

Bells Mill Elementary School

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Office of the Principal

August 2016

Dear Bells Mill Families:

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year. We hope this letter finds you relaxed and refreshed after a fun-filled summer with your families and friends. It never ceases to amaze me at how quickly the summer flies by and that once again we are preparing to start a new year. Our building has been busy this summer with camps, Extended School Year Learning and lots of excitement. Mr. Ky and his staff have been busy cleaning the building and preparing for the staff and children to arrive.

We have been very busy planning for the great year ahead! Many of our staff members have been involved in educational opportunities as they increase their own knowledge of best practices in education. Some staff members have attended conferences, system-wide training and university educational courses. You should have the highest regard for our staff and their dedication to their profession as well as their commitment to professional growth. We are all looking forward to another incredible year at Bells Mill.

This will be a unique and special year at Bells Mill. As you may know, the assistant principal position is considered a training position. Typically a person will spend two years at one school to train with a principal then moves to another school in order to complete the intern year of training to become a principal. This year we have been given the wonderful opportunity to train a future principal. Ms. Maria Watson is joining our staff to complete the intern year of her training program. Ms. Watson recently served as the assistant principal at St. Leonard Elementary School in Calvert County, Maryland. She and I will begin the year sharing the duties as principal at Bells Mill. As the year progresses, Ms. Watson will take on more and more of the responsibilities of the principalship. At the end of December, I will be leaving Bells Mill and go on special assignment at another MCPS school while Ms. Watson completely takes over the management of our building. Ms. Watson will run the building and will have another MCPS principal serving with her as a mentor and support. At the end of the six week period, I will then return to Bells Mill and we will begin the transition of roles with me again taking the responsibilities by April. During this year, Ms. Watson will be meeting with her development team and executive staff members as she completes her training in preparation for applying and interviewing for a school of her own. This is a very exciting process and one that we are looking forward to. I know you will join me in welcoming Ms. Watson to our wonderful community and school family.

We are welcoming several new staff members. They are as follows:

- Ms. Geena Goodhand is joining our staff on the kindergarten team. Ms. Goodhand has previous experience working in multiple grade levels as a long term substitute teacher.
- Ms. Charlotte Hoffman is joining our staff as a first grade teacher. Ms. Hoffman is a recent graduate of Goucher College.

- Ms. Andrea Weisenthal is joining our staff as a member of the third grade team. Ms. Weisenthal is an experienced teacher who has taught both in the public and private school systems.
- Ms. Jennifer Obendorfer joins our staff as a member of the third grade team. Ms. Obendorfer
 is a recent Towson University graduate who recently completed a long term substitute position at
 Gaithersburg Elementary School.
- Ms. Olive White joins our fourth grade team. Ms. White is coming to us from Summit Hall Elementary School.
- Ms. Emily Obendorfer will be joining our fifth grade team. She has recently completed her degree from Towson University and student taught in upper grades.
- Mr. Wesley Eiffler is joining our fifth grade team. He has recently completed a long term substitute position at Lucy Barnsley Elementary in the fifth grade class in the Highly Gifted Magnet Program.
- Mrs. Bethany Ventura joins our autism team as the upper class teacher. She is coming to us from the Baltimore County School System.
- Mrs. Alison Collins joins our autism team as the kindergarten teacher. She is coming to us from the Fairfax County School System.

We had to wish farewell to several staff members last year. As you know Mr. Ross was reassigned as the assistant principal at Flower Hill Elementary School. Mrs. Raue is now a support teacher at Burning Tree Elementary, Mr. Koch moved back to New York to be close to his family and Mrs. Tannenbaum left to be closer to her family in Virginia. Mrs. Snelson took another professional opportunity as a Staff Development Teacher at Westbrook ES. Ms. Boyle accepted another professional opportunity with the Chicago Public School System. Mrs. Beder and Ms. Yoder retired to spend more time with their families. I know you join me in wishing them the very best as they begin new professional opportunities.

We have had some internal changes in our staff as we work to meet the needs of all of our students and provide some professional growth opportunities for our staff. Mrs. Bedell is joining our kindergarten team. Miss Matthews has moved to first grade. Mrs. Ginsburg is now teaching second grade. Our third grade has grown from four to five classes, so, Miss Harris has moved to third grade. Mrs. Abramson is leaving her first grade classroom to become a reading support teacher. We are happy to announce and congratulate Miss Chernak on her wedding this summer and welcome Mrs. Sandler to the fourth grade team. We look forward to the beneficial impact these changes will make for our students and professionals and our overall learning community.

