



This Week

Mon., June 13

Tues., June 14 **Gr. 3 Puppet Show, 7:00 pm, APR**
Mixed Media, 3:50-4:50 pm, rm. 163
Magic, 3:50 pm, rm. 217

Wed., June 15 **Gr. 5 Promotion Ceremony, Churchill HS auditorium, 7:00 pm**

Thur., June 16 **Ms. Wang’s class end-of year breakfast**
Mrs. Jackson’s class end-of-year celebration, 2:00 pm
Gr. 5 picnic at Inverness Pool, 9:30 am-3:00 pm
Clay Creations, 3:50 pm, rm. 163

Fri., June 17 **Ms. Wolfe’s class end-of-year celebration, 1:30 am**
Mrs. Ginsburg’s class end-of-year celebration, 1:45 pm
Ms. Matthews’ class end-of-year celebration, 1:45 pm

A Look Ahead

June 20 **Last day of school, 1:20 pm early release**
June 27 **Report cards mailed home from central office**
July 11-29 **Camp Bells Mill/KinderCamp, 8:30 am-noon**
August 25 **Kindergarten Parent Meeting, 7:00 pm, APR**
August 26 **Open House/Meet Your Teacher 9:00-10:00 am**
Popsicle Social, 10:00 am on the playground
August 29 **First Day of School**

- **As we come to the close of this school year I want to let you know about staff members who will not return to Bells Mill.** Congratulations to Ms. Yoder who is completing 29 years of service to the children of MCPS, 13 of those years at Bells Mill Elementary. I also would like to congratulate Mrs. Beder who has given 23 years of service to MCPS, all at Bells Mill Elementary. We wish them both all the best as they begin this new phase of their lives. In addition, we wish Mr. Ross all the best as he changes assignment and moves to Flower Valley ES. Mr. Koch is leaving us and moving back to New York. Mrs. Tannenbaum is also leaving MCPS. Good luck to them as they leave us for new professional opportunities.
- **A reminder from the cafeteria . . .** if your child’s cafeteria account balance is low, please send in a check or make an electronic deposit to cover lunches through the end of the school year. If your child owes money to the cafeteria please be sure your deposit covers the negative amount. **The school has to pay for any negative account balances that remain at the end of the year.** Any money left in your child’s account will carry over to next year.

- **If you wish to honor your child's teacher with an end of year gift, please consider a tax deductible contribution to the Bells Mill Bear Hug Fund.** Your donation will help deserving Bells Mill students and their families. The teacher will receive a card stating that a contribution in their honor has been made by you, and you will receive a receipt acknowledging your tax deductible contribution. Please make checks payable to "*Bells Mill Bear Hug Fund*" and send them to Ms. DeMarino in the office.
- **Reminder from the Health Room . . .** Your child's medication must be picked up by you or another responsible adult no later than 1:00 pm on Monday, June 20. Any medication left after that time will be destroyed. Medication forms for next year will be provided when you pick up your medication. Medication forms are always available on the MCPS website. The form number for the Epi-pen and Epi-pen JR is #525-14. The medication form for all other medications is #525-13. Thank you for your support. Questions, call Mrs. Messina at 240-740-0481.
- **It's important that all parents are signed up to receive electronic Bear Post communications.** Bear Posts are weekly messages that include the principal's weekly newsletter, event dates and school news. Important back to school information will be communicated in August via Bear Post. If you have not already done so, visit the PTA website and enter your email address to receive Bear Post communications. Please encourage neighbors who are new to Bells Mill to sign up too.
- **It is hard to believe that we are in the final week of school. Classes for next year are now final, and we are accepting no additional input.** I am very proud of our staff for the incredible job they have done in forming classes for next year. They know your children both socially and academically and have spent hours creating well-balanced classes for next year.

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