



What a fantastic first week of school! Thank you for your attendance to our Parent Information Nights. Hopefully you found the information helpful for you and your students. Routines have been established and we are on our way to another successful year. I encourage you to take time to read the Bush Student/Parent Handbook Addendum that was sent home. This booklet describes arrival, dismissal, transportation procedures, visitor information, severe weather dismissal, and cafeteria information. Please sign and return the acknowledgement on the last page of the booklet.

We have begun our early morning programs. Avoid the long car lines, drop off your children by 7:30 and let them participate in these fun-filled activities:

- Raz-Kids in the Library
- First In Math / IXL / Tech Lab
- Study Hall / Fun reading in the Library
- Moveable Minutes– physical activities (outside across from Art Room)
- Drawing Desk (Art Room)

Thank you for your support and partnering with us to make this a productive and successful year for our Bobcats!

Judy Mills



Eight of our Bobcat Kindergarteners are children of staff members! Wow! From left to right are Zoe Nettuno with mom, Brooke; Andrew Tiblier with mom, Meagan; Michael & Thomas Sellers with mom, Danielle; Gabriel Carrera with mom, Jennifer; Marek Bruno with mom, Jen; Hallie Peterson with mom, Kristin; and Bobby Beardsley with mom, Angie.

Important Dates

Sept. 1	Volunteer Training, 9:00a.m.
Sept. 5	Holiday—School Closed
Sept. 6	Cafeteria open to visitors
Sept. 13	Fall Pictures
Sept. 15	Choir Begins
Sept. 15	PTO General Meeting
Sept. 20	Progress Reports go Home
Sept. 20	2nd Grade Fall Fun With Friends
Sept. 21	Read for a Better Life Kick Off

Important school phone and fax numbers:

Main number	936-709-1600
Nurse (Mrs. Kirchner)	936-709-1600
Cafeteria	936-709-1613
Fax	936-709-1699



REPORTING ABSENCES

When your child is absent from school, it is important to notify the school by either calling the front office, emailing us at Bush@Conroeisd.net or your child's teacher. If you have a doctor's note, please send it to school in your child's folder the first day he/she returns to school.

NURSE'S UPDATE



Important reminder to reduce the spread of head lice:

Frequent head checks at home, i.e. at least once a week, as well as after sleepovers and school breaks, are the best way to prevent head lice. *The Center for Disease Control (CDC)* is an excellent web source for information on lice.

Parents need to bring medications to the clinic and sign a permission form for all medications to be given at school.

Please be sure to contact me with your child's medical issues, illnesses and injuries. Feel free to come to the clinic, call or email me.

Thinking About Volunteering at Barbara Bush?



We would love to have you and we welcome all volunteers at Bush! Please know that it is necessary to complete the volunteer background form annually. So don't delay! Go to <https://apps.conroeisd.net/volunteer/> and complete the form so you can volunteer today! Thanks.

A MATTER OF SCHOOL SECURITY....

In order to keep our Bobcats safe and also to have an accurate accounting of who is in the building, it is necessary for all visitors to have their driver's licenses scanned by the front office. You will be provided with a visitor's tag that should be worn at all times while in the building. Beginning this school year, it is also necessary for you to "check out" at the front desk. Our scanning software may not read out-of-state or out-of-country licenses. It's a good idea to bring these licenses every time you come in. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Meeting your Bobcat for lunch? Beginning the week of September 6, our cafeteria will be open for visitors. We find the children really need the last five minutes of the lunch period to focus on finishing their lunches and consolidating their trash. Usually, a teacher will use the microphone to remind the children it is the last five minutes of lunch. Parents, we ask at this time you give your Bobcat a hug and exit the cafeteria. We also ask that you adhere to visiting on the following days:

Mon.—Kindergarten (11-11:30 a.m.) Wed.—2nd Gr. (11:15-11:45 a.m.)
Tues.—1st Gr. (11:30-12:00 p.m.) Thurs.—3rd Gr. (12:05-12:35 p.m.)
Fri.—4th Gr (11:45 a.m.-12:15p.m.)