The staff and I look forward to seeing all families during the Open House which will be held on Friday, August 26. The Open House will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 10:00 AM. This is an opportunity for you and your children to drop in, meet their teachers, and visit the classrooms. Each student will receive a "welcome to my class" phone call from his/her new teacher during the week of August 22. We appreciate the input that you provided to assist us in creating classes for the upcoming year. We can assure you that we devoted great thought, time and energy to creating balanced classes. In addition, we took great care in selecting the best class groupings as possible. We appreciate your support of all staff. We feel that we have a very dynamic staff with many talented teachers.

The following pages contain important information. Please note that our school times remain the same this year. Students may arrive at school beginning at 9:05 AM with our instruction beginning for students at 9:25 AM (students in their seats and ready for class) and will end at 3:50 PM. There

were no changes in the lunch prices for this school year. The bus schedule and school supply list are also included in the following pages. Please carefully review these pages and keep them handy for your information. Enjoy the rest of the summer. The staff and I are looking forward to a great 2016-2017 school year at Bells Mill.

Sincerely,

Jerri B. Oglesby Principal Maria Watson Principal Intern

Mark Your Calendars:

Aug. 25 7:00 PM Kindergarten Parent Meeting(parents only)

Aug. 26 9:00-10:00 AM Open House

Aug. 29 First Day of School

Sept.5 Labor Day --- No School

Sept. 12 Professional Day for staff - No classes for students

Sept. 14 Back to School Night for Grades K-2

Sept. 15 Back to School Night for Grades 3-5

Menu for First Week of School 2016-2017

ELEMENTARY						
MONDAY 8/29/16	TUESDAY 8/30/16	WEDNESDAY 8/31/16	THURSDAY 9/1/16	FRIDAY 9/2/16		
WG Chicken Patty on WG Bun w/Baked Fries	WG Cheese or Pepperoni Personal Pizza	WG 3 Cheese Calszone w/Marinara Sauce	Taco w/ Corn & Edamame w/WG Crunchy Baked Scoops	Cheese or Pepperoni WG Pizza		
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR		
Café Burger on WG Bun w/Seasoned Potatoes	Pineapple Chicken w/WG Veggie Rice and WG Roll	WG French Toast Sticks w/Sausage	Blueberries w/Lowfat Vanilla Yogurt & WG Granola	Spicy WG Chicken Patty Sandwich		
Baked Fries, Grape Tomatoes, Assorted Fresh Fruit and Milk	Baby Carrots, Celery Sticks, Assorted Fresh Fruit and Milk	Cucumber Slices, Spinach Salad, Assorted Fresh Fruit or Fruit Juice and Milk	Romaine Salad, Assorted Fresh Vegetables, Assorted Fresh Fruit and Milk	Baby Carrots, Roasted Chickpeas, Assorted Fresh Fruit and Milk		

First Day Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

It is important that students begin their routines the first day of school. If your child will be riding a bus, please have your child ride the bus the first day. If your child will be dropped off each morning, then please follow the enclosed procedures. We have parking at our building, but not enough to accommodate all parents parking and walking their children in to the building. There will be all available staff on hand to assist students until they have the routines in place.

Arrival Procedures - August 29, 2016

- All walker and dropped off students will enter through the main doors at 9:05 AM. Bus students will enter through the all-purpose room doors. Bus students will be given a "ticket" as they exit the bus to hand to their classroom teacher. This will ensure that students return home on the appropriate bus.
- Kindergarten through grade 2 students will report immediately to the gymnasium where they will meet their classroom teachers and walk to class together.
- Students in grades 3 5 will go directly to their assigned homeroom classrooms.

Dismissal Procedures (The first few days we will begin the process a little early --- however, by Friday we will be on the regular schedule)

Safety Patrols will be dismissed at 3:40 PM to go to their posts. All other students are to remain in their classrooms.

All walkers will be dismissed at 3:45 PM. Kindergarten students will be dismissed through the gym entrance to the building to be handed off directly to parents or caregivers. All other walkers will be dismissed through the front doors.

Georgetown Hill students will dismissed to a line-up area. Bar-T students will be escorted by their staff to the AP Room.

All bus students will be dismissed at 3:50 PM as their buses arrive. The first day, bus students will be called one bus at a time. However, after the first day, students will be called directly to their buses. Patrols will escort the kindergarten students directly to their buses.

