

BARBARA PIERGE BUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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STUDENT / PARENT HANDBOOK

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

FROM

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It is the policy of the Houston Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of age, color, handicap or disability, ancestry, national origin, marital status, race, religion, sex, veteran status, or political affiliation in its educational or employment programs and activities.

This handbook is designed to familiarize parents and students with the policies, people, and programs at Barbara Pierce Bush Elementary School (BPBES). Please take time to read through the material printed here and discuss it with your child. We hope that you will keep it in a convenient place and use it as a reference when questions arise. If you have questions which are not answered in this booklet, feel free to call the school office at 281-368-2150 for further information.

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ATTENDANCE

The HISD Board of Education has established guidelines and policies regarding student attendance. The policies are designed to improve student attendance and achievement.

Students in year-long courses may have no more than eight unexcused absences nor more than ten total absences to be considered for promotion.

Students who have excessive absences will have an asterisk (*) after their grades and must be reviewed by the attendance committee in order to be promoted to the next grade level.

Roll is checked each day at **9:00 a.m.** Students arriving after 9:00 a.m. will be counted absent. Students who become ill at school and are sent home will be counted absent if they arrive in the clinic before 9:00 a.m. Students who have medical appointments are not counted absent if they return to school with a statement from the medical practitioner.

Parents can help their students and our personnel by sending a note each and every time that a child returns to school after an absence. The note should have the following information:

- Date
- Child's first and last name
- Date of the absence(s)
- Reason for the absence

According to Board Policy, student absences are considered "excused absences" for the following reasons:

- Personal illness
- Sickness or death in the family
- Quarantine
- Weather or road conditions making travel hazardous (not just rainy or cold)
- Participation in school activities with permission of the principal
- Emergencies or unusual circumstances recognized by the principal

Students should bring an excuse in writing on the day they return to school. In order for an absence to be excused, the written excuse must be brought within three (3) school days.

Please support your child by ensuring that any absences and tardies are unavoidable and are followed with a written excuse when he/she returns to school.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Parents, please be reminded you should not leave your children unattended while attending sporting and other school events such as Ice Cream Social, Book Fair, Math and Science Night, etc. Parents are asked to supervise their children when visiting the campus for any and all after school events.

BACKPACKS

Students may bring traditional book satchels or backpacks to school to carry books, lunches and other necessary school related items. Rolling backpacks, rolling suitcases and/or rolling carts are a safety hazard and will not be permitted in halls, walkways or classrooms.

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

At Bush we have found a super way to celebrate birthdays and to support our love for reading.

Students may select and purchase a book to be donated to the library. The birthday child has his/her picture taken and displayed and his/her name is announced over the intercom.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The Texas Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Division has decreed that the "cupcake" law is back in effect. Parents may bring cupcakes, cake, brownies, or cookies at lunch time for a student's birthday. However, the treat may only be distributed and eaten in the last 5 minutes of the lunch period. Candy **may not** be handed out at any time.

Please do not plan to have a birthday party in the cafeteria or in the classroom. Party hats, favors, decorations, balloons, etc. should be reserved for off-campus parties.

Invitations to off-campus birthday parties are not to be distributed at school.

Please do not have flowers, balloons, gift baskets, singing telegrams, etc. delivered to school for individual students. Such items will not be delivered to the classroom.

BREAKFAST

Breakfast is available in the Bush cafeteria from 7:20 a.m. – 7:35 a.m. Students wait outside the school adjacent to the cafeteria door. Upon finishing breakfast students will remain in the cafeteria to wait for the first bell.

HISD provides free breakfast for all Bush Elementary students. The HISD Food Service Department prints a calendar of menus each month. Please keep these and refer to them for breakfast menu information.

Breakfast not purchased from the Bush cafeteria will be consumed off campus.

BUSES

The Houston Independent School District provides buses for students who live **over** two miles from the school to which they are zoned. Students must live in the eligible zone in order to ride the bus. Each bus rider should catch the bus and be delivered to the bus stop closest to his/her home. Students may not ride the bus to a babysitter's house or to visit friends. Students may not invite other non eligible students to ride on the bus. Students may not ride on another bus route without a prior approved change in route.

It is important that we work closely with our children so that they understand the importance of good bus conduct. The rules and procedures are reprinted here for reference. Please read and discuss them with your child.

Bus Rules and Procedures

1. Bus riders should be at their assigned stop five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
2. Students should respect the property of others.
3. Students should board and exit the bus in a quiet and orderly manner (no pushing, shoving, shouting, etc.).
4. Students should stay seated and wear seat belts until the bus driver dismisses them.
5. When buses arrive in the morning, students go to the cafeteria and sit in their bus lines.
6. Bus riders are to assemble in the cafeteria after school and board their bus as a group.
7. If a bus is late in the afternoon, students will remain in the cafeteria where supervision is provided until the bus arrives.
8. Students are to treat drivers with respect and courtesy.
9. No fighting, horseplay, or obscene language will be allowed on buses or at the bus stops or enroute to and from the bus stop.
10. Students must stay seated when the bus is in motion.
11. Students must not shout out the windows or throw objects.

Disciplining of students who do not obey bus rules will be handled in the office and in accordance with HISD Board Policy and the Code of Student Conduct.

Misbehavior on the bus or at the bus stop will result in suspension from the bus. Repeated misbehavior can result in exclusion from riding the bus.

Each bus rider must be responsible for his/her own behavior at the bus stop, in bus lines, on the bus, and traveling to and from the bus stop. Misbehavior and rowdiness jeopardizes the safety of all riders and cannot be tolerated.

CARPOOLS

Bush has a dismissal system which places student safety first!

All carpool groups are given an opportunity to sign up for a carpool number. Both drivers and riders need to be familiar with and use the number. Carpool drivers pull up in the carpool lane on the **Westerloch side** and display their number in the **front** window.

Carpool numbers are called over the radio. Students are dismissed directly to board their cars, if the car is in the lane. Other carpool students wait in the hallway under a paw marked with their number. As cars pull up, additional numbers are called.

With the cooperation of parents, we are able to dismiss all students in less than fifteen minutes. Students are kept out of the elements; the plan operates the same way, rain or shine!

Please adhere to the following guidelines to ensure smooth operation of the carpool system.

Do not “cut” in line.

