



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary

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This Week

- Mon., Oct. 24** **SGA Food Drive continues through October 28**
Music, 3:50 pm, rm. 129
MSA Tennis, 3:50
Brownies, 3:50 pm, rm. 150
- Tue., Oct. 25** **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., Oct. 26** **Model UN, 8:10 am, rm. 149**
Gr. 5 to Strathmore Music Center, 9:30-12:30
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
MCRD Bricks for Kids (tentative), 3:50 pm, rm. 149
- Thur., Oct. 27** **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
Scrimmage Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym
Tennis, 3:50 pm (meet in front of the gym)
- Fri., Oct. 28** **Last day of Food Drive**
Halloween Parade and Parties 2:15-3:30 pm
Odyssey of the Mind, 3:50 pm, Media Center
MSA Flag Football, 3:50 pm

A Look Ahead

- Nov. 1** **California Tortilla/Celebrity Scoop Night, 5:00-7:00 pm**
- Nov. 4** **Gr. 5 to Baltimore, 9:30-3:15**
End of Marking Period
- Nov. 5** **Skate Night, 6:30-8:00 pm, Cabin John Ice Arena**
- Nov. 7** **No school for students, Professional Day for teachers**
- Nov. 8** **No school, Election Day**
- Nov. 10** **Early dismissal, 1:20 pm (parent/teacher conferences by appointment), no Head Start**
- Nov. 11** **Early dismissal, 1:20 pm (parent/teacher conferences by appointment), no Head Start**

- **Through October 28 our Student Government is collecting nonperishable food for the Kids Helping Kids Food Drive sponsored by Manna Food Center.** Please continue to send in nonperishable food donations and drop off in front of Mrs. Rabin's or Mrs. McClary's room. You can learn more or donate by visiting <http://mdfoodbank.org/kids-helping-kids/>
- **We will hold our Halloween parade and parties on Friday, October 28.** The parade will start at 2:15 pm, immediately followed by classroom parties that will end at 3:15 pm. In the event of rain, the parade will be held indoors. It will be necessary for parents to park on the street that day.
Important: In response to concerns of parents and children, we ask that you keep in mind recent events as you guide your child in selecting an age-appropriate, non-scary/non-violent costume. Please, no weapons, no clown costumes. Parents who choose to attend in costume should not wear facemasks so that you can be easily recognized by staff and students.
- **Attention 5th grade parents, the middle school magnet application process has begun.** Applications are due on Friday, November 4, for students who are applying to the middle school magnet program in Mathematics, Science, and Computer Science at Takoma Park Middle School, as well as the magnet program in Communications and Humanities at Eastern Middle School. November 4 is also the due date for the Choice forms for the Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC). These magnet programs are located at Loiderman, Argyle, and Parkland Middle School. Information is available at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/msmagnet/> . Questions, call Mrs. Kanter, School Counselor, at 240-740-0484.
- **Students brought home the Federal Impact Aid Survey form. Complete and mail this form (no postage necessary) only if you are on active duty with the uniformed services, employed on federal property, reside in federal or public housing, or are a foreign government military officer. Do not return the form to school.**
- **Thank you to the many parent volunteers who helped make last week's Book Fair a great success.**
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences are held on the upcoming early release days, November 10 and 11.** If you have not already done so, please contact your child's teacher and schedule a conference to discuss your child's progress. Report cards will be distributed on November 17. Your involvement in education is critical to your child's success. ***Dismissal is at 1:20 pm on both days, and there is no Head Start on those days.***
- **FREE injectable flu vaccines are offered on Monday, November 7, 9:00 am to noon,** for children ages 3 to 18 years of age, at Kennedy, Richard Montgomery and Seneca Valley High Schools. Bells Mill will not offer vaccines this year. For more information visit <http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcvaccineclinic/Default.aspx> .
- **A reminder from the Health Room:** Some students still have not provided blood lead testing results to the Health Room. Please check backpacks. If your student brought home a blood lead form please complete the form and return it to the Health Room. These forms are required by the state of Maryland. Questions, call Mrs. Messina in the Health Room at 240-740-0481.

- **Montgomery College Youth Programs will conduct a special one-day enrichment class for students in grades 3-6, Saturday, November 5, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, at the Germantown Campus.** This is a unique educational program in creative sciences, digital arts and leadership. The program fills quickly, so please register early at <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthmcadventures.html> . A limited number of scholarships are available for students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch at school.
- **Montgomery County Public Schools Superintendent Jack R. Smith will release his recommended FY 2018 Capital Budget and the amendments to the FY 2017–2022 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) on Thursday, Oct. 27.** The Montgomery County Board of Education will hold public hearings on the CIP at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10, and on Monday, Nov. 14, in the Carver Educational Services Center auditorium, 850 Hungerford Dr. in Rockville. Individuals who wish to provide input may call the Board Office beginning Friday, Oct. 28 at 9 a.m. More information can be found [here](#). The Board of Education will hold a work session on the CIP at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3. The adoption of the proposed CIP is tentatively scheduled for Monday, Nov. 21.

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