Back to School Night/Annual Title 1 Meeting

This is a very valuable opportunity to learn about your child’s classroom for this year. This night is for parents only. We look forward to seeing you Tuesday, August 27th, at 5:00pm. The evening will begin in the cafeteria with important information along with an overview of our Title I program. Please allow additional time to park. Our teachers will hold two classroom sessions to accommodate families with multiple children at our school. Extra PE time for Primary and Intermediate classes with best attendance!

5:00-5:25 Parent to report to Cafeteria
5:30-5:50 Session I
5:55-6:15 Session II

School Starts at 8:15 but Aim for 8:05

Please try to have your child at school by 8:05. Teachers are on playground duty at 7:50 and take students inside to begin the day at 8:10 AM. Bringing your child a few minutes early allows them time to socialize with their friends prior to the start of school and establish a calm beginning to the school day rather than coming late and rushing to class. For your child’s safety, DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR CHILD PRIOR TO 7:50 AM! No students allowed on campus before 7:50 AM.

Please Remember to drive slowly and cautiously around our school. The speed limit in the crosswalk on McLellan is 15 mph – heed the crossing guard and allow her to clear the lane before you proceed through.

Bush Calendar of Events

**August**

Aug. 22 Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kickoff
Aug. 27 Back to School Night at 5:00-6:15 PM

**September**

Sept. 2 Labor Day, No School
Sept. 9 Cookie Dough Order Forms due
Sept. 9 Pool Party @ Stapley 5:30-7:30 PM
Sept. 17 PTO Meeting @ 3:30 PM
Sept. 18 Early Release @ 12:45 PM
Sept. 19 Picture Day!
Sept. 27 6th Gr. To JA Biztown @ 9:15 AM

**October**

Oct. 3 Cookie Dough Delivery
Oct. 4 End of First Quarter
Oct. 4 Early Release @ 12:15
Oct. 7-11 October Break – No School
Oct. 14-18 Parent/Teacher Conf. Early Release @ 1:45.
Oct. 24 Picture Retakes
Oct. 30 Montessori to Planetarium 9:15 AM – 1:00 PM

**November**

Nov. 6 2nd Gr. Patriotic Performance @ 6 PM
Nov. 6 Early Release @ 12:45
Nov. 11 Veteran's Day – No School
Nov. 15 Fall Carnival
Nov. 19 PTO Meeting @ 3:30 PM
Nov. 26 Turkey Trot @ 10:00 AM
Nov. 27-29 Happy Thanksgiving – No School

**Office Contacts**

Principal: Tracy Olson
Secretary: Lynette Smith 472-8541
Office Specialist: Maria Pozzi
Attendance: 472-8542
Main Office: 472-8500
Nurse: Karin Martin 472-8543 (M & TH)
Health Asst.: 472-8566 every day
Office Hours: 7:30–3:30
Fax: 480-472-8545
Our school website: www.mpsaz.org/bush
Parents Right to Know
Title I Schoolwide and/or Target Assistance Programs

We are pleased to notify you that in accordance with the Every Students Succeeds Act, 2015, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child’s teacher. Specifically, you may request the following:

- Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria has been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive this information, please contact your school’s principal Tracy Olson, at 480-472-8500, and he will be happy to assist you.

Dear Parents,

Bush receives additional supplemental funds through a Title I grant from the federal government to provide extra supplementary services for all of our students. Your children will benefit directly or indirectly from this extra help. At Bush these funds along with other federal resources will be consolidated to support school wide positive changes. Funds can be used to:

- Hire highly qualified instructional personnel to assist teachers within the classrooms
- Provide training for staff and teachers
- Provide supplemental instructional materials and technology
- Ensure high-quality School wide Programs
- Increase parent involvement participation

We are pleased to have these funds to provide high quality instruction for all children.

Upcoming School Fundraiser;

Gourmet Cookie Dough

Barbara Bush Elementary School has made it a priority to minimize the number of school fundraisers. Our PTO continues to play a critical role in supporting the teaching and learning occurring daily for our students. You have an opportunity to support the PTO and Student Council (and get some yummy gourmet cookie dough) at the same time. Our PTO and Student Council will be kicking off a joint venture fundraiser on Thursday, August 22nd. We have many fun incentives and prizes for our students. Each student will receive one pre-sale order form. Please collect payment when orders are placed and have all checks made payable to Barbara Bush Elementary School.

Funds raised by our community will allow our PTO and Student Council to continue to provide enhanced support of the teaching and learning in our school. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this important effort.

Please Check-In

Parents and authorized adults are welcome on campus. State law requires that visitors report to the office and sign in and out. They must also pick up a VISITOR or VOLUNTEER badge at that time. The badge must be worn at all times on our campus.

Please do not go to your child’s classroom even if you are just dropping off homework, lunch, or lunch money, etc. without checking in the office. Your assistance in assuring the safety of our students is greatly appreciated.
HEALTH SCREENINGS

All students in Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th grade, Special Ed, all new students to the district, and those who failed the hearing screening last year are scheduled for hearing screening during the school year. The first screening is scheduled for August 29-30, at Bush. Parents will be notified by Audiology if your student does not pass the hearing screening.

All students in Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th grade, Special Ed, and all new students to the district will have their vision screened sometime during the school year. Parents will be notified by the Health Office if your student does not pass the vision screening.