Do not park in the bus zone.

Remain in your car at all times when using the carpool lane.

Do not double park.

Do not ask your child to cross in the middle of the block on Westerloch.

Use your carpool number.

Place the number in the front window on the passenger side or hang it from the mirror.

Parents may park on the south side of Westerloch and meet their children on the porch

Children cannot be dropped off at the curb in front of the school on Westerloch or on the east side of Parkway Plaza. This endangers the child **and** blocks the flow of traffic for parents who are attempting to abide by the rules and use the system properly.

Please be sure that your child knows how he/she is to get home each day. Any changes in the usual routine should be discussed in the morning before the student leaves for school.

CELL PHONES

Students are allowed to have a cell phone in their backpack to use **only** to communicate with parents after school. Students may use their cell phone to communicate with their parents after school in the hallways once they have been dismissed by their teacher. Cell phones are **not** allowed to be on or used during the school day. Cell phones that are visible (seen or heard) during the school day will be confiscated and turned in to the office. The student's **parent** will have to come to the office to retrieve the phone. Repeated confiscation will result in the cell phone being placed in the "June Box." Then, the **parent** will be able to pick up the cell phone on the last day of school at the earliest.

CLASSROOM OBSERVATION

Bush parents are always welcome at school. If a parent or legal guardian wishes to observe in a classroom, please stop by the office to get approval from the principal. Also, parents must have completed and been approved with a background check. One parent/legal guardian is allowed to observe a class at a time to limit the distraction to the educational process. During the observation, you may not chat with the teacher, your child, or any other child. This distracts the teacher and interrupts the instructional time for students. Observations should last no longer than 20 minutes.

COMPUTER

The Bush computer lab is equipped with PC workstations. Students in grades PreK-5 are scheduled for instructional periods in the lab.

Each classroom has at least one computer station which is connected to the building network and the Internet.

The Teacher Technologist offers lessons which support and extend classroom instruction. Students are introduced to word processing and simple programming. They utilize software which supports higher-level thinking skills.

CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences are a valuable tool to be used in helping children to be happy and successful at school. Be sure to take advantage of this tool! Because it is so important, please follow these guidelines to ensure that you have the best possible conference with your child's teacher.

To arrange for a conference:

1. **Make an appointment** – call the office at 281-368-2150, write a note to the teacher, leave a message on the teacher’s voice mail, or email the teacher to arrange an appointment time.
2. Plan to come to school. Teachers can share work samples, clarify assignments, etc. when personal rather than telephone conferences are held.
3. Be “tuned in” to your child so you know when to request a conference.
4. Watch test papers, Progress Reports, etc. that signal trouble areas.
5. **Please do not drop in for just a minute at the beginning or end of the day.** These are especially crucial times when the class needs and deserves the teacher’s full attention.
6. Please do not ask to have teachers called out of class for a conference. Instructional time belongs to the students.

COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Wednesday is Communications Day at BBES. We will make every effort to send all notices, calendars, newsletters, etc. home on Wednesdays. Please purge your child’s backpack each Wednesday, there will probably be at least one important note!

Bush students use a red pocket folder to carry communications. Be sure to look for it and to use it when sending notes to the teacher.

The newsletter, *Paw Prints*, is published weekly. It contains important dates and information regarding events and issues at Bush Elementary!

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAW

The Texas Legislature has passed laws stating that a student shall be required to attend school for the entire instructional period (school year). If a student is absent from school without excuse for any portion of the school day for three (3) days in a four-week period or for ten (10) or more days in a six-month period, the student and the student’s parent or legal guardian are subject to prosecution by the Harris County Justice of the Peace Courts. The student may also be referred to a juvenile court.

Principals may excuse the absences for personal illness, death in the family, or other legitimate reasons. Vacations and trips out of the country during the time school is still in session are not considered excused absences.

It is a parent's duty to require the student to attend school, monitor the student's attendance and request a conference with school officials to discuss any concerns about attendance.

Recent legislation requires school districts to file truancy complaints with an appropriate court within seven school days of a student's tenth (10th) unexcused absence when all of the ten (10) unexcused absences occurred within a six-month period during the same school year.

CROSSING GUARDS

Bush Elementary is very fortunate to have numerous crossing guards assigned to the streets close to school. Only cross the streets where the crossing guards are stationed. Drivers must be extremely careful when driving around Bush and follow the directions from the crossing guards. Crossing guards have a very important and difficult job. Practice and teach your child safe habits by using the crossing guards to cross streets.

DISCIPLINE

Each school in HISD has a discipline management plan. The plan includes a set of rules and responsibilities for all students. Consequences for misbehavior are outlined in the plan.

DISCIPLINE PLAN

The Bush Discipline Management Plan is based on the recognition that behavior can be modified, controlled, and improved through instruction and the adoption of well-communicated guidelines.

The Bush staff enlists the participation and support of parents in upholding high standards for student behavior.

The Bush Discipline Plan includes:

- Classroom rules formulated by the students and teacher.
- Frequent review of expectations and consequences.
- Weekly communication from teacher to parent regarding student behavior.
- Referral to the office for repetitive disruptions or serious infractions.
- Use of the HISD Code of Student Conduct.

Corporal punishment will not be used as part of the discipline plan.

Students will adhere to the following hallway and lunchroom rules:

- Use quiet voices.
- Raise hand for permission to leave seat.
- Enter and exit in a quiet and orderly manner.
- Practice silence in the hall at all times.
- Respect the rights of others.

DISMISSAL

All children should be familiar with their afternoon dismissal routine. Try to establish a routine that your child understands and can follow. If you must alter the pattern due to a doctor's appointment etc., be sure your child knows the changes before he/she leaves home in the morning.

DRESS GUIDELINES

We at Barbara Bush Elementary School feel that attending school is the most important job our children will ever have. We feel that the manner in which our children dress influences their attitude towards school.

In an effort to provide the best possible learning environment, the Bush Excellence Committee (BEC) approved an official uniform for Bush Students.

