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BARBARA BUSH ELEMENTARY BOBCATS – OCTOBER 14, 2009

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 15	12:30 p.m.	PTO Board Meeting
October 15	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Candidates Forum – Fondren Middle School
October 15	9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Kindergarten – Spotts Park/Main Street Theater
October 16	8:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.	1 st Grade – Houston Arboretum
October 19-23		Book-a-Palooza Week
October 21	9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	5 th Grade – Health Museum
October 22	9:00 a.m.	Prospective Parent Information Session
October 26-30		Book Fair Week
October 26-30		Drug Free Awareness Week
October 29		Book Fair Night & Italian Dinner
November 1	2:00 a.m.	Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 3	9:00-11:45 a.m.	½ 3 rd Grade – Museum Fine Arts
November 4	9:00-11:45 a.m.	½ 3 rd Grade – Museum Fine Arts
November 4	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Papa John's Pizza Pick-up at Bush
November 6	9:00 a.m.	Bush Vanguard Neighborhood G/T Forum

BOBCAT NEWS

BUSH BOBCATS SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Please help to make life a little more comfortable for our troops serving overseas. We will be having a gift drive from October 22nd – November 13th. Each grade level has specific items to donate. Please check the flyer which came home today.

Thank you for your support. Your gifts mean so much to our troops.

BOOK-A-PALOOZA

The theme for our week-long reading festival this year is “**Bush Reading Round Up.**” On Monday, October 19th, there will be a Book-a-Palooza kick-off ceremony for students in the courtyard. Every day during that week, something exciting will be going on to get the students curious about books. All students, faculty, and staff will begin every morning by reading from 8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. On Wednesday, students will attend the exciting THE WILD WEST READING SHOW presented by educational entertainer Julian Franklin. Friday is our big “**Bush Reading Round Up**” when upper grade students partner with lower grade students to share the reading experience. Make sure you continue the spirit of Book-a-Palooza at home and always encourage your child to read!

BOOK FAIR

The annual Bush Book Fair will be held October 26-30. Students will preview books with their classes early in the week and may bring cash or a check (payable to Bush PTO) to purchase books **any time during the week**. Students love the excitement of selecting items and making purchases all by themselves! Parents and other family members are welcome to shop during the week as well. Our big event is the Italian Supper and Book Fair Night on Thursday, October 29. The Book Fair will be in the Multi-Purpose room all week long, and our hours will be:

7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday
 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Thursday
 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Friday

Look for more information coming home today!

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

BUS ELIGIBILITY

Students must live **over** two (2) miles from their zoned school in order to be eligible for school bus transportation. All routes and eligible zones are established by the HISD Routing and Scheduling Department. Drivers **must** run the route and pick up at the locations determined by Routing and Scheduling. Please do not ask drivers to make changes in the route.

Non-eligible students may not ride the bus to visit friends, attend birthday parties, sleepover, etc.

The entire handbook is available at:
www.bushelementary.org

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

Here is the Spectacular Science Word for the week of October 12: conclusion

VISITORS TO THE BUILDING

ALL parents, grandparents, and visitors who wish to enter the school will need to have a valid state-issued driver license or a valid state-issued picture ID. These may be attained at the Texas Department of Transportation Driver License offices. The license or the ID will be scanned, a background check performed, and if approved, a visitor's badge will be printed. The badges will have your picture, name, time, and visit location. Please make sure you bring your driver's license/state ID if you wish to go past the office. **Grandparents, older siblings and other visitors who come for lunch must be accompanied by the parent or have the parent's approval (in the form of a note, or the person must be listed on the enrollment card.)** Please be advised all IDs will be checked at the office before going into the building. Thank you for making Bush a safe and secure campus.

LET THEM EAT PIZZA!

Papa John's Pizza -Teacher Delivery Night is Wednesday, November 4! Once again, instead of teachers delivering pizzas, families will come to Bush to pick up their pizzas from the teachers. The pizza will be pre-ordered and forms will be handed out next week. Please return the order forms to school as soon as possible. The teachers and staff will be in the carpool lane "delivering" pizzas to the cars that pull up between 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Payment and tips will be collected in the carpool lane that night when you get your pizza.

This will be a fun **FUN**draising evening!

BUSH VANGUARD NEIGHBORHOOD G/T FORUM

Save the date! The next Bush Vanguard Neighborhood G/T Forum is scheduled for **Friday, November 6 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Bush Multi-Purpose room. Parents of G/T students should plan to attend this meeting to see and hear from teachers about G/T classroom differentiation and to select parents to be on the Bush G/T Advisory Council.

FROM THE ART ROOM

All orders for the *Original Works* items must be turned in by **Monday, October 19th**. The products will be delivered to school around November 20th.

PTO NEWS

Thank you to all of the families, teachers and staff who joined the Bush PTO! Bragging rights for the class with the highest percentage of students whose families joined the PTO go to ... Mrs. Ennis (76%)! Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Traylor tied for 2nd; Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Dow tied for 3rd. We celebrated the end of our membership drive with a popsicle party for **all** students!

CANDIDATES FORUM

Southwest Houston 2000 is hosting a Candidates' Forum tomorrow, Thursday, October 15 from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Fondren Middle School, 6333 S. Braeswood.

City of Houston: Mayor, Controller
Council Positions: Districts C and F
At-Large Positions 1-5
HISD School Board: Districts 5, 6, and 9

For more information, please refer to the flyer which came home last week.

PROSPECTIVE PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Do you have a child coming to Bush next year? Then come and join a prospective parent information session that will answer all your questions about Bush Elementary programs and curriculum. We will tour the school and discuss all of the wonderful things Bush has to offer. If you know a neighbor or friend who would like to attend one of these information sessions, please pass the invitation on to them. These sessions will take place at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates: October 22, November 19, January 29, February 18, March 25, May 6, May 13, and May 21.

SCHOOL NEWS NETWORK

(articles submitted by other area schools)

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

The Westside Music Boosters is now taking orders for Poinsettias from The Brookwood Community. They are florist-grade 16 inch plants with 5-7 blooms, each wrapped in decorative foil for \$15 each. They will be delivered to WHS on Friday, December 4th. All proceeds benefit the Band, Choir and Orchestra program at Westside HS.

We are also selling Blue Wave Car Wash cards for \$5. Each card is loaded with a \$14 credit. That is \$9 of free car wash credit and it helps fund the great music programs at Westside HS.

For more information please contact Jordana Ford at 281-788-6241 or jordanaf@att.net.

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