Procedures for Dropping off and Picking up Your Children Each Day

Please share the following information with your caregivers if they are the responsible for morning drop off and afternoon pick-up of your children. These rules apply during good and bad weather.

- ✓ Parking in the school lot is for staff members only. There are a limited number of visitor spaces, but not enough to accommodate all families.
- ✓ Cars are not allowed to enter or leave the school bus loop between 8:30-9:30 a.m. and between 2:45-4:00p.m.
- If you choose to drop your child off in the morning you must enter the drop off circle and pull up as far as you can along the sidewalk area. Your child should exit the car on the right hand side of the vehicle onto the sidewalk and enter through the front door of the building. As soon as your child has exited the vehicle, pull through the circle and exit back onto Bells Mill Rd. The circle is for drop off only. You may not park in the fire lane. If you wish to walk your child to the front door, you may park in the lot if space is available or on the street.
- ✓ Approved drop off and pick up points are on both sides of Bells Mill Rd. between Bells Mill ES and Cabin John MS. Please park at the corners of Bells Mill Rd and Democracy Ln. To alleviate traffic congestion on Bells Mill Rd., other drop off locations are:
 - Either side of Democracy Lane
 - Deborah Drive (on the school side of the roadway)
 - Bells Ridge Terrace behind the playground (follow the walkway from the neighborhood).
- All students must enter through the front doors. All other doors remain locked for security purposes.
- Drop Off Safety Tips:
- Children should always exit vehicles on the sidewalk/shoulder side of the road
- Parents and children should always walk in marked crosswalks only
- * Kiss and Walk Tips:
- ❖ If you choose to walk your children to the building, please say goodbye on the sidewalk area and allow them to walk to their classrooms independently.

No student should cross through the parking lot. There is a walk that students may access from the Georgetown Hill pathway that leads directly to the front door area. The crossing guard will cross students directly to the sidewalk area that leads to the front door. Patrols will also be on duty to monitor and assist.

After School Pick Up

All bus students will be called directly to their buses. They will exit through the AP room doors. Kindergarten walkers will be dismissed by the teachers through the gym entrance door. All other walkers will be dismissed through the front door. It is important that parents and caregivers follow procedures to avoid confusion for students.

July 1, 2016



Dear Elementary School Parent:

Enclosed are route schedules for buses serving your child's school. This information is also available on the MCPS website. Please note the appropriate time, location, and route number for your child. Route numbers are displayed on each bus, on the side window. Questions about transportation should be directed to your transportation depot. Your school or the MCPS website can provide you with contact information for your transportation cluster manager.

Bus stops previously scheduled may have been eliminated or relocated to provide economies in operation. Every effort is made to minimize inconvenience to students and parents, and provide a reasonable level of service. Saving support budget dollars provides more resources for classrooms.

Appropriate student behavior is important to the safety and comfort of everyone. Parents are encouraged to discuss behavior with their children regularly to reinforce this message. It is important that all students follow the rules stated in the "Ride by the Rules." campaign. For more information on this, please visit: http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/transportation/ or ask your school for one of the "Ride by the Rules" pamphlets.

School bus transportation is provided for elementary school children who live more than one (1) mile from their home school. If you live within one mile of the school and you do not see a stop on the list that is in your neighborhood, your child is not eligible for transportation.

Parents are responsible for their children on the way to the bus stop, at the bus stop, and on the way home from the bus stop. Children should arrive at the stop at least five minutes before the established pick-up time. Parents are responsible for children as soon as they get off the bus at the afternoon bus stop and should plan to meet the bus or arrange for a caretaker or other responsible adult to accompany the children safely home or to the child care provider. Parents should instruct their children where to get off the bus and familiarize them with unique aspects of the bus stop or landmarks so that, prior to the first day they will ride the bus, the children will clearly know the stop where they should get off the bus. Please note: bus operators do not know all of the possible caretakers for each child that might be picking up a student on a particular day, and are unable to

match each child to a specific adult. When students get off the bus, they are entirely in the care of the parent or other caregiver, or are on their own to walk home if no parent or caregiver is present. Please provide the tools for your children to become independent riders by making sure they know exactly where to get off the bus as well as the need to immediately alert the bus operator, before getting off the bus if possible, if they do not see a parent or other person who normally meets them at the bus stop. Once alerted, the bus operator would return the student to the school, or take other steps to ensure the child's safety.