Bush Uniform Policy

Clothing Item	Styles	Colors	Special Comments
Tops	Long or short sleeve polo-style shirt	Solid Red, White or Navy	Official Bush Logo shirts are permitted. Oversized shirts are not permitted.
	Oxford cloth, button down shirt	Solid White	Long or short sleeve
	Midi shirt with navy tie or white puff sleeve blouse with peter pan collar	White	Both are available at Parker School Uniforms*
	Official Bush Logo T-shirts	Red, White or Navy	Only official Bush logo T-shirts are permitted.
	All shirts must remain tucked in.		
Bottoms	Pants or Capri pants	Solid Navy or Khaki	Must fit at the waist.
	Walking shorts, skorts or skirts	Solid Navy, blue denim or Khaki	Must be finger tip length or longer. Must fit at the waist.
	Plain blue jeans	Blue denim only	No holes, no low riders, no fringe, no oversized legs, no embroidery

	Bush plaid skirt, walking shorts or skort	Bush plaid only	Available at Parker School Uniforms Must be finger tip length or longer.
Jumpers	Uniform-type jumpers	Solid Khaki, Navy, or Bush plaid	Must be Uniform type.
Jackets worn in the classroom	Jacket, sweater or sweatshirts	Solid Red, white, navy, or khaki	Official Bush Logo Sweatshirts are permitted.
Outdoor Jackets	Jackets or coats worn outdoors only	Any color	Jackets worn to and from school and at recess only.
Shoes	Closed toe and closed heel shoes (flat heels only)	Any color	Laces must be a proper length Shoes must be worn with socks.

Official Bush logo wear may be purchased at the Bush PTO School Store. Uniform items may be purchased at many area stores including Target, Academy, and Wal-Mart. Other uniform clothing, including our “Bush plaid”, may be purchased at our official uniform supplier which is:

*** Parker School Uniform**
12524 Memorial Drive
713-465-1635

In addition, clothing may be ordered on-line from Land’s End. Please use our preferred school number which is #9001-2016-3 and a portion of your purchase will be returned to our school.

General Guidelines

- On days that the students attend P.E., girls wearing a skirt or jumper should wear modesty shorts underneath these items.
- Stud earrings are recommended for safety purposes.
- No caps, hats, or bandanas are allowed inside the building.
- Solid red, white, or navy long sleeved shirts will be permitted under uniform tops on cold days.
- Students may wear scout uniforms on meeting days.

Items considered inappropriate for school:

Cosmetics

Oversized clothing

Bicycle pants/shorts, compression shorts, gym-type shorts

The following procedures will be followed when a child is not dressed in compliance with dress guidelines.

1. Classroom teacher will notify student and parent of the dress code infraction.
2. Upon a second occurrence, the office staff will call the parent.
 1. Parent will have the option of providing proper clothes or the child will be given clothes to wear for the school day. (Please wash and return clothes the next day.)
 - If clothes cannot be provided, the parents will be asked to bring proper clothes.
 - Student will not return to class until dress code infraction has been corrected.
 - A Dress Code Violation letter will be sent home with the student to inform the parent of the infraction. Please sign and return this letter.
 3. Chronic and repeated dress code infractions may result in a Discipline Referral to the office.

Note: HISD Code of Student Conduct states: Violation of a school's mandatory school uniform policy is a level II Act of Misconduct.

We appreciate the cooperation of the Bush parents in supporting the uniform policy and dress guidelines.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

It is imperative that all information on each child's enrollment card be complete and kept current. **If phone numbers (home, work, emergency or doctor) change, please notify the school office immediately.**

Be sure that you have a plan for picking your child up during the day should he/she get sick at school.

Students should not be picked up from school early except in emergency situations or for appointments that cannot be scheduled at other times.

Be sure that changes in "pick-up procedures" are clearly communicated and discussed **before** the child leaves home. Notify the teacher in writing when such changes occur.

Students will not be called out of class to talk on the phone. In emergency cases, messages will be relayed to students. This will not be done for messages that are of a routine nature. **Plan ahead!** Your child's instructional time is important.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are scheduled during the school year to support classroom activities. Some trips are sponsored by HISD while other field trips are planned by the teachers.

For any field trip, permission slips will be sent home by the teacher to be signed and returned. **No student will be allowed to go on a trip without written permission on the appropriate Field Trip Form. A Student Medical Emergency Treatment form must be on file with the nurse.**

Money is collected from students to cover the cost of buses and fees for field trips. Reservations, bus arrangements, and prior approval must be obtained for all student trips. It is necessary for our office to complete these arrangements, and prior approval must be obtained for all student trips.

Be sure to adhere to the timelines for money collection and return of permission slips to ensure that your child has a reserved space and can participate.
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Some field trips are considered extra curricular activities; therefore, they are optional. Students who choose not to participate will receive instruction at school.

Students must have a passing average (70%) in all major subject areas in order to be eligible to participate in extra curricular activities.

A high standard of conduct is expected of students who participate in field trip activities. Any student who exhibits poor conduct in the classroom as reflected on his/her report card may be excluded from participation in a scheduled field trip. Exclusion from a field trip(s) may be used as a consequence for specific acts of misconduct. Any student whose behavior is unacceptable on a field trip will be excluded from field trips for the remainder of the school year. Parents will be notified of this decision.

FIELD TRIP CHAPERONE POLICY

CHAPERONE POLICY: *Parents must complete a background check and be approved prior to chaperoning a field trip. The background check form can be picked up in the office. The completed form and documentation should be returned to the office. Teachers will only be notified as to who has been approved.

FIELD TRIP CHAPERONES – If a parent is invited to chaperone a field trip, please do not bring non school-aged or school-aged siblings. Supervision is critical and the chaperone must be solely concerned with watching the students on the field trip. Parent chaperones must ride the bus in order to chaperone the entire field trip.

FOODS OF MINIMAL NUTRITIONAL VALUE (FMNV)

The following food items may not be given to elementary school students during the school day.

FMNV – Restricted Foods

- 1. Soda Water :** Any carbonated beverage. No product shall be excluded from this definition because it contains discrete nutrients added to the food such as vitamins, minerals, and protein.
- 2. Water Ices:** Any frozen, sweetened water such as “...sicles” and flavored ice with the exception of products that contain fruit or fruit juice.
- 3. Chewing Gum:** Any flavored products from natural or synthetic gums and other ingredients that form an insoluble mass for chewing.
- 4. All Candy:** Any processed foods made predominantly from sweeteners or artificial sweeteners with a variety of minor ingredients that characterize the following types: hard candy, chocolate, jellies and gums, marshmallow, fondant, licorice, and spun candy.
- 5. Candy-Coated Popcorn:** Popcorn that is coated with a mixture made predominantly from sugar and corn syrup.