Blood pressure screening will be done on all 5th graders. The Health Office will notify parents of any students that are out of the normal range.

Please notify the Health Office if you do not want your child to participate in the screenings.

Karin Martin RN School Nurse

September is Head Lice Prevention Month!

What are Head Lice?

Head Lice are not known to transmit any disease and therefore are not considered a health hazard. Head Lice are tiny, wingless, grayish-tan insects that live and breed in human hair. The eggs, called nits, are easier to see than the lice themselves and are usually found attached to hair shafts, close to the scalp behind the ears and on the back of the head. Nits cannot be washed away like dirt or dandruff; they must be removed with a special comb designed for that purpose. Head lice can only survive for about half a day without a human host and cannot live on family pets.

Head lice infestations can be asymptomatic, particularly with a first infestation or when an infestation is light. Itching ("pruritus") is the most common symptom of head lice infestation and is caused by an allergic reaction to louse bites. It may take 4-6 weeks for itching to appear the first time a person has head lice. You should examine your child's head, especially behind the ears and at the nape of the neck, for crawling lice and nits if your child exhibits symptoms of a head lice infestation. If crawling lice or nits are found, all household members should be examined for crawling lice and nits every 2-3 days. Persons with live (crawling) lice or nits within ½ inch or less of the scalp should be treated.

Head Lice are contagious. They are spread through the sharing of personal items such as combs, brushes, scarves, hats, headphones, sleeping bags, pillows, and stuffed animals. To minimize the risk of repeated outbreaks, remind your children not to share these items!

How are they detected? The first clue that a child has head lice is frequently scratching the scalp. To check for infestation, carefully examine the hair around the back of the neck and behind the ears. Since head lice shy away from light, you may see only their eggs (nits), small, whitish ovals of uniform size attached to the hair shafts.

Other symptoms may include:

• A tickling feeling or sensation of something moving in the hair.

• Irritability and sleeplessness

• Sores on the head caused by scratching. These sores caused by scratching can sometimes become infected with bacteria normally found on a person's skin.

How are they treated? Head lice infestations can be treated with a head lice medication, called a pediculocide. There are several pediculocides on the market, and they come in many forms: shampoo, cream rinse and lotion. Consult your medical provider as there are prescription medications available for resistant cases.

Nit (head lice eggs) combs, often found in lice medication packages, should be used to comb nits and lice from the hair shafts. Many flea combs made for cats and dogs are also effective.

After each treatment, checking the hair and combing with a nit comb to remove nits and lice every 2-3 days may decrease the chance of self re-infestation. Continue to check for 2-3 weeks to be sure all lice and nits are gone.

Resources:
http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/treatment.html
Transportation

Parents please be aware that regular education transportation has a ten minute window when dropping at school in the morning and arriving at the school in the afternoon. We do this because of the many unforeseen circumstances that may arise. We wish you and your families a highly successful school year.

BUSH CAFÉ

The Bush Café offers nutritious, well balanced, and affordable meals to all students. Breakfast meals are $1.25 each day and Lunch meals are $2.05 daily.

We take feeding your child a delicious and nutritious meal very seriously. All of our bread items are at least 50% whole grain. All of the entrees are baked, not fried. We offer 1% white milk and fat free white and chocolate milk, and juice daily with every meal. Remember to use my SchoolBucks.com @ www.myschoolbucks.com to add money to your child's account. The cost per transaction is $2.49. You will need your child's 6 digit ID# and their birthday to create an account. If you have any questions/problems with your account you may call MySchoolBucks.com at 1-855-832-5226, Monday-Friday 7am-7pm EST. If you need to contact the school cafeteria manager please call 480-472-8553

Free Books from Kellogg's!


Go Bobcats!

Getting Connected

If you need to speak with your child's teacher, you can dial direct to the classroom. To preserve instructional integrity, the classroom phones do not ring during school hours. Calls will be routed directly to voicemail during this time. Staff members will return calls within a professional timeline.

**Please make all arrangements with your child before school to avoid interruptions to the classroom.**

All numbers begin with 47x-xxxx. If you need to speak to someone immediately, please call the main office.

Kindergarten
Desiree Wells 28502
Linda Hansen 28503

1st Grade
Alison Cowd 28520
Kay Tiller 28519
Connie Walters 28518

2nd Grade
Janet Cox 28512
Laurine Davis 28513
Molly Thede 28514

3rd Grade
Jacy Solis 28515
Bradley Hughes 28516
Janae Hansen 28517

4th Grade
Leslie Taylor 28527
Patricia Miller 28525

5th Grade
Marni Mastin 28524
Patricia Medina 28523

6th Grade
Le Ritter 28529
Connie Galbreath 28530
Christina Karles 28528

Montessori
Suzanne Collins 28510
Janet Duffey 28511
Nina Stevens 28508
Jenny Shope 28509

Special Education
Amy Stevens 28505
Lisa Haverstrom 28507
Brenda Hook 28504
Taylor Neiman 28506
Kelly Cole 28526
Chrissie Beltran 28531

School Psychologist
Emily Lynch 28539

School Counselor
Gary Ingle 28546

Speech
Louise Seiler 28538

Title 1 Specialist
Foe Fosdick 28549