If you usually meet your child at the bus stop, and cannot make it on a given day, call the school well before dismissal time and ask that your child be kept at the school to be picked up rather than placed on the bus. This is an emergency back-up plan that should only be used in those rare circumstances when you are unexpectedly and unavoidably delayed in making it to the bus stop. Keep the school phone number in your cell phone or other convenient place so you will be ready should an emergency arise. Establishing a buddy plan for your child with an older sibling or classmate is advised in case your child ends up at the afternoon bus stop without you or another caregiver. Bus schedules are approximate and may vary due to traffic, weather conditions, and student changes, so be at the bus stop ahead of the normal drop off time.

Following safety rules when boarding, riding, and getting off the bus is very important. Reviewing safety rules with your child will help to ensure bus safety.

Key Points:

If you want your child to be supervised by an adult while walking home from the afternoon bus stop, you must make sure that happens. Once the student gets off the bus, only you can ensure your child is appropriately supervised. We recommend the following when students need supervision after getting off the school bus:

- Plan for you or another caregiver to be at the bus stop ahead of the normal drop-off time as the bus could come early on any given day.
- Plan in advance for another adult who is normally at the bus stop to care for your child if you are not there one day.
- Call the school, well before dismissal time, if you have an emergency and cannot make it to the bus stop one day, so your child will be kept at school for pick-up rather than put on the bus. Be sure you always have the school phone number with you in case you need it.
- Be sure your child knows and can identify the proper bus stop and knows not to get off the bus at any other stop.

- Arrange an older student "buddy" who will walk home with your child, or allow your child to stay at their house until you pick up your child. Be sure to work with the other student's parent when arranging this plan.
- Be sure your child knows to tell the bus driver, before getting off the bus, if something is "not right." This could include, among other things, a parent or caregiver who is usually at the stop being absent; missing their stop; or having gotten on the wrong bus and not recognizing any stop.

When bus stops are scheduled at intersections, students should stand safely away from traffic, within 150 feet of the stop. Students waiting for buses may choose to stand in carports and garages for protection from the elements. This is acceptable only if: (1) it does not alter the route; (2) it does not increase the number of stops; (3) it is acceptable to all parties involved; and, (4) it is reasonably close to the regular stop (so that a substitute bus operator, not familiar with special arrangements, may easily locate the students). Please note that bus operators are only authorized to stop at designated stops. Please do not request unauthorized stops. Montgomery County Public Schools realizes a substantial fuel savings by limiting the number of bus stops.

Students who wish to ride home on a friend's bus, or get off their own bus at a friend's stop must bring a note from their parent. Once approved and signed by the principal, the student should give this note to the operator of the bus they will be riding. This practice will normally be approved where space permits.

Inclement weather creates many hardships for us all. It is not possible to provide additional transportation during winter months or on rainy days, and for this reason, students should dress accordingly. In case buses are not able to reach designated stops due to snow and ice accumulation, parents are encouraged to make advance arrangements with bus operators so that students who live in these areas can board at alternate locations when necessary.

Student transportation can only operate effectively if we all do our part to make things work. Parental assistance and cooperation is needed to provide a safe transportation system for student riders.

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Enclosures

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Morning Pick-up Routes

Route: 1202 - BELLS MILL ES

First Stop Time: 9:01 A.M. Seq Stop Description

1 SEVEN LOCKS RD AND GRAND TETON DR 2 GAINSBOROUGH RD AND WINDSOR VIEW DR

3 GAINSBOROUGH RD AND SNUG HILL LA

4 10229 SEVEN LOCKS RD 20854

5 SEVEN LOCKS RD AND TURNING CREEK CT - RSO 6 SEVEN LOCKS RD AND MUIRFIELD CT - RSO

7 SEVEN LOCKS RD AND ORACLE PL - RSO 8 SEVEN LOCKS RD AND SEVEN HILL LA – RSO

9:20 A.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854 607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

Route: 1209 - BELLS MILL ES

First Stop Time: 9:07 A.M. Seq Stop Description 1 8512 TUCKERMAN LA 2 8500 TUCKERMAN LA - RSO 3 FOX RUN AND LAMPLIGHTER LA

4 CANDLELIGHT LA AND LOCHINVER LA

5 11333 DEBORAH DR 20854

6 DEBORAH DR AND KILLEAN WAY 7 DEBORAH DR AND LAKENHEATH WAY

8 DEBORAH DR AND LARKMEADE LA

9:20 A.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854 607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