GIFTED AND TALENTED - VANGUARD PROGRAM

The Houston Independent School District provides a program for Gifted and Talented students. The Vanguard G/T program is designed to meet the needs of G/T students in grades K-12 by providing a homogeneous environment for students to work with their cognitive peers.

Bush offers the Vanguard program in grades first through fifth. Kindergartners enter the Vanguard program and receive service starting in late March or early April. Eligibility for the program is determined by classroom performance, standardized test scores, teacher recommendation, and specialized testing. Parents submit a completed application in the spring. Parents are notified, during the summer if the students do or do not qualify for the program.

GRADING

Students will receive report cards at the end of each grading period. The academic grades will reflect the classwork, homework, projects, and tests done for that period.

All grades will be numerical averages rather than letter grades. Please use the following scale for interpretation of grades:

90-100	Excellent quality of work – thorough mastery of subject matter.
80-90	Good quality of work – above average with consistent effort.
75-79	Satisfactory quality of work, average achievement.
70-74	Below quality of work expected – below average achievement.
Below 70	Unsatisfactory quality of work – poor work, failing.

Conduct will be marked with one of four letter grades to be interpreted as follows:

E	Excellent quality of behavior – totally self-disciplined.
S	Satisfactory quality of behavior – cooperates readily.
P	Poor quality of behavior – below average.
U	Unsatisfactory quality of behavior – needs drastic improvement.

The requirements for annual promotion are as follows:

- a. Overall average of 70 or above
- b. And average of 70 or above in language arts
- c. And average of 70 or above in math
- d. And average of 70 or above in science or social studies

Students must also meet HISD requirements on various standardized tests in order to be unconditionally promoted to the next grade level. Students who have excessive absences will have an * after their grades and must be reviewed by the attendance committee in order to be placed in the next grade level.

HOMEWORK

Homework is an extension of what has been taught in class. All students (grades 2-5) will have homework every night, Monday through Thursday. Homework will not be assigned on Fridays.

Students will be assigned some long-term activities such as outside reading, projects, etc. These assignments assist students in learning to budget their time and to take advantage of learning opportunities outside of the classroom.

Work with your child to schedule time each day to complete homework assignments and check to see that homework is done each day. Help your child to organize his/her materials so that they can get to school each day with all the things they need (including homework) for a successful day.

HOURS

School hours are **7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.** each day. It is important to the formation of good habits as well as to the educational process that all students arrive at school on time. Establish a daily plan for each child so that he or she can arrive at school on time each day.

Daily Schedule

7:40 a.m.	First bell
7:50 a.m.	Tardy bell
2:45 p.m.	Dismissal (students)

Students who walk or carpool should not arrive at school before 7:30 a.m. Students in grades PreK-2 wait at the front door. Grades 3-5 wait by the door near the office (Parkway Plaza side).

Students who are not in their classrooms by 7:50 a.m. will be counted tardy. Children who are tardy must have a note from home. Oversleeping, alarm clock trouble, no ride, etc. are considered unexcused tardies. Plans and back-up plans should be made to ensure that students arrive on time each day.

The policy of the Houston Independent School District does not provide for supervision of students before or after school hours. The policy reads as follows:

THE PRINCIPAL, TEACHERS, AND STAFF ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS WHO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL BEFORE THE DESIGNATED TIME BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN IN THE MORNING OR WHO ARE NOT INVOLVED IN A SUPERVISED ACTIVITY AND REMAIN AFTER THE DESIGNATED TIME IN THE AFTERNOON.

Students who are not in their classrooms by 7:50 a.m. will be counted tardy. Children who are tardy must have a note from home. Oversleeping, alarm clock trouble, no ride, etc. are considered unexcused tardies. Plans and back-up plans should be made to ensure that students arrive on time each day.

Students will be allowed two unexcused “tardies” each nine weeks. Repeated late arrival can result in loss of privileges.

NOTE: HISD Code of Student Conduct states: Unexcused tardiness to class is a Level I Act of Misconduct.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Make a plan for rainy or “bad” days. Be sure that your child is familiar with your plan and is able to follow it. **Please do not call the school office with instructions and messages. This should be handled in advance.**

If it is necessary to close school for the day because of weather conditions, this information will be carried by all local radio stations. Please do not telephone the school, the Police Department, or local stations. This ties up needed communication lines. Whenever possible, the decision will be made before 6:30 a.m.

Occasionally it is necessary to dismiss school during the school day. Please have a plan for your child to follow in such a case. HISD buses will run in these instances and information is carried on all local radio and television stations. Please **do not** plan to call the school with last minute instructions; this will be impossible with the number of students we have enrolled. If school is closed during the day, parents should come as quickly as possible to pick up their students.

If Houston has severe weather conditions watch the TV or listen to the radio; HISD will inform the media when schools are closed.

The principal does not have the authority to cancel or close school. HISD’s superintendent has the authority to cancel or close schools. **Please listen to the news for any decisions made by the superintendent.**

JUNE BOX

The “June Box” is a name that preceded the current school calendar! It was coined when school was not over until early June, but the box still works the same way.

Non instructional items such as cards, toys, games, etc. that are “taken up” by the teacher are placed in a “June Box.” The items are returned to the students on the last day of school. Parents may come to school and retrieve such items before the end of the year.

JUST IN CASE

We depend upon our patrons and nearby residents to “keep an eye on” the school especially on weekends and holidays.

If you suspect vandalism or notice any unusual occurrences at the school, please call HISD Police at 713-892-7777 or the Harris County Constable at 281-463-6666.

Remember that **Wednesday** is **Communications Day**. All important notices and newsletters will come home on Wednesday. Purge the backpack “just in case” there is a notice that did not get handed to you!

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten at Bush is a full day program. Students attend from 7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. daily. Kindergartners participate in all school activities including ancillary classes, lunch, recess, field trips, assembly programs etc.

In addition to the state adopted materials, Bush Kindergartners use Beginning to Read, Write, and Listen which is published by McGraw Hill. These workbooks are purchased with local funds and we believe they offer students a strong phonetic introduction to reading.

