



BUSH ELEMENTARY FEBRUARY 2023



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Bush Families,

February is here and as the shortest month of the year, it seems to fly by. This year doesn't look to be any different.

- We will honor Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 14th.
- Each teacher will also be sharing how their classroom will celebrate.
- There is no school on Friday, February 24th, and Monday, February 27th.

On Monday, February 6th our staff was able to collaborate with district educators on our five-year strategic plan, school safety measures, and district celebrations. There is an opportunity for you to share your input at The Strategic Plan Stakeholder Engagement Series on Thursday, February 16th at Garber High School from 6- 8 pm.

Finally, I want to thank the families that have continued to support our morning procedures. As a reminder, the following procedures have been implemented.

- All traffic within the parking lot will flow counterclockwise.
- Parents are to escort students to the "Yellow Brick Road" for safe arrival.
- All students brought to school before the start of the school day will follow the "Yellow Brick Road" and enter through the gate.
- Bush staff will park in designated areas. This is designed to avoid safety issues in the areas with the most traffic as cars back out of parking spots.

All students should be walked up to the gate at the end of the "Yellow Brick Road". In addition, students should not be entering through the gate near the bus lane.

Thank you again for supporting our effort to ensure student safety at arrival.

Have a great February!

IMPORTANT DATES

February 10th

- Popcorn Day- \$1.00

February 14th

- Valentines Day
- Wear your favorite red or pink shirt.

February 17th

- Goodie Sale-\$1.00

February 24th

- No School

February 27th

- No School

JANUARY MODEL DUKES

Cameron Hollar

Karson Galaviz

Henry Jones

Nathan Doud

Max Giersbach

Harlow Wendling

Layne Chapman

Kylee Hages

Lane Duranceau

Jaxon Newcomb

Mrs. Reames

Mrs. Deary

Mrs. Charbonneau

Mrs. Cooley

Mrs. Derocher

Mrs. Ratajczak

Mrs. Zielinski

Mrs. Meyer

Mrs. Matthews

Mrs. Edmonds

PBIS UPDATES

On Monday, February 6th the school leadership team presented to our staff our winter data review. This is an opportunity to share building-wide successes.

As part of the discussion, the following accomplishments were shared with staff. Seventy percent of our sampled students are able to recite their Duke Values.

We also implemented Check In Check Out which is an intervention that provides consistent structured feedback to identified students with the ultimate goal of success in school.

Finally, we celebrated our young five program successfully implementing the PELI screener. Peli is an age-appropriate literacy screener similar to what our kindergarten and first-grade students participate in. With this new screener, our young fives students are currently at or above the benchmark.

BUSH NEWS FROM THE NUMBERS NOOK (VOLUME 6, FEBRUARY 2, 2023)

Greetings from the Numbers Nook at Bush!

Please continue to encourage your child in math!

One-to-one correspondence is an important skill that's easy to practice at home. Children should point at or touch objects and count them. For instance, to start off easy, put 5 toys in a straight line and have your child point to each toy as they count them. Once it's clear that your child can do this, try a more challenging task... increase the number of objects, or present the objects in a pile rather than a straight line. Valentine's Day offers another great opportunity to practice counting. Using one-to-one correspondence, help them count Valentines or special treats. ♡ Whatever you are counting, remember to mix things up and keep it fun!!! ♡ ♡ ♡

- Keep counting! Ms. Brooks

LITERACY CORNER: BY MRS. KNAPP

One of the greatest gifts you can give your child is a love of reading. Here are some things you can do at home to encourage your child's interest in reading:

Read aloud to your child every day.

Reading together expands vocabulary, stimulates the imagination, and teaches children to listen. It also nurtures a special bond between you and your child.

While reading a story, ask your child questions such as, "What do you think will happen next?", "What would you do?" and "How do you think he felt?".

Talk about letter sounds.

Read an ABC picture book and practice the sounds that each letter makes. Point out letter sounds in names, places, and things. Discuss their similarities and differences. "That word starts with the same sound as your name. Can you think of any other words that start with that sound?"

Look for words in everyday life.

Throughout the day (while watching TV, playing games, running errands, and shopping), point out words your child might know. When driving, look for familiar words on street signs, storefronts, and billboards.