

Bobcat News

GOODBYE
September
HELLO
October

Parent Informational Newsletter

October 2014

Thank you!

A special thank you to all our families and students who were able to join us for our Back-to-School Kickoff last month. The turn-out was amazing and it was a wonderful way to start our school year. We are excited about the start of our school year with such support from all of you! Thank you!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Busch Middle School staff and administration are looking forward to the 2014 Parent Teacher Conferences on October 16th and 17th. We want this opportunity to thank you for your continued commitment in working with us!

I encourage and welcome all parents to take advantage of this time we are providing to work together. Together, we can make tremendous progress toward our common goal of offering educational excellence to every student.

Thanks to the middle school staff for their dedication and daily efforts to unlock the potential in every student. We are working hard to close the achievement gap and we want to talk to you about your child's academic progress and answer any questions you may have about our school performance profile.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



- October 1—Picture Day
- October 3—No School (Professional Development)
- October 13th – 16th – Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct. 16th – Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 24th – Bingo Night
- Oct. 31st – School Dance*

A look into **NOVEMBER**

- No School—Nov. 10th & 11th
- Thanksgiving Holiday—Nov. 26th—28th

DON'T MISS OUT ON MONTHLY INCENTIVES

We like for all of our students to be able to participate with all incentives. In order for students to participate, they must have:

- **2.0 GPA or better**
- **92% attendance or better**
- **No In-School Suspensions (ISS) or Out of School Suspensions (OSS).**

The criteria starts over the day of each incentive, so if you miss one, you still have the opportunity to try for the next for the next one.

Nurse's News



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



With flu season upon us, it is important that we work together to keep ourselves and our children healthy. Viruses spread easily among children in schools. By keeping our children flu-free, we benefit the community as a whole. You can help prevent the spread of flu or help your child get better if he/she does get sick by following a few simple steps:

1. If possible, you and your child should get a flu shot.
2. Remind your child to cover his/her nose and mouth with a tissue when sneezing or coughing and dispose of the tissue immediately.
3. Have your child wash his/her hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
4. If your child is sick and has a fever, keep him/her at home to prevent the spread of illness

Please help make sure your child is present and on time for school everyday!

Value education and give it high priority in your family! Convey a positive attitude about school and treat going to school as part of the normal course of events, something that is expected of your child. Let him know that school is the most important thing in his life at this time, and that his future job opportunities will depend on how well he handles his present "job" (school). Help him/her develop good study and work habits and praise him/her when he/she is successful.



URBAN FUTURE

Enroll now!

Urban Future offers students opportunities in tutoring, mentoring, enrichment activities, and career exploration through our FREE extended-day program at Busch Middle School! Programming runs 3 days a week until 5:15 pm, with transportation provided each day. You can enroll by completing the form below and returning it to school with your child. If you have any questions, please contact the UF Office at 314-480-3736 or visit www.urbanfuturestl.org.

EIGHTH GRADE ACTIVITIES

All Eighth Grade students are currently eligible to participate in the following activities:

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| Ted Drewes | Movie Day |
| Tie-Dye | Bubble Bus |
| Field Day | Spirit Week |

The activities are monthly following grade reports. The requirements for the activities are simple and students must meet ALL in order to attend:

- ◇ At least 2.5 GPA (cumulative)
- ◇ 90% or better attendance
- ◇ No more than 4 weeks in Detention (20 days)
- ◇ No more than 9 days in ISS



Studies show that parental involvement in a child's education is one of the most important factors in raising student self-esteem and academic achievement. Moreover, most experts agree that parental involvement should go at teacher conference. We realize, of our families is own priorities, time constraints -- provide as many opportunities for involvement as possible. Get personally involved in school activities, go to sporting events, attend plays and



Get [★]involved

beyond attendance and open however, that each unique -- with its needs, talents, and and so we try to different kinds of parental involvement



closet Clean-Out

If your child has outgrown any of their school uniforms Busch School will be happy to take those off your hands. We have several students who forget to wear part of their uniform, spill or have an accident in their uniform. So, to make their school day comfortable, we like to have extras on hand. Also, we have some families that simply cannot afford uniforms so it's nice to help them out when we can.

BINGO!

Come join us Friday, October 24, 2014 for BINGO! There will be prizes, food, raffles, and fun! Everyone is invited! Look for more information to follow. This is an event you don't want to miss!

Save the Date

November 1, 2014

What's Happening? School Wide Yard Sale

We are accepting donations and we need volunteers. Please contact Mrs. Tucker for more information.

BUSCH PTO

***Upcoming PTO Meeting Dates:**

10/7/2014

11/18/2014

12/16/2014

Title 1 Review and Revision

10/16/2014

****All PTO Meetings are at 5:30 p.m.****

Mark your calendar!

****Joining PTO is sort of like voting,
if you don't vote (join), you really can't complain.**

Be an educated parent, be an involved parent!

You are ALWAYS welcome at Busch and we strongly encourage you to get involved with PTO. A strong PTO is the difference between your child just coming to school and being actively engaged.

****Please note, when a parent, guardian, or grandparent of a student attends a PTO Meeting, the student will receive a ticket for free cookies at lunch!****



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Terrell Adger



Vice President
Open



Treasurer
Open



Liaison to Parent Assembly

WANTED!

LOOKING FOR

Grandparents to read with students!

Our Communications Arts teachers are looking for grandparents/volunteers to help students gain confidence in their reading by simply listening to them read. The reward offered is that warm, fuzzy, feeling you get when you help others!

STAY CONNECTED:



Follow us on Facebook for important updates and reminders!

[https://www.facebook.com/
buschmiddleschool](https://www.facebook.com/buschmiddleschool)

"Like" us to stay connected! Parents and students can "like" the page to get updates on school activities, weather, dress-down days, etc.

You can also find us on Twitter. We are @BuschBobcats.



Our school website is
<http://www.slps.org/buschms>

Wherever you are: Home, work, or on the go, you can stay connected!

Don't forget to collect Box Tops and Labels for Education to help earn money for

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