Kindergarten students are grouped heterogeneously in their homeroom classes. After 6-9 weeks, they begin “changing classes” for the reading readiness portion of the day. Kindergarten students take two standardized tests, the NNAT and the Stanford 10. These tests are part of a profile used in considering children for the Vanguard Program (Gifted and Talented). Kindergartners who qualify for the Vanguard Program begin receiving services in late March or early April.

Kindergarten is a time of discovery and development of independence and self-reliance. We feel that our program at Bush is designed to help young students make a successful transition from home to school.

See “P” for information on Prekindergarten.

LEAVING EARLY

Students who need to leave school for an appointment must be checked out through the office. Parents should plan to pick students up before 2:15 p.m. or plan to wait for them to be dismissed at 2:45 p.m. Students will not be called after 2:15 p.m. This plan is in place for the safety of all students.

LIBRARY AND MEDIA CENTER

A library is a wonderful place where children can learn and explore. Positive experiences in the library often help shape the children of today into the adult readers of tomorrow. With everyone's help and cooperation, the Bush Elementary Library and Media Center will be a beginning step which will encourage each child to become a lifelong reader.

The following information is designed to make each child's use of the library easy and beneficial. The library is open daily 7:50 a.m.-2:45 p.m. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays the library is open from 2:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m. for parents to escort their children for book check out. Books which are checked out from the library may be renewed once, but the book must be brought to the library in order to be renewed.

Returning books is the prerequisite for checking out more books. Unless each book is returned or renewed, no new books may be checked out.

If the book is not returned, payment for that book is due. Students must also pay for lost or damaged (beyond repair) books. Payments for the book will be the replacement cost of the book.

Parent volunteers contribute a great deal to our library and school. We greatly appreciate the assistance they give to our librarian and students. It is hoped that your child enjoys using the Library and Media Center. We look forward to a year of learning and fun.

The librarian sponsors reading incentive programs such as Name That Book and Bluebonnet Books.

LICE

It is really important that all parents check their own children for lice. The process is not pleasant, but it is simple!

Separate and examine portions of hair, especially at the nape of the neck, over the ears, and at the crown of the head. The nits are waxy looking and elliptical in shape. They adhere tightly to the hair shaft. Unlike dandruff or other flaking, the nits cannot be brushed or flicked off of the hair. They have their own super glue!

If your child does have lice, treat him/her immediately and please notify us. Your child's doctor can recommend a course of action, or use over the counter shampoos available at your pharmacy. Remember that shampooing is not enough; all eggs must be removed from the hair shaft. Household items such as pillows, bedspreads, sheets, plush toys, etc. should also be washed, treated, or put in plastic bags.

It is really important that all parents take an active role in checking and treating head lice. If a child has been infested, he/she should be treated quickly so that minimal instructional time is lost. One day is usually enough!

LOST AND FOUND

Bush students are asked not to bring toys or valuable items to school. The school will not be held responsible for toys or valuable items if they are lost on school property. Please see that your child brings only the necessary clothing and supplies to school.

Jewelry, clothing, and other personal items may not be loaned, sold, bought, traded, or given away at school. Lunch items may not be bought, sold or traded.

All removable articles of clothing as well as other belongings should be clearly and securely labeled with the child's first and last name to prevent loss. Lost and found articles are kept in the custodian's office.

Lost and found articles will be displayed periodically in the cafeteria so that students can claim these items. Encourage your child to check for his/her things.

LUNCH

A student may bring lunch or buy his/her lunch at school. Plate lunches, including milk, are \$1.40; milk is \$.50. Adult and non student plate lunches for children are priced at \$2.35.

Lunch cards are a super way to avoid lost money, forgotten lunches, etc. Cards can be used on an “as needed basis” for the entire year. The cashier keeps cards in the cafeteria and marks them as a student purchases his lunch.

1. Cards may not be used for a la carte items.
2. Cards may be purchased each morning from 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.
3. Cards may be purchased for a minimum of five days.
4. The Food Service Department **will not accept checks.**

There will not be a snack line for students who want to buy sandwiches, cookies, etc. These purchases can be made in the regular service line.

The HISD Food Service Department prints a calendar of menus each month. **Please keep these and refer to them for lunch menu information.**

Applications for free and reduced-price lunches are available in the office.

Lunchroom Rules:

1. Students will be quiet in the serving line.
2. Students will be polite to the Food Service Personnel.
3. Students may bring thermos bottles and non-carbonated drinks in cans (**NO Coke, Dr. Pepper, etc.**).
4. Students may talk in quiet voices during lunch.
5. Students will stay seated during the lunch period unless they receive permission from the duty teacher.
6. Students will be responsible for leaving the tabletops clear and picking up paper from under the tables.
7. School personnel will assist students in making healthy lunch selections. Students may not purchase multiple dessert items.
8. Lunch items may not be bought, sold, or traded.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

For the safety and protection of all students, medication (prescription or over the counter) may not be brought and kept by students to be taken during the school day.

School nurses may administer medication during the school day if a medication has been prescribed for a chronic or ongoing condition.

A school nurse cannot give medication without express orders from a physician. In order for such medication to be dispensed, the physician must complete a form stating the need for the medication and at least one parent must request in writing that the medication be administered during school hours.

Medication must be in the pharmacy container that shows the child's name and the type of medication.

Students who become ill at school will:

- be sent home if fever is 100 or above
- be sent home if vomiting occurs

For attendance purposes, students who are sent home due to illness will be counted absent for the day if they come to the clinic **before** 9:00 a.m.

Students must be free of fever without fever reducing medication (Tylenol, etc.) and/or vomiting for 24 hours before they may return to school.

If necessary, the HISD medication permission form may be requested from the nurse.

Certain communicable diseases require special handling and/or restrictions in conjunction with the school setting. The HISD policy regarding communicable disease control measures is included herein for your information.

