Help your child build vocabulary and comprehension at the same time.
A big vocabulary helps children to understand what they read. This reduces how often they have to stop reading and ask, "What does this word mean?" To build vocabulary, it's important to read often, use new words in conversation, and teach words by explaining them. It also helps to:

- Make definitions easy to understand.
  When defining "curious," for instance, you might say, "A curious person is eager to learn more."
- Give Relatable examples. "When the big box arrived from Grandma, you were curious about what was inside."
- Ask your child to give examples. "Can you think of someone who was curious?"
  "Fernando was curious about how Amy's book ended."
- Keep using the new word. "I'm curious about countries in South America. Let's do some research together.

School Starts at 8:10 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! No students allowed on campus before 7:50 AM.

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Conferences are scheduled for October 14th-18th. School will be released at 1:45 each day. Notices will be sent out during the first week in October. We value your support, and recognize the importance of parental involvement in the area of academic achievement in school.

Bush Calendar of Events

**October**
- Oct. 3 Cookie dough Delivery
- Oct. 4 End of First Quarter
- Oct. 4 Early Release @ 12:15 PM
- Oct. 7-11 October Break - No School
- Oct. 14-18 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Students Released @ 1:45 PM
- Oct. 24 Picture retakes

**November**
- Nov. 6 2nd Grade Patriotic Performance @ 6 PM
- Nov. 6 Early Release @ 12:45 PM
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day - No School
- Nov. 15 Fall Carnival - 5:30 - 8:30 PM
- Nov. 19 PTO Meeting @ 3:30 PM
- Nov. 26 Turkey Trot
- Nov. 27-29 Happy Thanksgiving - No School

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Our school website: www.mpsaz.org/bush
**Student Drop-off & Pick-up**

To ensure Student Safety please:
- Keep vehicle in line in order of arrival
- Pull forward to minimize gaps
- Remind your student to actively look for your vehicle during pick up.
- Have students exit/enter vehicle as quickly as possible.
- Do not park in fire lanes or spaces designated for individuals with a disability with the designated license place or hanging tag.

The efficiency of student drop-off and pick-up is up to you. Please do your part.

**New Student Council**

Meet the new Barbara Bush Student Council officers:
- Maddie Walker - President
- Riley Palmer - Vice President
- Savannah Springer - Secretary
- Bella Cullimore - Treasurer
- Sterling Olson - Spirit Leader

Congratulations and we hope you have a great year on the Student Council!

**School Spirit Fridays**

The days below have been identified by our student council as school spirit days.

- **October 4th** - Twin Day
- **November 1st** - Crazy Hair Day
- **December 6th** - Pajama Day
- **January 21st** - 100 Year Old Day
- **February 7th** - Wild West Day
- **March 6th** - Favorite Character Day
- **April 3rd** - Sports Day
- **May 1st** - 1980s Day

**Fall Carnival & Silent Auction**

The PTO Fall Carnival school event is on Friday, Nov. 15th, from 5:30-8:30PM. The carnival will be another wonderful family event, and also serves as a fundraiser for our school. Come out and enjoy the evening!

**$$ ECA Donations**

ECA Donations to the Barbara Bush general account directly support our student activity opportunities before and after school and at lunch. These donations translate directly into awesome opportunities for students! It’s easier than ever to make extracurricular activity (ECA) donations by credit card. From [www.mpsaz.org](http://www.mpsaz.org), you'll find it in the navigation bar titled Parents and then in the section titled “ECA Program.” That link takes you to general information about the ECA state tax credit program. From there, click on the “ECA Donation Online” icon at the top of the page. When you login to pay by credit card, the security of your transaction is assured by VeriSign. It’s convenient and safe for anyone who wants to lower their tax bills by supporting their child’s school. Thank You!

**Title 1 Tidbit**

Meet Ms. Janice and Ms. Melanie! These ladies look after the children in the lunchroom and on the playground. The kids love them and so do we!

Go, Bobcats!