Route: 1211 - BELLS MILL ES

First Stop Time: 9:10 A.M.
Seq Stop Description
1 TUCKERMAN LA AND ANGUS PL
2 SEVEN LOCKS RD AND SCOTLAND DR – RSO

9:20 A.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854

607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

Route: 1212 - BELLS MILL ES

First Stop Time: 8:54 A.M. Seq Stop Description

1 WILLOWBROOK DR AND HARVEST SQUARE CT 2 STAPLEFORD HALL DR AND PAYTLEY BRIDGE LA 3 WILLOWBROOK DR AND CAMBRIDGE MANOR CT 4 STAPLEFORD HALL DR AND STAPLEFORD HALL CT 5 STAPLEFORD HALL DR AND STAPLEFORD HALL PL 6 8904 BELLS MILL RD 20854 - DEVELOPMENT ENTRANCE 7 GREAT ARBOR DR AND TALLYHO TRL 8 GREAT ARBOR DR AND TROTTERS TRL

8 GREAT ARBOR DR AND TROTTERS TRL 9 HIDDEN HILL LA AND TIMBER HILL LA

10 TIMBER HILL LA AND CROSSING CREEK RD

11 FOX HILLS TRL AND TROTTERS TRL

9:20 A.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 2085 607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

Route: 1213 - BELLS MILL ES

First Stop Time: 9:04 A.M.

Seq Stop Description

1 GAINSBOROUGH RD AND POWDER HORN DR

2 POWDER HORN DR AND FOX RUN

3 FOX RUN AND LONG PINE TRL

4 FOX RUN AND HUNT CLUB DR

5 TUCKERMAN LA FROM GAINSBOROUGH RD TO DEBORAH DR

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Arrival Routes Report

9:20 A.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854

607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

Route: 1222 - BELLS MILL ES

First Stop Time: 9:03 A.M.

Seq Stop Description

1 11315 FALLS RD - LITTLE ACORN DAYCARE/POTOMAC CC 301-983-4372

2 FALL RIVER LA AND STACKHOUSE CT

3 FALL RIVER LA AND SPRINKLEWOOD LA

4 FALL RIVER LA AND CRANFORD DR

5 BOLTON DR AND CRANFORD DR

6 CRANFORD DR AND HAISLIP CT

7 BELLS MILL RD AND HAISLIP CT

8 HARNESS TRL AND WILLOWBROOK DR

9 HARNESS TRL AND SLEEPY HOLLOW LA

2ND INTERSECTION

10 HARNESS TRL AND PEBBLE BROOK LA

9:20 A.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854 607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

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Departure Routes Report

Dismissal Routes

Route: 1202 - BELLS MILL ES PM

Seq Stop Description

3:57 P.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854 607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

1 SEVEN LOCKS RD AND GRAND TETON DR

2 GAINSBOROUGH RD AND WINDSOR VIEW DR

3 GAINSBOROUGH RD AND SNUG HILL LA

4 10229 SEVEN LOCKS RD 20854

5 SEVEN LOCKS RD AND TURNING CREEK CT - RSO

6 SEVEN LOCKS RD AND MUIRFIELD CT - RSO

7 SEVEN LOCKS RD AND ORACLE PL - RSO

8 SEVEN LOCKS RD AND SEVEN HILL LA - RSO

Route: 1209 - BELLS MILL ES PM

Seq Stop Description

3:57 P.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854 607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

1 DEBORAH DR AND LARKMEADE LA

2 DEBORAH DR AND LAKENHEATH WAY

3 DEBORAH DR AND KILLEAN WAY

4 11333 DEBORAH DR 20854

5 CANDLELIGHT LA AND LOCHINVER LA

6 FOX RUN AND LAMPLIGHTER LA

7 8512 TUCKERMAN LA

8 8500 TUCKERMAN LA - RSO

Route: 1211 - BELLS MILL ES PM

Seq Stop Description

4:08 P.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854

607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

1 SEVEN LOCKS RD AND SCOTLAND DR - RSO

2 TUCKERMAN LA AND ANGUS PL

Route: 1212 - BELLS MILL ES PM

Seq Stop Description

4:02 P.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854 607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