Communicable disease control measures for all pupils and personnel in the Houston Public Schools

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	May remain in school unless medical advisor determines that open sores or skin eruptions, behavior, or toilet training poses a risk to others.
Chicken Pox	May return to school on seventh day after appearance of eruptions if temperature normal and no complications, no moist lesions.
Diphtheria	Exclude case and/or close contacts until released by City of Houston Health Department.
Hepatitis (Infectious A)	Exclude until no fever and no jaundice, or statement of physician that person is non-infectious.
Impetigo	Exclude until treatment begun. Keep covered while in school.
Lice	Exclude until the hair is free of live organisms and nits.
German Measles (Rubella)	May return to school seven days after appearance of rash.
Measles (Rubeola)	Return to school 4 or 5 days after rash appears, if other symptoms are gone. Family contacts, no restrictions. Optional notification.
Meningitis Meningococcal (epidemic-type)	Exclude until statement from physician that person is non-infectious. No restrictions on contacts.
Mononucleosis (Infectious)	Exclude until recovered or released by physician. Contacts, no restrictions.
Mumps	Exclude for 9 days or until all swelling is gone and temperature normal. Contacts, no restrictions.
Conjunctivitis (Pink eye)	Exclude until recovered, or physician's statement that person is non-infectious.

Communicable Disease Control continued...

Poliomyelitis	Exclude until released by physician. Contacts, no restrictions.
Ringworm of scalp	May attend school provided under treatment by a physician. Contacts, no restrictions.
Ringworm of skin	May attend school provided the areas are covered. Contacts, not restrictions. (Treatment recommended)
Scabies	Exclude until released by physician. All in household should be treated at same time. School contacts, not restrictions.
Streptococcal Infections: Scarlet fever Scarlatina "Strep" sore throat	Exclude until released by the physician. Contacts no restrictions. (Usually 24 hours from date antibiotic treatment begun.)
Tuberculosis	Exclude until released by a physician. Household contacts must have release from physician.
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	Exclude until free of cough or until released by physician. Contacts, no restrictions.

NUMBER SENSE

Students in fourth and fifth grade receive Number Sense instruction as part of their regular math class. Number Sense is a series of techniques to improve mental math computation skills. Students practice adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing using no scratch paper.

Students who excel will compete with others to complete 80 problems in ten minutes. Bush Elementary will have a school competition to select representatives to compete at the area level.

ORGANIZATIONS

PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

Bush Excellence Committee (BEC) – The school shared decision-making team is called the BEC. Parents, teachers, and community members work together to plan and make decisions for the school. The BEC minutes are posted outside the office.

The Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) – The PTO invites you to become an active member. The yearly membership drive begins in September. Through participation in the PTO's activities, parents assist in providing additional teaching aids and materials for our school. There also is great value and satisfaction in the friendships fostered through participation in school endeavors.

PTO meetings will be held at least four times a year. Advance notice will be sent home with the students. PTO minutes are posted outside the office.

Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) - Our VIPS give regularly of their time and talents. Their projects include assisting in the Library-Resource Room, reading, tutoring, lunchroom, and many other areas.

Room Parents – Room parents coordinate volunteer activities at the classroom level. These include parties, field trips, and activities geared to the specific grade levels. They also assist the teacher in any way possible when help is requested.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Safety Patrols are fifth grade students who can accept added responsibility and can assist the staff in providing for the safety of the other students. Faculty sponsors and the administrators work closely with these patrols.

The Bush Choir is made up of selected students from the fourth and fifth grades. The choir performs for school functions.

PARKING

Safety above all else is a core HISD value. Follow all no parking signs and guidelines around Bush Elementary. The visitor parking lot driveway and the entrance and exit lane are painted red and called “No Parking / Fire Zone” areas. Do not park your car and leave it unattended in this zone. Cars may line up in this zone at dismissal time as long as the driver stays in the car. The faculty and staff parking lot is reserved for Bush Elementary faculty and staff **ONLY**.

PARTIES

Students at Bush have two class parties each year. These occur prior to the winter holidays and on the last day of school. On other holidays, teachers devise classroom activities in lieu of parties.

Parents may bring cupcakes or cookies at lunch time for a student’s birthday. Please be sure to include the same treats for all members of the class. (See Birthdays herein for additional information.) Birthday parties are not permitted in the classroom or lunchroom.

PESTICIDES

As required by law, the school district is providing notification that the district periodically applies pesticides at school sites. Information concerning these applications may be obtained from the district’s Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Coordinator at 713-867-0818.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

State law requires all elementary school students receive at least 135 minutes of physical education activities per week. Bush students meet this requirement by attending PE classes during ancillary, walking the track, and activities at recess.

PREKINDERGARTEN

Prekindergarten at Bush is a full day program. (7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.) In order to be eligible for Prekindergarten, children must be four (4) years old on or before September 1 of the present school year. There are no exceptions to this age rule.

Prekindergarten Application – Must meet at least one of the following conditions:

- 1) Unable to speak and comprehend the English language *
- 2) Homeless
- 3) Economically disadvantaged
- 4) Tuition-based
- 5) Child of an active duty member of the armed forces, or the child of an armed forces member who was injured, killed, or missing in action while serving on active duty. (Refer to Article 6 of House Bill 1.)

*Limited English Proficiency (LEP) – Students who have a home language other than English, are tested to determine if they need extra support in understanding and comprehending spoken English.

PROMOTION POLICY

The Houston Independent School District uses three different academic measures to decide if a student will be unconditionally promoted to the next grade. They are course grades, a local or state test (High Frequency Word Test or TAKS), and a nationally norm-referenced test (Stanford or Aprenda). Please note that student attendance may also affect a student's promotion to the next grade level, since there is a limit of eight unexcused absences during the school year.

Grades 1 – 2

Grade 3

Grades 4 – 5

A Course Grades: Overall yearly average of 70 or above and an average of 70 or above in reading, other language arts, mathematics, and science or social studies.

B High Frequency Word Test:
Passing Score

TAKS: Passing score
(met minimum expectations) in
reading on English or Spanish
TAKS

TAKS: Passing score
(met minimum expectations)
in reading and math on
English or Spanish TAKS

C Stanford 10 or Aprenda: Meets
appropriate passing standard
for reading.

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appropriate passing standard
for reading and math.

QUESTIONS

1. What time should students be at school?

Answer: The first bell rings at 7:40 a.m. and the last bell rings at 7:50 a.m.

2. When are students counted tardy?

Answer: Students must be in the classrooms at 7:50 a.m. If they are not in the classrooms at that time, they will be counted tardy.

3. What time is school dismissed?

Answer: School is dismissed at 2:45 p.m.

