May 28 At Home Asynchronous Learning Day for All Students

According to guidance provided by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), districts may apply for a waiver for spring 2021 that allows a district to change a traditional school day to an asynchronous instruction day to provide additional planned teacher professional development or preparation days.

The district was approved by the HISD Board of Education during the April regular board meeting to apply for this waiver from the state to offer asynchronous instruction for students and teacher professional development on Friday, May 28.

As a result, all students will participate in at-home virtual learning on Friday, May 28.

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 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.

Future First Graders!!

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

2021-2022 School Supplies on Sale
Now at the ONLINE School Store

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)

Student Holiday - May 31

Monday, May 31 is a student holiday. Students return to school on Tuesday, June 1.
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.

HISD Mask Update Effective After June 4

HISD is aware of Governor Greg Abbott’s executive order issued yesterday prohibiting public schools from requiring students, staff, and visitors to wear masks after June 4, 2021. HISD intends to comply with Governor Abbott’s order and awaits further guidance from the Texas Education Agency. Bush Elementary highly recommends that masks should still be worn on campus during the last week of school and during summer school.

School Store On The Go

Now selling various goody bags (ranging from $1 - $5) packed with novelties in our brand new school store On The Go cart! We will be selling these goodies in the hallways each Friday during your child’s lunch break. This will be on a rotating schedule:

Week 1 – Grades 1, 3 and 5
Week 2 – Grades 2, 4 and 5

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. Empty your piggy banks and come shop at the school store On The Go cart starting this Friday! Goody bags can be previewed online at www.bbepto.com. All proceeds directly benefit the PTO. Thank you for supporting the BBE PTO and happy shopping!

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 24th is photosynthesis.

Helping Children Learn

View our May newsletter by clicking here.

May 28 - Asynchronous Learning Day

When
Friday, May 28th, 7:30am-3pm

Where
This is an online event.

More information
No students will be on campus. This is an asynchronous learning day for all PK - 5th grade students.

May 31 - No School

When
Monday, May 31st, 7:30am-3pm

Where
This is an online event.
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

Congratulations to our 2021-22 PTO Board!

Our slate of nominees was approved unanimously.
We are all so excited about next year, and thank you for volunteering to help make our school successful.

President – Valerie Shaikh
Vice President – Michelle Jackson
Secretary – Nikki Vedi
Treasurer – MJ Gernale
Business Partnerships – Tosha Perkins & Maria Hartley
Directory – Michelle Xiao & Mayra Gonzalez
Family Hospitality – Maria Tapia & Horea Owen
Nature Center – Kyndra Jones-Aboagyé
Publicity – Rebecca Minnock
Safety – Constantin Platon
School Store Coordinator – Beatrix Cunha
Teacher Hospitality – Amy Gnau & Nikki Vedi
Volunteers In Public Schools (VIPS) Coordinator – Rachel Ajayi & Jana Howe
Art Coordinator – Kati Collins
Birthday Book Club Coordinator – Mayra Gonzalez & Randee Barnes
Drama Coordinator – Katy Bate
Fifth Grade Coordinator – Eliza Machala
Library Coordinator – Sevana Melikian
Music Coordinator – Martha Gonzalez
PayPal Coordinator – Randee Barnes
Website Coordinator – Snezana Kato
Yearbook Coordinator – Maha Aburas

We are still in search of volunteers to fill the following positions:
Fundraising (2 positions available) – oversee Underwriting Campaign, Fall & Spring Fundraising Events (like Bush Bingo Bash), and any other Fundraising events at the Chair’s discretion

If you are interested in the Fundraising positions, please email PTO President, Kara Bemis, at presidentbbepto@gmail.com.

Thank you to our 2020-21 PTO Board for your service. This year has certainly been unique, and you have worked hard to serve Bush Elementary and the PTO!

Family Movie & BB’s Tex-Orleans Spirit Event

We hope you all enjoyed your meal from BB’s while watching the Virtual Family Movie Screening of Universal Pictures’ “The Croods: A New Age” last weekend. Thank you to BB’s Tex-Orleans Energy Corridor for supporting Bush Elementary and the PTO!

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

Share your School Spirit!

We would love to share a collection of our Bobcat Spirit yard signs on display—with or without students—to celebrate this unique year and the special partnership between Bush Elementary and our Bobcat families! Please send us photos of your BBE yard sign on display at your home. Submit photos to publicity@bbepto.com by Wednesday, June 2, to be included. If you would like to purchase a double sided yard sign, visit our website at www.BBEPTO.com. The $15 sign measures 18” wide by 24” tall and 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!

Directories still available

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.