1 WILLOWBROOK DR AND HARVEST SQUARE CT

2 STAPLEFORD HALL DR AND PAYTLEY BRIDGE LA

3 WILLOWBROOK DR AND CAMBRIDGE MANOR CT

4 STAPLEFORD HALL DR AND STAPLEFORD HALL CT

5 STAPLEFORD HALL DR AND STAPLEFORD HALL PL

6 8904 BELLS MILL RD 20854 - DEVELOPMENT ENTRANCE

7 GREAT ARBOR DR AND TALLYHO TRL

8 GREAT ARBOR DR AND TROTTERS TRL

9 HIDDEN HILL LA AND TIMBER HILL LA

10 TIMBER HILL LA AND CROSSING CREEK RD

11 FOX HILLS TRL AND TROTTERS TRL

Route: 1213 - BELLS MILL ES PM

Seq Stop Description 4:03 P.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854 607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

- 1 GAINSBOROUGH RD AND POWDER HORN DR
- 2 POWDER HORN DR AND FOX RUN
- 3 FOX RUN AND LONG PINE TRL
- 4 FOX RUN AND HUNT CLUB DR
- 5 TUCKERMAN LA FROM GAINSBOROUGH RD TO DEBORAH DR

Route: 1222 - BELLS MILL ES PM

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Departure Routes Report
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3:57 P.M. BELLS MILL ES 8225 BELLS MILL RD, POTOMAC, MD 20854
607 - REGULAR SCHOOL

1 HARNESS TRL AND PEBBLE BROOK LA 2 HARNESS TRL AND SLEEPY HOLLOW LA 2ND INTERSECTION

3 HARNESS TRL AND WILLOWBROOK DR

4 BELLS MILL RD AND HAISLIP CT

5 CRANFORD DR AND HAISLIP CT

6 BOLTON DR AND CRANFORD DR 7 FALL RIVER LA AND CRANFORD DR

8 FALL RIVER LA AND SPRINKLEWOOD LA

9 FALL RIVER LA AND STACKHOUSE CT

10 11315 FALLS RD - LITTLE ACORN DAYCARE/POTOMAC CC

301-983-4372

2016-2017 Recommended School Supplies

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Students will not be asked to pay for or provide textbooks, supplementary readers (such as anthologies, atlases, or workbooks), most materials of instruction, audiovisual aids, stationery items not commonly found in the home and required for the student to demonstrate mastery of course objectives, or building or office materials needed to operate schools.

Students may be asked to pay for materials of instruction that primarily fit into three categories as follows:

- Items eaten by the student as a part of the course (example: bread baking ingredients).
- Component parts of a product that will become student property (example: sculpting clay).
- Materials of instruction or items of personal use that become the property of the student (example: recorder).

We suggest that students bring individual organizational tools and personal supplies from home. In addition, there are student fees which are not course-related but local school decisions made by the principal in collaboration with the school and parent leadership. These may include fees for class snacks, special grade-level assemblies, etc. There also may be fees related to field trips, but these will be shared each time there is a trip and not in advance as a school fee.

We are committed to providing all students, regardless of their economic circumstances, with full access to the instructional program. If you need assistance for any requested expense, or with providing the organizational tools and personal supplies, please contact your child's teacher, our counselor, our assistant principal, or me.

Parent donations of items that enhance the classroom experience are still welcomed, either as donations from individual parents or organized by class parents or by the PTA. A list of these items also is attached to this letter and clearly titled, *Voluntary Parent Donations*. They are not required donations and no student will be expected to provide these items, but if you care to contribute, it will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jerri Oglesby Principal

2016-1017 Recommended School Supplies

Kindergarten Supply List

Backpack (no wheels)

Small plastic school box (no zip pouches)

Box of 24 crayons

Red two-pocket folder (no prongs)

Yellow two-pocket folder (no prongs)

Green two-pocket folder (no prongs)

Blue two-pocket folder (no prongs)

Boxes of #2 pencils

Glue sticks

Box of 12 colored pencils

Grade 1 Supply List

Box of 24 Crayons

Glue sticks

Rectangular pink erasers

Red two-pocket folders (plastic, no prongs)

Yellow two-pocket folders (plastic, no prongs)

Purple two-pocket folders (plastic, no prongs)

Blue two-pocket folders (plastic, no prongs)

Orange two pocket folders (plastic, no prongs)

Plastic pencil box (no pouches)

Black dry erase markers

Grade 2 Supply List

3x5 white index cards

Plastic pencil box (no zip pouches)

