



The week ahead

- Mon., Feb. 13** MSA Soccer, 3:50 pm, gym (new session)
- Tue., Feb. 14** Head Start Parent Meeting, 10:30 am, APR
Valentine Parties in classrooms, 2:30-3:30 pm
Art, 3:50 pm, rm. 163
Legos, 3:50 pm, rm. 125
Chess, 3:50 pm, rm. 209
MSA Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym (new session)
- Wed., Feb. 15** Class and group photos
Model UN, 8:10 am, rm. 149
Rec. Dept. Bricks for Kids, 3:50 pm, rm. 149
Spanish (K-2), 3:50 pm, rm. 212
Science, 3:50 pm, rm. 219
- Thur., Feb. 16** Art, 3:50 pm, rm. 163
Skills and Scrimmages Basketball, 3:50 pm, gym (last one)
- Fri., Feb. 17** Class and group photos
Odyssey of the Mind, 3:50 pm

A Look Ahead

- Feb. 20** Holiday, School Closed
Feb. 24 Black History Celebration, 7:00-9:00 pm, APR

- **It is with great sadness that I must inform you of the death of Mrs. Valia Vassila, our part-time general music teacher.** Mrs. Vassila taught music at Bells Mill one afternoon a week to Mrs. Rabin's and Ms. Hoffman's classes. She was here for only a few weeks before falling ill, but in that brief time she shared with us her love and enthusiasm for music. I know you join me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Vassila's family.
- **Mark your calendars! Camp Bells Mill/KinderCamp will be offered again this year, July 10-28, 8:30 am-noon, for all Bells Mill rising kindergarteners through grade 5 students. Informational letters/registration forms will go home in backpacks when details are available.**
- **Mark your calendars! Bingo Night is on Thursday, March 2, 6:30-8:00 pm, in the APR.**

- **Freed Photographers will be at school on Wednesday, February 15, and Friday, February 17, for class and group photos.** Every homeroom will be photographed as a group, as well as patrols, 4th/5th grade instrumental music, SERT team, 4th/5th grade chorus, and student government. No individual portraits will be done on these days. Watch backpacks for ordering information.
- **The dates for the application and selection processes for the Elementary Foreign Language Immersion Programs are February 1 to May 5, 2017.** *Elementary Immersion Interest Forms* can be found at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms . Mail interest forms to DCCAPS, Spring Mill Field Office, 11721 Kemp Mill Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20902, hand deliver, or e-scan to DCCAPS@mcpsmd.org by May 5. Please do not send interest forms to school.
- **We are collecting names for fall kindergarten classes.** If you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2017, contact Ms. Vincenty (240-740-0480) to get your child's name added to our list. Encourage your neighbors to do the same. We will announce spring Kindergarten Orientation dates as soon as they are available.
- **Yearbooks are on sale now!** Order your 2016-2017 yearbook online at www.freedpics.com (password: BEARS1617YB). Cost is \$25, and order deadline is Monday, April 3, 2017. Questions, contact Lina deChiara, lina.dechiara79@gmail.com .
- **The MCPS *School Counselor of the Year Awards* program recognizes the best of the best—one school counselor from every school level (elementary, middle and high school).** Counselors may be nominated by school administrators, staff members, students and parents/guardians. Nominations should be submitted to the principal by March 10. For more details please visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentservices/mentalhealth/counseling.aspx?id=335893 .
- **Registration for MCPS Prekindergarten/Head Start Programs for low-income families with children who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2017, begins *March 10* for the school year 2017-2018.** Registration for a limited number of openings for Head Start eligible children, residing in certain areas of Germantown, Rockville, and Takoma Park, who will be 3 by September 1, 2017, also begins March 10. Parents may apply at Rocking Horse Center, 4910 Macon Rd, Rockville, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are available if preferred. For more information regarding required documents and registration locations and times, please contact Prekindergarten/Head Start at 301-230-0676 or check www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org and search prekindergarten.

