October 9 at 9:00 a.m. Bush Re-Opening Plan Meeting

Bush Elementary's Re-Opening Plan will be shared with parents on Friday, October 9 at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will focus on in-person learning starting on October 19. Please use the link below to join this live TEAMS event. This meeting will be recorded.

Your child's second six weeks in-person Bush teacher will contact you by Thursday, October 15 to welcome you to her class and provide an overview to the instructional schedule effective Monday, October 19.

The instructional day is still 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lunch and ancillary times will change as in-person and virtual students will have the same times. All students will still receive 2 grades per subject, per week. Carpool numbers, or as they’ll now be called dismissal numbers, will be distributed to all families returning for in-person instruction in the carpool lane on Thursday, October 15 or Friday, October 16 (Specific schedule will be announced later).
Bush Re-Opening Plan Preparation

The Bush Re-Opening Plan was created using the HISD Re-Opening Plan as a guide. **I highly recommend all parents sending back their child(ren) to in-person learning, download and review the HISD Re-Opening Plan before Friday’s meeting.** Many of your questions are addressed in detail starting on p. 13, where it describes entry screening requirements to PPE protocols, cleaning protocols, and infection protocols and so much more.

The Bush Re-Opening Plan will explain how these HISD policies, procedures, and protocols will occur at Bush Elementary.

A Must Read - Updated HISD Reopening Plan

Please download and read over, especially starting on p. 13, as In-Person Learning at HISD is explained. Having an understanding of this HISD plan will ensure a more thorough understanding of the Bush Elementary plan.

https://www.houstonisd.org/reopening

Virtual Learning at Bush Elementary from October 19 - December 4, 2020

October 19, 2020 is the start of the second six weeks. Approximately 53% of our families have selected to remain in virtual learning through the end of the second six weeks ending on December 4, 2020. Good news, Bush Elementary teachers will be the teachers for all virtual Bush students. Bush Elementary will have virtual teachers who only teach the virtual Bush students. Your child’s second six weeks virtual teacher will contact you by Thursday, October 15 to welcome you to her class and provide an overview to the instructional schedule effective Monday, October 19.

The instructional day is still 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lunch and ancillary times will change as in-person and virtual students will have the same times. All students will still receive 2 grades per subject, per week. Materials for second six weeks virtual students will be distributed in the bus lane on Thursday, October 15 or Friday, October 16 (Specific schedule will be announced later).
Preparations for October 19

October 19 will be an important and exciting day at Bush Elementary as some students will be returning to Bush Elementary for in-person learning. Starting Monday, October 5, we encourage the students that are returning to in-person learning to practice wearing their mask during the first morning meeting of each day from 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. We will need parents’ help to ensure students learn how to keep their mask on correctly (covering nose and mouth) while learning in class. Starting Monday, October 19, all students must wear their masks from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. every day to be engaged in in-person learning. The only exception is at lunch while eating or drinking. Even as an adult it takes time to get used to wearing a mask all day. Please start practicing this safe and healthy habit.

Also, students will need to practice opening and closing their car door while seated inside the car and while standing outside the car. To reduce touch points, only students will be able to open and close car doors in the carpool lane. Many students struggle with this. Please practice over the next few weeks so students will have experience in doing this task.

Health Inventory Forms - Due October 17

Nurse Guider must receive the Health Inventory Forms annually to make sure she has current information about your child’s health. She is in need of the following 2 Health Inventory Forms completed and submitted to her via email by October 17 at 3:15 p.m. Please download these forms and fill them out. Email the completed forms to Nurse Guider at DGUIDER@houstonisd.org

If you’re new to Bush Elementary for the 2020 - 2021 school year, then these forms were completed during the registration process. The nurse forms only need to be completed by students who were at Bush Elementary last school year.

HISD launches COVID-19 Dashboard to Track Confirmed Cases

As HISD prepares for a return to in-person instruction on Oct. 19, the district has launched a COVID-19 dashboard to keep the community informed about the impact of the pandemic. Designed to ensure transparency, the online dashboard will track the number of confirmed COVID-19 on-campus student and staff cases. It will go live at 1 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 28. “As we navigate this pandemic together, we want to ensure that we are transparent as we provide crucial updates,” HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan said. “This new
The dashboard will give our staff members and families the information they need in an accessible and easy-to-use way to make informed decisions.

The dashboard was developed using Texas Education Agency guidelines for reporting COVID-19. It will be updated daily, allowing users to review student and staff data by location and districtwide. It also includes a map to visibly show where cases are throughout the district. The district will strictly follow all applicable privacy laws as it relates to the release of personal health information.

To view the COVID-19 dashboard, go to [https://www.houstonisd.org/COVID19Dashboard](https://www.houstonisd.org/COVID19Dashboard)

**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 workforce 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. 9, 16, 23, and 30. 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?

**Happy National Principal’s Month, Ms. Rose!**

October is National Principals Month! Woo hoo to Ms. Rose, our principal, for all of her hard work and dedication to our students, families, faculty and staff! We are so lucky to have such an experienced and knowledgeable leader, especially in these uncertain times. Happy National Principals Month Ms. Rose.
Kinder
Yes, that's her! Our Bobcats enjoy getting classroom visits from Ms. Rose.

