



# Team 6A Knights

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## Camp

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year! As a sixth grader, your child will encounter many new and exciting experiences at Bush Middle School. The teachers of Team 6A would like to wish each student the best for the upcoming year, and we hope that your child will enjoy his/her sixth grade experience as a Bush Bulldog.

To ease your child's transition from an elementary to a middle school environment, Bush has formed interdisciplinary teams of students. Teaming the students and teachers in this manner will allow for more effective teaching and learning. This also creates more efficient and productive communication among teachers, enabling them to follow students' progress more closely in a joint effort. Your teachers will work closely together in order to provide the best possible learning environment in order to achieve the ultimate goal of classroom excellence.

We at Bush look forward to working with you and your child throughout the school year. In addition, each of the teachers would like to encourage you as parents to email us at school any time you have a question or concern regarding your child's classes or academic achievement. Our goal is to create a team-building year among teachers, students, and parents.

Sincerely,  
Team 6A



## Attention Parents

We would like to get your email address in our file so that we can send out occasional updates and team information.

You can earn \$200 Bush Bucks for your child by emailing Mrs. Wahl at [swahl@neisd.net](mailto:swahl@neisd.net) by 9/03/10. After that date, students will earn \$50 Bush Bucks. **Please type your child's first and last name in the subject line.** You may include multiple email addresses for a child (work, both parents, etc.)

If you don't have an email address, write that on a brief note and sign it so your child can still get the Bush Bucks.



## August 2010

Mark your  
calendars

1st Day of School	Aug. 23
Holiday	Sept. 6
Pastries for Parents	TBA
Bulldog Festival	Oct. 1
3 week progress report	Sept. 17
6 week progress report	Oct. 8
End of 1st nine weeks	Oct. 25
Report Cards Go Home	Oct. 29

## Morning Coaching

Monday - Cloud - A102

Tuesday - Wahl - Portable 101

Wednesday - Hadaway - Portable 302

Thursday - Hull — Portable 102

Friday - Jackson—Portable 301

### Reasons for attending Morning Coaching:

Work on assignments, ask questions, obtain clarification, review material for upcoming quizzes/tests, organize binder, or if returning from an absence.

## 6A Team E-mail

Brad Cloud - dcloud1@neisd.net  
Science

Jeff Jackson—jjacks3@neisd.net  
Math

Deanna Hull—dhullf@neisd.net  
Reading

Fred Hadaway—fhadaw@neisd.net  
Social Studies

Sonia Wahl—swahl@neisd.net  
English

Paige Cloud—pcloud@neisd.net

Check your agendas daily on  
teacher web!  
[tw.neisd.net/webpages/dcloud1/](http://tw.neisd.net/webpages/dcloud1/)

## Parent Portal

The NEISD Parent Portal is a secure website that gives you more information about your child's daily performance at school. Through the Internet, you can access information about your child any time, anywhere.

The Parent Portal is like having a daily progress report from each teacher. Parents can currently use the portal to:

- Email teachers;
- Check grades on assignments, tests, and quizzes;
- Link to the library portal and teacher Web pages;
- Receive alerts on grade averages, food service accounts, immunizations, discipline, and missing assignments;
- View district and campus events, and
- View attendance records and office referrals for misconduct (serious infractions handled through the administration)

Please register early as it takes several days to set up the account. Look for more information in the PTA packet which will be sent home the first week of school.

We know how busy your lives are and appreciate your time in completing all the forms as soon as possible.

## How To Succeed as a 6th Grader

- ◆ **Every day**
  - check teacher web for daily agendas, homework, and news flash
  - help your child organize his/her binder (put all papers under the correct divider)
  - check your e-mail daily
  - check your child's homework for completion and quality
- ◆ **At least once a week**
  - check parent portal to make sure your child is turning in assignments and showing mastery on tests/quizzes
- ◆ **Absences**
  - check teacher web for daily agendas, homework, and news flash
  - have your child phone a friend to see what was missed for that day

## Helping Hands

Please help our team by donating any of the following items:

- Markers
- Post-it Notes
- Glue sticks
- Expo Dry Erase Markers (low odor) for math
- Wipes (science clean-ups)
- Enclosed pencil sharpeners
- Kleenex (runny noses!)
- Sanitizing hand gel
- Pencils, erasers, stickers, etc. (used for rewards)

\$50 Bush Bucks awarded for each item! No limit on items.