4. When should students be at school and when should they be picked up?

Answer: Students should **not** be at school before 7:30 a.m., and they should be picked up no later than 3:00 p.m. There is no supervision before 7:30 a.m. or after 3:00 p.m.

5. Does Bush have bus service to school?

Answer: Yes, HISD provides buses for students who live over two miles from the school.

6. Do we have dress guidelines?

Answer: Yes, we do. Please refer to Dress Guidelines in this booklet.

7. Are students allowed to bring carbonated drinks to school (Coke, Dr. Pepper, etc.)?

Answer: No, students are not allowed to bring carbonated drinks to school. Non-carbonated drinks are allowed.

8. Can students buy school supplies at school?

Answer: Yes, we have a school store that is open Tuesday mornings from 7:30-8:00 and Fridays at lunch from 11:15-12:30.

9. How do students get into the Vanguard (Gifted and Talented) program?

Answer: Parents submit a completed application for the child in the spring. Parents are notified of eligibility during the summer.

RECORDS

Directory-type information is considered part of the public record. If parents do not wish to have such information released, they sign the form which follows this page or submit such a request to the principal in writing.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are given to students by their teachers after completion of each nine-week grading cycle.

The report cards are run in sets of three. **One** copy is sent home with the student to be signed by the parent/guardian. This copy should be returned to the teacher and retained in the student's classroom folder. **Another** copy is then sent to the parent. The **third** copy of the report card is kept on file in the school office. If the copy given to the student is **not returned** signed by the parent/guardian, **the second copy is filed in the student's classroom folder.**

RESIDENCY

Students must reside in the Bush attendance zone in order to attend school at Bush. Because Bush is a large school and must accommodate its own zoned students, no regular education transfers are granted. Special Education transfers are granted when the ARD committee recommends a program that is not offered at the child's home school.

If a student moves out of the Bush zone during the school year, the student must enroll in his/her "new" zoned school. Students may not remain at Bush after moving from the zone.

REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

The following items are required to register in an HISD school. **All documents** must be presented at the time of registration.

Proof of birth date (original/official copy of Birth Certificate or passport)
Student must be five on or before September 1 to enter kindergarten or six on or before September 1 to enter first grade.
(Prekindergarten must be four on or before September 1.)

Social Security Number (preferred, but not required)

Proof of Immunizations: (must be in English and signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the United States)

Diphtheria and Tetanus (Total of **FOUR** immunizations; booster on or after the fourth birthday.)

Polio (Total of **THREE** immunizations; booster on or after fourth birthday.)

MMR (Total of **TWO** immunizations on or after first birthday.)

Hepatitis A – **TWO** doses required for students 5 years and younger.

Hepatitis B – **THREE** doses required for all students.

Varicella (chicken pox) – **TWO** doses on or after the 1st birthday or a reliable history of the disease.

Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV7) – 1 dose on or after 24 months or a completed series and booster by 23 months required for students between the ages of 24 and 59 months.

Proof of residency in Bush attendance zone (**TWO** items required)

Current utility/phone bill, lease agreement with parent's name and address.

Check out papers and report card from previous school, if applicable.

Parent's or legal guardian's driver's license.

All registration documents must be **complete** before a child is considered "enrolled."
Classroom slots cannot be reserved until all documents are complete.

SAFETY PATROLS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Patrol Selection

Students must meet all of the following criteria in order to apply for the program.

Selected patrols must continue to meet all of these qualifications to stay in the program.

Grades, conduct, and attendance will be analyzed with the 3rd 9 weeks fourth grade report card and evaluated every 9 week period after.

- Grades
80s or higher in all subjects as listed for a 9 week grading period's report card
- Conduct
"E" as listed for a 9 week grading period's report card
- Attendance
Good attendance
No more than 2 tardies per 9 week grading period
- Teacher Recommendation
For initial selection the fourth grade teachers may make an exception to one of the above listed criteria for a recommendation to the program. (Example: Student receives an "S" for conduct, but has teacher recommendation.) During the 5th grade year, 5th grade teachers may make a recommendation for a patrol if a student does not meet one of the previously listed criteria.

Patrol Application Process

- Students who meet the following requirements: grades, conduct, and attendance, and are interested in being a patrol, may request an application from their homeroom teacher.
- Students will complete the application and submit to the patrol sponsor.
- Completing and submitting an application does not guarantee selection as a patrol.

- Applications will be reviewed and patrols will be selected based on the number of available positions.

Patrol Selection and Training

Fourth grade students selected to be patrols will receive written notification in May. New patrols will be trained in May. Training topics will include but not be limited to: safety procedures, Stranger Danger/emergency training.

Patrol Duty Locations

- Arrival
 - 2 patrols at PK/2 door to let in patrols
 - 2 patrols at bus lane entrance gate
 - 2 patrols at bus lane exit
 - Patrols to assist crossing guards at the intersections of Westerloch/Parkway Plaza and Parkway Plaza/Manderly
 - 2 patrols at PK – 2 waiting area
 - 2 patrols at 3 – 5 waiting area
 - 1 patrol at cafeteria door monitor
- Dismissal
 - 2 patrols on carpool lane sidewalk
 - 1 patrol at 1st grade water fountain
 - 1 patrol at 3rd grade water fountain
 - 2 patrols at cafeteria water fountains
 - Patrols to assist crossing guards at the intersections of Westerloch/Parkway Plaza and Parkway Plaza/Manderly

Patrols' Daily Schedules

- 7:20 arrival in carpool lane
- 7:55 patrols in 5th grade classrooms
- 2:25 patrols dismissed to MP room
- 2:55 patrols picked up in bus lane from MP room

SCHOOL STORE

The School Store is open Tuesday mornings from 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. and Fridays at lunch from 11:15-12:30. Supplies such as pencils, notebooks, etc. are available. Proceeds from the store go to the PTO and are used to enhance the instructional program at Bush.

SECURITY

Security patrolmen in radio-equipped automobiles are assigned to night and weekend patrol. They patrol school areas and monitor alarm systems. These patrolmen are armed. This is for the purpose of controlling vandalism in schools. Fortunately, our pupils take pride in our school and we have very few instances of vandalism. It is important to know that the parents of children who destroy school property are responsible for payment for that damage.

