



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary

September 3, 2012

Office of the Principal

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This Week:

Mon., Sept. 3 Labor Day Holiday, School Closed

Tues., Sept. 4 Orientation Meeting for all Recess and Lunchroom Volunteers, 10:00 am, rm. 229

Wed., Sept. 5 K-2 Back to School Night, 7:00 pm

Thur., Sept. 6

Fri., Sept. 7 Have a great weekend!

A Look Ahead:

Sept. 10 Curriculum 2.0 Parent Information Meetings (1 at 8 am in rm. 229 and 1 at 7 pm in Media Center)

Sept. 12 Grades 3-5 Back to School Night, 7:00 pm

Instrumental Music Parent Info. Mtg., 6:30-7:00 pm, APR

Sept. 17 Rosh Hashanah Holiday, No School

Sept. 26 Yom Kippur Holiday, No School

Sept. 28 Early Release Day, 1:00 pm dismissal

- **Please check backpacks for important information regarding release of student information.** Each year we are required by law to inform parents of the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* and the *Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment*. You may direct MCPS to withhold directory information by signing and returning the **yellow form** that was sent home with students. If you did not receive the form, a copy is attached to this newsletter. This form must be received by the school no later than **September 7, 2012**. Forms received after September 7 will be returned to parents/guardians.
- **There will be an Orientation Meeting for all parents who are interested in volunteering to help with recess and/or lunch, Tuesday, 10:00 am, rm. 229.** Parent volunteers are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn the duties and responsibilities for recess/lunch duty.
- **Wednesday evening, September 5, 2012 is our Back to School Night for parents of students in grades K – 2.** We ask that you meet with us in the All Purpose Room at 7:00 to kick off the new school year. Following that very brief meeting filled with important announcements you will be attending information sessions with your child's teachers. You will hear about routines and procedures as well as information about the curriculum expectations. Session 1 will run from 7:20 – 8:00, and session 2 will run from 8:05 until 8:40. There will be childcare in the gym provided by the Bar T staff. We look forward to seeing you at this very special evening.
- **MCPS is continuing to introduce Curriculum 2.0 for the elementary grades.** Curriculum 2.0 is designed to provide a strong foundation in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics, while placing a renewed emphasis on other areas, such as science, social studies, the arts, and physical education. It also helps students develop the creative and critical thinking skills that are extremely important for success in the 21st century. In 2012–2013, Curriculum 2.0 will be implemented in Grades K–3 in all schools, and report cards for those grades will be improved to provide parents more

information about how students are performing in specific areas. Find more information on the web site at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/2.0.

- **Still have questions about Curriculum 2.0, Grading and Reporting or new kindergarten report cards?** On September 10 we are offering two information meetings for parents. You can choose between an 8:00 am meeting in rm. 229, or a 7:00 pm meeting in the Media Center. Both meetings will cover the same topics.
- **Attention Parents of 4th and 5th graders**, there will be an information meeting for parents of students who wish to participate in the Bells Mill instrumental music program. Parents of new and returning instrumental music students are invited to meet with Mr. Allen, instrumental music teacher, on **Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 6:40-7:00 pm**, in the all purpose room.
- **We would like to acknowledge the generosity of the Bennaim family, owners of Breadsmith at Cabin John and a new family to Bells Mill.** They kindly donated breakfast pastries to welcome teachers on their first day back at school. We appreciate their generosity. Please join us in welcoming them to our school community.
- **Thank you to the following merchants for their donations to the Bells Mill Staff: Studio Theater in Washington, DC; The Puppet Co. in Glen Echo; Toy Castle in Potomac; Round House Theater in Bethesda; and Medieval Times in Landover.**
- **MCPS QuickNotes is a free e-mail service that provides subscribers with important news and information about MCPS programs and activities, plus emergency information.** *MCPS QuickNotes* is offered in six languages: English, Spanish, French, Korean, Chinese, and Vietnamese. Visit www.mcpsquicknotes.org to subscribe. Alert MCPS allows you to receive text messages or e-mail from the school system during weather-related emergencies and other major events that impact school system operations. Signing up for Alert MCPS is free, but please check with your wireless provider about charges associated with text messages. Sign up at <http://alert.montgomerycountymd.gov>.
- **In compliance with Maryland laws and regulations pertaining to Integrated Pest Management (IPM) the attached list of pesticides must be sent to all parents and guardians of each student attending the school.** These pesticides may be applied in the school or on school grounds. Without exception, notices will be sent to all parents/guardians each time a product from this list is used at Bells Mill.
- **Comcast and MCPS have partnered to provide families with low cost internet service, affordable computers and free user training.** Families with children who qualify for free or reduced-price meals (FARMS) are eligible to participate in this program. Please check backpacks for information on how to take advantage of this opportunity.
- **The Parent Encouragement Program (PEP) offers a wide range of classes and workshops that provide helpful tools for parents and students.** Classes are offered around the county. Visit their website for information on programs and registration, www.pepparent.org.
- Bells Mill staff members wish to thank the PTA and parent volunteers who provided breakfast during their first week back at school. Thank you for being such a supportive community.

Thank you for being partners in your child's education.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT NOTICE**

FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: Maryland Law requires that school staff and parents/guardians of all students be notified prior to planned pesticide applications in the school or on school grounds, or within twenty-four hours of an emergency application. Without exception, notices will be sent to all parents/guardians and circulated among school staff members.

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS, HIGH SCHOOLS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CENTERS: Maryland Law requires that school-based staff and parents/guardians of middle or high school students and staff at administrative centers who wish to be notified prior to pesticide applications in the building or on the grounds must request that they be placed on the school's pesticide notification list. To do so, please fill out the enrollment form attached to this notice and return it to your school or administrative center.

