



Spotlight on Bells Mill Elementary

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Office of the Principal

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This Week

Mon., Nov. 14

Music, 3:50 pm, rm. 129
MSA Tennis, 3:50
Brownies, 3:50 pm, rm. 150
Daisies, 3:50 pm, rm. 209

Tue., Nov. 15

Head Start Parent Meeting, 10:30 am, APR
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., Nov. 16

No Head Start today
Model UN, 8:10 am, rm. 149
Mad Science, 3:50 pm, rm. 217
Spanish, 3:50 pm, rm. 154
Engineering, 3:50 pm, rm. 163
MSA Soccer, 3:50 pm (last session)
MSA Field Hockey, 3:50 pm (last session)

Thur., Nov. 17

Report cards distributed
Make-Up Picture Day for those who desire a retake or were absent on Picture Day
Gr. 2 to Strathmore Music Center, 11:20 am-2:00 pm
Drama, 3:50 pm, rm. 240
Brownie Troop 1643, 3:50 pm, rm. 159
Scout Troop 2794, 3:50 pm, rm. 129
Clay Creations, 3:50 pm, rm. 163
Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym (last session)
Rockets, 3:50 pm, rm. 219

Fri., Nov. 18

Donuts with Dad, 8:30-9:00 am
Scout Troop 585, 3:50 pm, rm. 149
MSA Flag Football, 3:50 pm
Daisy Troop 33042, 3:50pm, rm. 129
Odyssey of the Mind, 3:50 pm

A Look Ahead

Nov. 23

Early release, 1:20 pm

Nov. 24-25

School closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

- **The PTA will host Donuts with Dad (or a grandpa, uncle or someone special) on Friday, November 18, 8:20-8:55 am, in the APR.** Enjoy donuts, milk and coffee with your child, and please be prepared to show an ID at the office. Check backpacks for a pink flyer with more details, and be sure to return the RSVP form. To volunteer, please email jenniferlevenberg@gmail.com . Muffins with Mom is planned for December.
- **Make-Up Picture Day is Thursday, November 17**, for students who were absent on Picture Day, those who desire a retake, and all Head Start students. Pictures that were done on Picture Day in October will soon be online to view/order. Watch backpacks for a flyers with information on how to access your student's online portrait package. Gr. 2 students will have the opportunity to have their pictures taken before they depart for Strathmore.
- **Grade 2 students will attend a concert at the Strathmore Music Center on Thursday, November 17, 11:20 am – 2:00 pm.** There is no charge for the concert. Watch backpacks for permission forms. Make-Up Picture Day is the same date, and Gr. 2 students will have the opportunity to have their pictures taken before they depart for the concert.
- **Grade 4 students will go on a field trip to downtown Bethesda on Wednesday, November 30, 9:40 am-noon.** Students will return in time for their regular lunch and recess periods. Please watch backpacks for more information/permission forms. The cost is \$4.00 per student.
- **Superintendent Jack R. Smith is requesting minor adjustments to the district's current Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, including expenditure shifts for five projects, two new boundary studies, and one site selection study.**
The Recommended FY 2018 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2017–2022 Capital Improvements Program that was submitted to the Board of Education maintains the level of funding for the six years that was approved in the adopted CIP. The County Council's adopted FY 2017 Capital Budget and FY 2017–2022 CIP for MCPS totaled \$1.729 billion. Every two years, the county approves a six-year Capital Improvements Program, which includes school construction and infrastructure projects. In off years, such as FY 2018, only amendments to the adopted CIP are considered. To learn more about Dr. Smith's amendments and recommendation, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/cipmaster.aspx. The Board of Education will hold public hearings on November 14.
- **The Prekindergarten/Head Start Program is seeking donations to provide three- and four-year-old students with new winter coats.** They are collecting coats sizes 5, 6, and 7/8 and other winter wear, such as hats, gloves, and scarves. Send donations to MCPS Prekindergarten/Head Start Program, Rocking Horse Road Center, Room 141, 4910 Macon Road, Rockville, MD 20852, Attention: Lisa Conlon. Monetary contributions are also welcome. For more information, contact Lisa Conlon at 301-230-0676.
- **Registration is open for the remaining fall MCPS Parent Academy sessions.** Parent Academy workshops give parents useful tips and tools to support their children's success in school. Don't miss sessions on college entrance exams, special education, preventing child abuse and neglect, and many more topics. The workshops are free and childcare and interpretation services are provided. [Visit the Parent Academy website](#) for the schedule of classes or call 301-279-3100.

- **The BMES Girls on the Run group will be collecting toiletries for the local women's homeless shelter** (the Wilkins Avenue Women's Assessment Center in Rockville). Please consider donating. A collection box is located by the main office.

To Bells Mill Parents,

The girls on the run team is holding a toiletries drive for the homeless shelter. You are welcome to donate shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, and many more toiletries. We would appreciate not used small toiletries. Thank you for reading this and we hope you are willing to help. Thank you.

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