Fun, Fun, Fun!
Did you know Ms. Rose was a Science Teacher?
Can you guess who is standing next to her? (Hint - she is a 5th grade teacher.)

UNIVERSAL GT TESTING for K & 5 Students Not Previously Identified

HISD screens all 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 November 9th, 2020.

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.

Parents of K and 5th grade students not previously identified as GT do not need to complete any paperwork, all the students will be tested for GT.

GT Testing for Students in Grades 1 - 4
If your child is in grades 1st - 4th and not already identified as a Gifted and Talented, you may request that your child is tested for GT if you feel your child would qualify for the GT program. The deadline to submit applications is November 6th. The applications can be found at https://www.houstonisd.org/Domain/32983.
Completed applications must be submitted in an email to Jessica Ayala, (Jessica.Ayala@Houstonisd.org) in the front office by Friday, November 6 at 3:15 p.m.

PK Lottery 2021 - 2022

On September 19, HISD School Choice opened up the system to apply for the PK lottery for the 2021-2022 school year. The Bush PK program is only for families that are already enrolled at Bush Elementary and have another child that will be 4 on or before September 1, 2021. Students must meet PK eligibility requirements such as being economically disadvantaged or qualifying as English as a Second Language.

The site will accept applications from September 19, 2020 - April 30, 2021. Families will be notified by HISD School Choice on May 20 if their child was accepted into Bush Elementary's PK program or if their child is on the waitlist. Go to HISDChoice.com to apply. Bush Elementary's PK program is only one class with 22 students that must be comprised of siblings of currently enrolled Bush students. The only way to apply for and be part of the lottery for Bush Elementary's PK program is to apply online at the address shared above.

Parent Training - Getting to know the HUB for Parents

“Getting to know the HUB for Parents” will be offered at the date below from 5 to 6 p.m. Parents do not need to register for the webinar. The links are available on the HISD @ H.O.M.E. page under the webinar section at this link or you can access the webinars from the live links below.

Parent HUB Course Date - Links to Webinars

Thursday, October 8, 2020
5 PM
Getting to Know the HUB for Parents

Gifted and Talented Parent Informational Sessions

TOPICS: GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM, ASSESSMENT, INSTRUCTION, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, GATES, TIMELINES, & FAQS
WHEN: October 13, 2020 November 9, 2020 December 8, 2020
WHERE: Microsoft Teams
FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT: GiftedandTalented@houstonisd.org
Website: https://www.houstonisd.org/Domain/32983
Translating Virtual Paw Prints

One of the reasons we selected this tool for our Paw Prints is the program's ability to translate the content into almost 100 different languages. Use the translate tab at the upper right to change the Paw Prints into another language. We want all our families to be able to have access to this content regardless of their first, second, or even third language.

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

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

Birthday wishes from Ms. Rose!

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

Landon D. who turned 10 years old on October 6 and is a fourth grader in Ms. Jensen's class.

Serena L. who turns 8 years old on October 10 and is a third grader in Ms. Frietsch's class.
Happy Birthday and Welcome to the Bush Birthday Book Club!

Don’t wait - Join the PTO Today!

Have you joined the PTO yet? One $20 family membership covers all children in your family for the entire 2020-21 school year. As an added bonus, each PTO membership will receive a complimentary copy of our annual Directory full of important school and class information as well as advertisements and coupons from area businesses.

**NEW for 2020:** Become a **PTO Pal** for $10 and help purchase a PTO Membership for those who cannot. Your optional donation will be recognized in a BBE PTO publication.

Join online at [www.BBEPTO.com](http://www.BBEPTO.com) to purchase your membership or become a **PTO Pal** today!

Calling all Autumn & Winter Birthdays - Join Birthday Book Club

Help your child celebrate their birthday with a book and a Paw Prints shout out from Ms. Rose! The Birthday Book Club has been redesigned to accommodate virtual meetings and social distancing.

$20 Birthday Book Club Membership (Add Electronic Marquee display for $10 more)

**New this year:** $10 Electronic Marquee display only (no book or shout out)

Visit [www.BBEPTO.com](http://www.BBEPTO.com) for more details or to make your purchase.

Room Parents still needed for 1st, 3rd, 4th, and Special Education!

There are a few classes in 1st, 3rd, 4th, and Special Education which still need a Room Parent. You can be a Room Parent even if you work full time. Classes without Room Parents are at risk of missing vital school and PTO information. Please talk with your teacher TODAY about becoming a Room Parent.
Don’t get left out of the Directory!

Our annual Directory can help your child connect with friends for video calls, playdates, and birthdays. Make sure your family is not left out—go online to submit your information so we can make a comprehensive Directory. Remember, YOU can choose which non-required fields you want to fill out to include in the Directory. The deadline is Friday, October 23, so don’t wait...complete your information submission now!

Business Sponsorships Program

Deadline for Ad Submissions is next Friday, October 9!

BBE PTO

bbepto.3dcartstores.com