We urge parents who are in the vicinity to drive by the school on weekends and holidays. If any suspicious activity is observed, it should be reported to HISD Security at 713-892-7777.

SIGNING IN AND OUT

All visitors to the building must sign in and wear a tag **each** time they visit Bush Elementary. Volunteers should also use the computer workstation in the office to “log in” hours of service.

SELLING/TRADING

Bush students are not permitted to sell or trade toys or collective items on the campus or on buses. Items such as these distract students’ attention, thereby interfering with instruction in the classroom.

TARDIES

School begins at **7:45 a.m.** each day. We have a full schedule and it is important that children are at school on time in order to take full advantage of their day.

Students who arrive tardy after 7:50 a.m. must have a written excuse. Excused tardies are in the same category as excused absences (see Attendance). Oversleeping, alarm clock trouble, no ride, etc., are considered unexcused tardies. Plans and backup plans should be made to ensure that students arrive on time each day.

Remember, students who are tardy **must be signed in at the office by a parent** and have a note stating reason for the tardy.

Students will be allowed two unexcused “tardies” each nine weeks. Repeated late arrival may result in loss of privileges.

NOTE: HISD Code of Student Conduct states: Unexcused tardiness to class is a Level 1 Act of Misconduct.

TESTING

Students will be given several standardized tests during the school year. These are under the direction of the HISD Testing Department.

- Stanford – Kindergarten
- HFWL – 1st and 2nd Grade
- TPRI – K-2nd Grade
- Stanford 10 – 1-5
- TAKS – 3rd Grade – Reading, Math
- TAKS – 4th Grade – Reading, Math, Writing
- TAKS – 5th Grade – Reading, Math, Science
- NNAT – K & 5th Grade

These tests are given to assess student needs, monitor programs, and assist in planning instruction. Results of standardized tests are made available to parents.

On the Stanford 10 and TAKS test administration days parents and visitors will not be allowed into the building until the “all clear” testing is over announcement is made. On these major test dates, we want the least amount of distractions in the building to ensure the optimal testing environment.

TEXTBOOKS

It is important to teach our children to value and care for books. Textbooks are provided by the state, and used for a number of years. No child wants to receive a dirty, tattered textbook. If each child accepts the responsibility of keeping his books clean and covered, everyone will have nicer books to use.

If a textbook issued to the child is lost or damaged, the school must receive payment for the book before a new one is issued.

Textbooks are issued to us based on our student enrollment. We do not have extras to lend or sell for home use.

Textbook records must be clear **before** student records can be sent to other schools.

UNNECESSARY ITEMS

This term applies to things that do not directly relate to the child's instructional day. Toys, iPods, Mp3 players, other music devices, hand held video-type games, trading cards and similar items should **not** be brought to school. The school will not be responsible if such items are lost. If "unnecessary" items are brought to school the child may be subject to disciplinary action. Students who buy, sell or trade such items will be subject to disciplinary action. Unnecessary items that are "taken up" by the teacher will be placed in the "June Box". (See J)

Please monitor your child's backpack and the items he/she brings to school so that distracting, non-essential items, are left at home.

UNSATISFACTORY NOTICES

Progress reports will be sent midway through each grading period. These reports are to notify parents that a child's work in a subject or subjects is unsatisfactory.

Please sign the report and return it to school the next day. If you would like to talk with the teacher, indicate this on the slip and he/she will contact you to make an appointment.

VISITATION

We encourage parents to visit with their children during the lunch period. It's fun for parents and for the children. Children enjoy a special lunch, McDonald's, pizza, etc. If you choose to do this, please treat your own child or the whole class. Do not single out small groups within the class. This makes other students feel excluded.

Please remember that lunch is an important time for socialization among students. Be sure to "space" your lunch visits so that your child also has time for socialization with his/her peers.

VISITATION / STUDENTS

Children who are not enrolled at Bush may not "visit" in the classroom, or spend the day at school. Children from out of town or children who have been dismissed early from other schools may not visit the school during instructional time.

VOICE MAIL

We have a voice mail system at Bush to help in parent/teacher communications. Each teacher has a mailbox. The numbers are listed in a directory that can be accessed from any telephone.

Please remember that teachers **do not** have access to a phone in the classroom. They pick up messages at their planning time, after school or in the evening.

Emergency messages should be left with office personnel.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We want and need Bush parents to be involved in our school and their own child's educational process. There are many volunteer opportunities available. Be sure to watch for the Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) form that will be sent home at the beginning of the school year. Parents interested in volunteering may also contact the VIPS coordinator, the office or the child's teacher.

In accordance with HISD Board of Education policy, "Criminal history checks shall be conducted on volunteers engaged in direct and extended contact with students in volunteer activities, both during and after school hours, whether with or without direct monitoring by employees of the district." All volunteers must participate in a Volunteer Criminal History Background Check by completing the Volunteer Access to Police Records form (see the front office) and attaching a copy of an official form of identification (Texas Drivers License, Texas Identification or passport). Completed forms should be submitted to the school where

you plan to volunteer. If you plan to volunteer at more than one school, please list the schools on the form. Background checks for volunteers are required every school year and are good for volunteer service at any HISD school. Please allow up to three weeks for processing.

WAITING FOR STUDENTS

Please do not plan to meet your child at his/her room; this makes it difficult for our students to move down the halls to meet buses and carpools.

For security purposes, we ask that parents not enter the building prior to dismissal and congregate in the halls. Please use the carpool system to pick up your child. Parents who want to park on Westerloch (south side) may meet their children on the porch. **Please use the sidewalks and do not cross between cars in the carpool lane.**

Parents may want to avoid the wait by parking on Manderly and having their children cross with our safety patrols.

WALKERS

Students who walk to and from school should obey the following rules:

- Cross streets only at corners.
- Follow the route planned by parents.
- Meet friends outside building, not at the classroom.
- Meet siblings outside the building.
- Go straight to your own home.
- Have a plan for rainy days.

OTHER INFORMATION

Barbara P. Bush Elementary School Mascot

Bobcat

School colors

Khaki, navy, and red

SCHOOL SONG

Barbara Bush is our school's name
From a grand first lady it came.
Our school puts us to the test,
Helping us to do our best.
To our school we'll always be true.
Barbara Bush we're proud of you.

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9/24/2009