FOR ALL: The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program implemented in Montgomery County Public Schools is a proactive approach to insect and rodent control in school facilities and on school grounds. The IPM Program includes frequent inspections of all school facilities to look for pests and conditions that favor pest invasions. As a first step in pest control, the IPM approach employs a number of preventive strategies and alternatives to pesticide application such as employee education, source reduction, inspection, identification of potential problem areas, and improved sanitation. Each strategy is monitored and evaluated, and modifications are made if necessary. Pesticides will be used only as a last resort or in an emergency situation.

The following is a list of pesticides and bait stations, **but not limited to**, by product name and common name, which may be used in buildings or on grounds during the school year:

<u>Product Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>
4-the-birds II	Polybutene
Arilon	Indoxacarb
Avert cockroach bait station	Abamectin
Avert cockroach crack and crevice bait 310	Abamectin
Avert dry flowable roach bait	Abamectin
Avitrol	Aminopyridine
Catalyst emulsified	Propetamphos
Cynoff insecticide	Cypermethrin
Deltadust	Deltamethrin
Demon WP	Cypermethrin
Drione insecticide	Pyrethrins
Dylox 6.2 grams	Trichlorfon
Firstline termite bait stations	Sulfluramid
First Strike	Difethialone
Gentrol IGR concentrate	Hydroprene
Gentrol point source roach control	Hydropene
Golden malrin fly bait	Methomyl thioacetimidate
Liqua-tox II	Sodium diphacinone

Due by
Sept. 7, 2012



Your Rights Regarding Student Records and Directory Information

What schools can do:	What parents and students over 18 can do:
Directory Information	
<p>Schools provide <i>directory information</i> for public listings such as honor roll, awards, and other notices in the newspaper or on the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) website. A student's name, address, and telephone number may also be released to Parent Teacher Associations (PTA). <u>Unless you tell them not to</u>, schools can release this information without your prior consent.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What is Directory Information?</p> <p><i>Directory information</i> includes the following items: student's name, address, and telephone number; date and place of birth; major field of study; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; degrees and awards received (including honor roll); most recent school attended; dates of attendance; photograph or other likeness; the weight and height of members of athletic teams; and other similar information.</p>	<p>If you do not want your school to release your <i>directory information</i>, complete the information below and return this notice to your school by September 7, 2012. Additional copies of this notice can be found at:</p> <p>http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/studentprivacy/pdf/ferpaForm11.pdf</p> <p>This form must be completed every school year.</p> <p>Your school will assume you agree to the release of directory information, unless this form is returned by Friday, September 7, 2012.</p> <p>If you need to change your decision at a later date just contact your school directly.</p> <p>If you enroll after September 7, 2012, you can complete this form at the time of enrollment.</p>
Student Educational Records	
<p>Schools must provide you the opportunity to inspect student educational records within 45 days of receipt of such request. They also must provide you an opportunity to ask for amendments or for a hearing to challenge the content of the record if you believe it contains information that is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's rights to privacy. (Grades are not subject to challenge.)</p> <p>If requested, schools may disclose educational records without consent to another school in which a student seeks to enroll.</p>	<p>You may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education if you believe your rights have been violated and efforts to resolve the situation with MCPS have not proven satisfactory.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Family Policy and Compliance Office U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202-4605 202-260-3887</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These rights are spelled out in the <i>Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974</i> and can be referenced in 99.7 of 34 CFPP, Part 99. • Additional information may be found in MCPS Regulation JOA-RA, <i>Student Records</i>, available on the MCPS website or at your local school. 	

Montgomery County Public Schools
Request to Withhold Directory Information for the 2012–2013 School Year

Choose ONE of the following two categories:

- 1. Please do not release any directory information. (See definition above)
- 2. Please do not release the following **part or parts** of directory information: (check all that apply)
 - Name Telephone Photograph Other (specify) _____

EXCEPTIONS TO WITHHOLD REQUEST MARKED ABOVE:

- Release for the PTA directory Release for Honor Roll publication Release photo for yearbook

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ ID# _____

School _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Maxforce FC ant bait stations
Maxforce granular ant bait
Maxforce roach bait stations
Maxforce roach killer bait gel
Niban granular bait
Premise 75
Premise foam insecticide
PT 240 Perma Dust
PT 515 wasp freeze
PT565 plus XLO
Ratsorb
Round up Pro Max
Rozol tracking powder
Shatter termite bait cartridge
Suspend SC
Talon G
Talstar Professional multi-insecticide
Termidor SC termiticide
Terro PCO ant bait
Timbor
Uncle Albert's ant bait
Weatherblok bait
ZP tracking powder

Fipronil
Hydramethylon
Hydramethylon
Hydramethylon
Orthoboric acid
Imidacloprid
Imidacloprid
Methyl Chloroform
D-trans allethrin
Pyrethrins
Camphoraceous
Glyphosate
Chlorophacinone
Hexaflumuron
Deltamethrin
Brodifacoum
Bifenthrin
Fipronil
Sodium borate
Disodium octaborate tetrahydrate
Disodium octaborate tetrahydrate
Brodifacoum
Zinc phosphide

Mrs. Teresa M. Baumanis, environmental health specialist, Environmental Services/Indoor Air Quality, maintains copies of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and product labels for all pesticides and bait stations used in buildings or on grounds. If you would like to review this information, please contact her at 301-670-8238 or via e-mail.

Public comments regarding the Integrated Pest Management program may be addressed at scheduled Board of Education meetings.