MAKE YOUR DECISION KNOWN: VIRTUAL VS. IN-PERSON LEARNING

HISD sent out an email today letting families know that it’s time to make the decision whether to start in-person instruction or continue with virtual learning. Parents will record their decision for each child on the Parent Connect site in the Forms section. This special form will only be available from Monday, September 21 - Friday, September 25. Please record your choice on Monday or Tuesday. The front office will start to contact parents if the decision has not been recorded on the form by Wednesday. If you do not respond, the default is in-person learning. **This is your choice for the rest of the school year. However, you will have opportunities throughout the year (every 6 weeks) to make a change, if needed.**

Many parents want to know EXACTLY what in-person and virtual instruction will look like starting October 19 before they make a decision. At this time we don't have the specifics as we’re waiting for the health and safety guidelines from Harris County, other health authorities, and HISD for that time period. Here’s what we do know about in-person instruction. All students, as well as faculty and staff, will wear a mask covering the nose and mouth at all times inside the building and while on school grounds with the only exception when eating or drinking. Students will be six feet apart from other students and adults at all times. There will not be 22, 24, or 30 students in a classroom because we will follow all social distancing guidelines. Students will not be sharing materials and/or books/textbooks. Students will have limited movement in the building. The "switch" teacher will come into the classroom to provide instruction as will the specialist teachers. Based on numbers returning, you might not have the same classroom teacher, but it would be a Bush teacher. With virtual learning, you might not have the same teacher or even a Bush teacher.

What we do know is that all safety and healthy guidelines will be followed to ensure the health of all students, faculty, and staff.

This final decision is having to be made at this time as we must have time to plan and make new classes and schedules as needed. Once a selection is submitted for a student to be taught in-person or virtually, that selection is final for the current six weeks period and cannot be updated until the selection window is opened again.
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 September 16th is hazard.

FIRST DAY FORMS

In the Parent Connect, parents can complete the forms, update their contact information, and see their child’s grades. Please contact your child’s teacher if you did not receive the letter detailing how to log into Parent Connect or if you need the Parent access code and password. Please try and complete these forms by Friday, September 18.

After using the access ID to set up an account on a web browser, parents will be able to use the login credentials they created to access their student’s profile on the PowerSchool Mobile app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

WILD ABOUT BIRTHDAYS!

Ms. Rose wishes a very special birthday to the following student:

Happy Birthday to Cassius! Cassius turned 8 years old on September 15 and is a second grader in Ms. Strange’s class

Welcome to the Bush Birthday Book Club!
3RD - 5TH GR. VIRTUAL PARENTS' NIGHT

WHEN
THURSDAY, SEP. 17TH, 5-6:30PM

WHERE
THIS IS AN ONLINE EVENT.

MORE INFORMATION
The classroom teachers will send a TEAMS invitation for this event.

PK-2ND & SPED VIRTUAL PARENTS' NIGHT

WHEN
THURSDAY, SEP. 24TH, 5-6:30PM

WHERE
THIS IS AN ONLINE EVENT.

MORE INFORMATION
The classroom teachers will send a TEAMS invitation for this event.
STUDENT FALL HOLIDAY

WHEN
MONDAY, SEP. 28TH, 7:30AM-3PM

WHERE
THIS IS AN ONLINE EVENT.

MORE INFORMATION
No school on this day

END OF FIRST GRADING PERIOD

WHEN
FRIDAY, OCT. 16TH, 3PM

WHERE
THIS IS AN ONLINE EVENT.

MORE INFORMATION
End of the 1st - 6 weeks’ grading period.

BOBCAT NEWS - PARENTS' NIGHT

The most important meetings of the year are Parents’ Night on September 17, 2020 for grades 3-5, and September 24, 2020 for grades PK-2, SpEd. Each Parents’ Night is from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. These meetings are VERY EARLY in the school year and are purposefully not called an Open House. They are different in format and purpose from a traditional school open house.

Teachers will outline the grade level curriculum, communication, procedures, grading, test schedules, and much more. The goal is to give parents all the information they need EARLY in the year so that they can be supportive partners in their child’s education.

IN THE BUSH ZONE

Just as a reminder, to attend Bush Elementary, students must be residing in the Bush Elementary zone. Virtual Bush Elementary is only for students that live in the Bush zone. Bush Elementary is overcrowded in some grade levels and we’re having to send families to other schools, even in a virtual setting.
PTO WEEKLY E-BLAST

Don't miss out on important PTO news & events!

Sign up for PTO Weekly E-Blasts today at www.BBEPTO.com (Going Green Mailing List)
Like "BBEPTO" on Facebook so you never miss an important post

JOIN OUR PTO TODAY

2020-2021 PTO MEMBERSHIP

Our PTO Membership Campaign is now open. 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. Join online at www.BBEPTO.com to purchase your membership.

ONLINE SCHOOL STORE

**** ONLINE School Store is OPEN ****
You can STILL purchase Spirit T-Shirts and School Supplies ONLINE at www.bbepto.com. Distribution will be each Friday from 8:00-9:00 am, in the bus lane at Barbara Bush Elementary. This will be a socially distanced pick up. To ensure a safe and efficient pick up, please note the following:

- Line up in the bus lane (Parkway Plaza Drive). **Remain in your car at all times.**
- Place a piece of paper with the following information on your PASSENGER window: Student Name, Grade. If you ordered a T-Shirt, please write ‘T-Shirt’ and size on the same piece of paper. *** If picking up for other people, please add another paper with their information.
- Pull up to the volunteer and follow their directions.
- All items will be placed in the trunk of your car by a volunteer. If you can open your trunk automatically, please do so. If not, a volunteer will open your trunk. **Please remain in your car.** Thank you for adhering to the safety guidelines and your continued support and flexibility! Go Bobcats!

**BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB**

Help your child celebrate their birthday with a book and a Pawprints 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 for more details or to make your purchase.

**DOES YOUR CLASS HAVE A ROOM PARENT? IF NOT, NOW’S YOUR CHANCE!**

Each class needs a Room Parent to act as a liaison between the teacher, the PTO, and their class. You can be a Room Parent even if you work full time. If you would like to be a Room Parent, please talk with your child's teacher TODAY to see if the position is still available.

**COMING SOON!**

Be on the lookout for the link to submit Directory Information online!