



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary
September 26, 2016
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This Week

- Mon., Sept. 26** **Guitar, 3:50 pm, rm. 121**
Music, 3:50 pm, rm. 125
French, 3:50 pm, rm. 132
Kid Keys, 3:50 pm, rm. 155
Brownies, 3:50 pm, rm. 150
Cyber Club, 3:50 pm, 3:50 pm, rm. 163
MSA Tennis, 3:50 pm
- Tue., Sept. 27** **Art Escapades, 3:50 pm, rm. 159**
Chess, 3:50 pm, rm. 209
Magic, 3:50 pm, rm. 240
Hip Hop, 3:50 pm, rm. 153
Legos, 3:50 pm, rm. 163
MSA Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym
- Wed., Sept. 28** **Mad Science, 3:50 pm, rm. 217**
Spanish, 3:50 pm, rm. 154
Engineering, 3:50 pm, rm. 163
MSA Soccer, 3:50 pm
MSA Field Hockey, 3:50 pm
Restaurant Night at Potomac Pizza, 4:00-9:00 pm
- Thur., Sept. 29** **Rockets, 3:50 pm, rm. 219**
Theater, 3:50 pm, rm. 233
Drama, 3:50 pm, rm. 128
Clay Creations, 3:50 pm, rm. 163
Scrimmages Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym
- Fri., Sept. 30** **Early Release, dismissal at 1:20 pm**
No Head Start today
Have a great weekend!

A Look Ahead

- Oct. 3** **School Closed**
Oct. 4 **Room Parent Meeting, 6:30 pm, Media Center**
PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, APR
Oct. 5 **Walk to School Day**

- **Montgomery Sports Association (MSA) after school activities are not school-sponsored. Always check with MSA for information regarding their activities and for weather cancellations. Please notify your child's teacher of any changes in after school plans.**

- **I want to remind pet owners that dogs must be on a leash and under the owner's control at all times.** Several parents inquired about school policy regarding dogs and reminded us that some children are not comfortable around animals. **I am asking for the cooperation of pet owners. If you must bring your dog to school at arrival and dismissal, please be considerate and stand in an area away from the front doors so that children can exit the building without encountering your pet.**

For you information I have included Montgomery County Code, Chapter Sec. 5-203(a)(7) regarding dogs on public school grounds: An owner must not allow a dog to be on public school grounds on a day when school is in session, or in a public recreation area during an organized activity, unless the dog is controlled by a leash or similar restraining device.

- **Bells Mill Night at Potomac Pizza in Potomac Village is Wednesday, September 28, 4:00-9:00 pm.** Tell them that you are from Bells Mill. A percentage of the night's proceeds goes to the PTA.
- **Attention parents of 4th/5th graders, please check backpacks for individual student PARCC Math/Reading scores.** These scores are the results of last spring's testing and were sent home on September 23 along with information on how to interpret your child's scores.
- **Attention parents of 3rd graders, applications for the Elementary Center Program for the Highly Gifted (CPHG) are being mailed directly to all parents of Grade 3 students.** If you are interested in having your child considered for the CPHG, you must complete the application and return it by November 4 to CPHG Application, Div. of Consortia Choice & Application Program Services, 11721 Kemp Mill Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20902. Please do not send the application to school. There will be two parent information meetings. Feel free to attend the one most convenient for you:

October 10, 2016, 7:00 pm	Northwest HS, 13501 Richter Farm Rd., Germantown, MD
October 20, 2016, 7:00 pm	Northwood HS, 919 University Blvd., Silver Spring, MD

 Students who submitted their applications by the deadline will be tested in school in January 2017. If you do not receive an application in the mail, please call the school.
- **Attention parents of children with special needs,** you are invited to attend monthly Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meetings held at Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Dr., 7:00-9:00 pm, on the following dates: October 27 (cafeteria); November 17 (cafeteria); December 12 (with Superintendent Jack Smith in the auditorium); January 26 (auditorium); February 23 (auditorium); March 23 (auditorium); April 27 (auditorium); May 25 (cafeteria). You will learn about special education topics of interest and connect with other parents and administrators in a small setting. Childcare and Spanish language interpreters available. For more information and agendas, please visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments.special-education/seac.
- **Soon MCPS will start the process of switching schools from air conditioning to heating.** Depending on long-term weather forecasts, this date could be shifted. Please keep the weather forecast in mind as you have your student dress for school. We apologize for the temporary inconvenience.
- **On Wednesday, October 5, we will participate in the county-wide Walk to School Day.** This event is part of Safe Routes to School, a program to create safer walking and biking routes so parents are comfortable allowing their children to walk and bike to school. All students will gather between 9:05 and 9:20 at Cabin John Middle School where their teachers will meet them. Bus riders will be dropped off at Cabin John. If you drive or walk to school, you should drop off your student in the Cabin John parent drop off which is off of Gainsborough Rd. Bar-T and Georgetown Hill students will be escorted to Cabin John to meet us. We will begin our walk to school at 9:25. The entire school will walk that morning. We will walk rain or shine, so please have your child dressed for the weather.

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