Crayons

Round-tip safety scissors

Glue Sticks

Colored pencils

Boxes of #2 Pencils

Rectangular pink erasers

Green two-pocket folders

Red two-pocket folders

Composition books (hard back 150 pg. wide rule)

Gr. 3 Supply List

3-ring binder, 1.5 in. (no trapper keepers)

Rectangular pink erasers

Boxes of #2 pencils

Box of 24 crayons

Glue sticks

Notebook filler paper (wide rule)

Box of 12 Colored Pencils

Red two-pocket folders

Green two-pocket folders

Highlighters, chisel tip, yellow

Pencil pouch or box

Grade 4 Supply List

Plastic page protectors

Highlighters, chisel tip, yellow

Single-subject spiral notebooks

Pencil pouch for 3-ring Binder

Notebook filler paper (wide rule)

3-ring binder, 3-in. (No accordion folders/trapper

keepers)

Dividers, 5 tab pack

Glue sticks

Scissors

Box of 24 colored pencils

Boxes of #2 pencils

Rectangular pink erasers

Grade 5 Supply List

Plastic page protectors

Box of 12 colored pencils

Sharpener for pencils and crayons

Dividers (5-tab pack)

3-ring binder, 2 in. (durable, for frequent use)*

Notebook filler paper (wide rule)

Boxes of #2 Pencils

Pencil pouch to insert in 3-ring binder

Glue sticks

Spiral notebook (3-subject), 120 sheets

Spiral notebook (1-subject), 70 sheets

Rectangular pink erasers

Roll of 1-inch masking tape

Composition book (hard back 150 pg.)

*No binders with accordion files at the front or

trapper keepers

We welcome donations of the above items, as well as facial tissues and sandwich-size Ziploc baggies for the health room.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2016-2017 CAFETERIA NEWS & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEALS INFORMATION

Food and Nutrition Services serves more than 14 million meals annually. We support healthy meal options for students and continually explore new ways to enhance the nutritional contribution and student acceptability of meals. For more information, visit us on the Web at http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/foodserv/menus/cafemenus.aspx

The cafeteria continues to offer the convenience and flexibility of a computerized cash register system. Depositing funds into a cafeteria account eliminates the need for a child to carry money every day. Students enter their Personalized Identification Number (PIN) to access their account. The PIN for students returning to the same school remains the same. New students receive their PIN on the first day of school. Any money left on a student's account last year is available for spending this year. Pre-payments to a student's account may be made prior to the start of school.

To make a prepayment:

- Use MySchoolBucks.com, an online service to make a prepayment using a credit card. Parents can also check meal account balances, sign up for recurring payments and much more. Go to MySchoolBucks.com to register.
- Complete the form below and include a check payable to the cafeteria. Please put the child's first name, last name and PIN number on the front of the check.

CHECK ACCEPTANCE POLICY

Checks used to pay for school meals must contain: name, address, phone number and student PIN number. Returned checks are subject to recovery for the face value and Maryland State allowed fee of \$25 through an electronic debit or paper draft to the same account. Your payment by check constitutes your acceptance of these terms. If you have any questions concerning our check acceptance policy, please call CHECKredi at 1-800-239-1222.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

Lunch Meal	\$2.55
Reduced-price Lunch Meal	\$0.40
Breakfast Meal	\$1.30
Reduced-price Breakfast Meal	\$0.00
Milk	\$0.60

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS

Families who meet certain federal income standards are eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits. All children use a PIN number so confidentiality is maintained and no child is overtly identified as receiving free or reduced-price meals. Applications for meal benefits are sent home with the youngest in family in the information packet given out at the start of each school year. Only one application is needed for all students in a household. A new application must be completed for any family requesting assistance this school year.

Foods and Beverages available for purchase in addition to breakfast and lunch

A variety of a la carte items may be available in your student's school cafeteria. All items available for sale are in compliance with JPG-RA. Wellness: Physical and Nutritional Health. Specific items vary at each school.

For specific information regarding items available at your child's school or to restrict the purchase of a la carte items, please contact your school cafeteria manager.

PREPAYMENT FORM

Please make the check payable to the cafeteria and include the name of your school. Checks used to pay for school meals must contain an address and phone number. Please put your child's first name, last name and PIN number on the front of the check. This check is for cafeteria purchases ONLY. Please list each student separately and bring payment to the cafeteria manager. Thank You!

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