The Conroe Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding these non-discrimination policies:

Title IX Coordinator, 3205 W. Davis, Conroe, Texas 77304; (936)-709-7700 and the Section 504/ADA Coordinator, 3205 W. Davis, Conroe, Texas 77304; (936) 709-7670.

If you are changing your Bobcat's transportation for dismissal, you may do so in one of three ways: (1) write a note and put it in your child's folder for the teacher; (2) fax it to (936) 709-1699; or (3) email the front office at Bush@conroeisd.net. The fax or email need to be received by us before 2:30 p.m. This allows us necessary time to be sure all notes are printed, sorted and delivered. Thank you.



Library News

Welcome to the Bush Library! There are a lot of exciting things happening in the library this week. Students will bring home their first books and library lessons will begin.

You will be getting a flyer home informing you and your student about a great program we have in the library called "Birthday Book Club." This is a wonderful way for your student to be recognized during his/her birthday month and donate to the library at the same time. This money goes towards new books for our library. Please be on the lookout for this flyer in your child's Tuesday Folder.

If you would like to volunteer in the library, I would love to have you! There are always books to shelve along with many other ongoing projects. There are several more spots available for this school year if you are interested in filling in every third week. We also have many exciting dates throughout the year that could not happen without our fabulous volunteers such as book fairs and our Paperback Book Exchange. Please contact Mrs. Tiblier at mtiblier@conroeisd.net if you are interested.

PTO news

Bush Basics

Bush spirit wear, car decals, and PTO family memberships are on sale until September 16, 2016. Visit www.bushpto.com to order yours today. Online orders will be sent home in students' backpacks. Many thanks to all the families who have already purchased their spirit wear and memberships!

Spirit Friday

Every Friday is Spirit Day at Bush!! Wear your spirit shirts to show your Bobcat pride!

Get Involved

The first General PTO meeting is Thursday September 15, 2016 at noon. All PTO members are invited to join us. We will have guest speakers Mrs. Judy Mills and Mrs. Stacey Strecker. They will introduce and explain this year's theme "Growth Mindset". We look forward to seeing you there!

PTO news

Volunteer Meeting and Training

The general volunteer meeting will be Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 9am. If you are interested in volunteering this school year, this meeting will showcase all of the volunteer opportunities! Copy room training will be immediately after the meeting for those interested.

Yearbooks are on sale NOW!!

To order your yearbook today, go to www.bushpto.com and click on the Balfour Yearbook Link. This will be the only way to buy a yearbook this year! It is \$25 through 9/16/16. Prices will increase after 9/16. Don't delay! Order today!

Box Tops for Education

Our first Box Tops collection is September 16, 2016. Send in your Box Tops with your Bobcat now! Did you know that each box top is worth 10 cents? It's amazing how quickly they add up! We've set a goal of \$4,000 for Box Tops this year. Are you up for the challenge? To make it even more fun, the class in each grade level that brings in the most Box Tops wins a special surprise! Need help figuring out where you can find Box Tops? Check out www.boxtops4education.com

Share Day this week!

Our first PTO Share day is this Friday – August 31 at Crust Pizza in Alden Bridge! Bring your flyer, or mention Bush Elementary to the cashier, and Crust will donate 15% of your order to Bush Elementary! It can be dine in or carry out. Take a night off cooking; pizza makes a great dinner! And lunch too!

Breakfast with Bobcats

Breakfast with Bobcats will be 9/27- 9/29. Be on the lookout for more details regarding this fun morning of donuts with your Bobcat before school!

Student Directory

Calling all Barbara Bush supporters! We are still looking for sponsors for our Bush Directory and/ or Boosterthon shirts! If you have a business, or know of someone who may be interested in supporting our school, please contact Amanda Beard at abeard@wm.com. Thank you again for supporting our school!