the summer. See you in the hallways at lunchtime!

All covid safety measures will be followed to ensure this is a SAFE and FUN activity for your child. Social distancing will continue to be practiced and proper PPE will be worn at all times. Goody bags can be previewed online at [www.bbepto.com](http://www.bbepto.com). All proceeds directly benefit the PTO. Thank you for supporting the BBE PTO and happy shopping!

Last day for in classroom deliveries will be June10th, 2021. Order now!

**Online Book Fair May 24 – June 4**

Get ready for summer reading with our second Online Book Fair! This Fair will run Monday, May 24 through Friday, June 4, and it is exclusively available online. Help your child finish out their favorite book series or start a new collection for the summer. You can also purchase Name That Book materials to get a jump start on next year! All proceeds will go to help our Library purchase new books and reading materials, so everyone benefits! Purchases over $25 will receive free shipping as well. You can also add funds to your student's teacher’s account to help them purchase books for their classroom – what a great way to say “Thank You!” for such a special year!

To help foster your child's love of reading, support Bush Elementary Library, AND build your own home library collection, visit our Online Book Fair here: [BUSH ONLINE BOOK FAIR LINK](http://www.bushonlinebookfair.com) from May 24 through June 4.

If you have any questions about the Online Book Fair, please contact our Librarian, Mrs. Miller, at bmille12@houstonisd.org.

**Last Day of School - Friday, June 11**

The students' last day of school is Friday, June 11. Students must be in attendance through this date to receive an end of year report card showing promotion status for next school year.
2021 - 2022 Registration Dates

The first day of school for the 2021 - 2022 school year is Monday, August 23. At this time, we don't know if virtual learning will be offered through the district.

2021 - 2022 Bush Elementary Registration Dates*
June 16 - 23 - New Students in Grades K - 5
August 9 - 11 and August 17 - 19 - New Students in Grades K - 5

These dates are subject to change.

Details for each of these registration dates will be published in the Paw Prints. There are no guarantees for enrollment space at Bush Elementary after the May registration dates. Registration is a two part process. Parents register their children and then students are present on the first day of school, August 23. If you have submitted all your registration documents to the registrar, then your child will be assigned a teacher in August. Then, you will receive a phone call during the week of August 16 from your child's teacher.

COVID-19 Guidelines

Please use this helpful link for information regarding COVID-19

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

The Spectacular Science Word for the week of May 31st is food chain/web.

Bobcat Birthdays!

Ms. Rose would like to wish a very special birthday to:

Joaquin G. who turns 7 yrs. old on June 2nd and is a first grader in Ms. Orta's class.
Last Day of School
When
Friday, June 11th, 7:30am-3pm
Where
13800 Westerloch Drive
Houston, TX

K - 5th Grade - New Student Registration
When
Wednesday, June 16th, 7:30am to Wednesday, June 23rd, 3pm
Where
This is an online event.
More information
These dates are subject to change.

K - 5th Grade - New Student Registration
When
Monday, Aug. 9th, 7:30am to Wednesday, Aug. 11th, 3pm
Where
This is an online event.
More information
These dates are subject to change.
K - 5th Grade - New Student Registration

When
Tuesday, Aug. 17th, 7:30am to Thursday, Aug. 19th, 2pm

Where
This is an online event.

More information
These dates are subject to change.

First Day of School

When
Monday, Aug. 23rd, 7:30am-3pm

Where
13800 Westerloch Drive
Houston, TX

More information
2021 - 2022 HISD Academic Calendar

School Store – 2021/2022 School Supplies on Sale Now

As this school year is coming to an end, it’s time to start planning for the next. Order your 2021/2022 school supplies now by visiting our ONLINE School Store!
Make sure your child is all set for the coming school year and order now at www.BBEPTO.com. Your child's school supplies will be delivered directly to the classrooms, ready for them to start the new school year! Avoid the crowds and long lines, and order now by visiting our ONLINE School Store at www.BBEPTO.com. EPI school supply packs can save you up to 40% compared to shopping for the same supplies at national retailers.

Order NOW, and buy your supplies at a discounted rate. **This offer expires Friday June 11, 2021.**
ALL School Store proceeds directly benefit the Barbara Bush Elementary PTO. For questions, please contact the School Store at mybushstore@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!
(ALL SUPPLY PACK PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX)

**Upcoming Nature Center Events**

Here are the upcoming events and special things to know...Can't wait to see you there!

FYI:
· Masks must be worn at all times in the Nature Center.
· Only **15 individual people allowed (This is up from 10 people before)**...... so sign up fast with the Sign Up Genius link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4FAFAE2CA2FA7-nature1
· There is limited access to the grounds during these events.
· We can be in the Nature Center only (no one allowed in the building or on the playgrounds).

**Nature Center Happenings......**

**Saturday, June 5, 12 pm: Poetry picnic and Wild Rumpus**
Let's enjoy the nature center for the last event of the season!!
Bring a blanket, lunch, and a short song or poem.

Reserve a spot today! Sign up here:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4FAFAE2CA2FA7-nature1

**Yard Signs on sale now**

Have you seen our Bush Elementary yard signs springing up around our area? It's just what you need to spruce up your home! We now have double sided yard signs available for sale on our website at www.BBEPTO.com. The $15 sign measures 18” wide by 24” tall, and is a great way to show your Bobcat spirit! Each sign comes with removable stakes, so the sign can be posted in a window or in the ground. Order now for classroom delivery (for in-person students) or drive-thru pickup (for virtual students) to show your pride in our Bush Bobcats!
We still have a limited number of Directories available for distribution. If you did not receive one and you are interested, please contact PTO Vice President, Michelle Jackson, at bushpto.vp@gmail.com. These Directories are available free of charge through our PTO Pals program.